

~BUTTER (62)

- An **emulsion principally of fat produced by agitating or churning milk or cream**. In Bible times this milk product was unlike that of the modern Western world, for instead of being solid it was in a **semi-fluid state**.
- He will never see the watercourses, torrential streams of honey and **butter**. (**Job 20:17**)
- Hence, Koehler and Baumgartner define the **Hebrew word** *chem-ah* **as sweet, fresh butter, still soft**. [Lexicon in Veteris Testamenti Libros, Leiden, 1958, p. 308]
- **Franciscus Zorell says that this word refers to thick, curdled milk**. [Lexicon Hebraicum et Aramaicum Veteris Testamenti, Rome, 1968, p. 248]
- The same word is rendered **curdled milk** at;
- Water he asked, **milk** she gave. In the large banquet bowl of majestic one's she presented **curdled milk**. (**Judges 5:25**)
- The **churning**, literally, squeezing, of milk is what brings forth **butter**.
- For the **churning of milk is what brings forth butter**, and the squeezing of the nose is what brings forth blood, and the squeezing out of anger is what brings forth quarreling. (**Proverbs 30:33**)
- This was done by putting the milk in a skin bottle and kneading it, rocking it upon the knees, or suspending it between poles and swinging it back and forth abruptly until the desired consistency was reached.
- **Butter**, though considered a delicacy, has been eaten and enjoyed since patriarchal times. Abraham included it in the feast he spread for the angelic visitors
- He then took **butter** and milk and the young bull that he had got ready and set it before them. Then he himself kept standing by them under the tree as they were eating. (**Genesis 18:8**)

- David's friends came to him with **butter** and other gifts of sustenance.
- And honey and **butter** and sheep and curds of cattle they brought forward for David and the people that were with him to eat, for they said; The people are hungry and tired and thirsty in the wilderness. (**2 Samuel 17:29**)
- **Butter**
- Smoother than **butter** are the words of his mouth, but his heart is disposed to fight. His words are softer than oil, but they are drawn swords. (**Psalms 55:21**)
- Is used figuratively to refer to the pleasant, smooth, oily words of a traitor.