

~DOORWAY (552)

[Hebrew, *pe'thach*]

.. Figurative Use

- The entrance Hebrew, *pe'thach*.
- But they struck with blindness the men who were at the **entrance** of the house, from the least to the greatest, so that they were wearing themselves out trying to find the entrance. (**Genesis 19:11**)
- Of a room, a house, or some other building consisting of. (1) the **upper part of the doorway** Hebrew, *mash-qohph'*.
- And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the **upper part of the doorway** belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7**)
- That is, the lintel, a horizontal beam of wood or stone spanning the door-opening at the top and carrying the weight of the structure above the door.
- The two upright doorposts Hebrew, *mezu-zohth'*.
- And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the **doorway** belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7**) Footnote
- One on each side of the **doorway**, on which the lintel rests. The door Hebrew, *de'leth* Greek, *thy'ra* itself. The threshold Hebrew, *saph*.
- Later her master rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to get on his way, and, look! The woman, his concubine, fallen at the entrance of the house with her hands upon the threshold! (**Judges 19:27**)
- Lying beneath the door.
- The **lintel** and **doorposts** of the entrances of Israelite houses in Egypt were obediently splashed with the blood of the Passover victim

as a sign for God's angel to pass over such homes and not destroy their firstborn.

- And they must take some of the blood and splash it upon the two doorposts and the upper part of the **doorway** belonging to the houses in which they will eat it. (**Exodus 12:7**)
- And you must take a bunch of hyssop and dip it into the blood in a basin and strike upon the upper part of the **doorway** and upon the two doorposts some of the blood that is in the basin, and none of you should go out of the entrance of his house until morning. (**Exodus 12:22**)
- Then when Yehowah does pass through to plague the Egyptians and does see the blood upon the upper part of the **doorway** and upon the two doorposts, Yehowah will certainly pass over the entrance, and he will not allow the ruination to enter into your houses to plague you. (**Exodus 12:23**)
- According to the Law, if a slave, either male or female, desired to remain permanently in his masters service, the master brought the slave up against the door or the doorpost and pierced his ear through with an awl.
- But if the slave should insistently say; I really love my master, my wife and my sons. I do not want to go out as one set free. (**Exodus 21:5**)
- Then his master must bring him near to the true God and must bring him up against the door or the doorpost, and his master must pierce his ear through with an awl, and he must be his slave to time indefinite. (**Exodus 21:6**)
- And it must occur that in case he says to you, I shall not go out from your company! Because he does love you and your household, since it was well with him while with you. (**Deuteronomy 15:16**)
- You must also take an awl and put it through his ear and to the door, and he must become your slave to time indefinite. And to your slave girl you should also do this way. (**Deuteronomy 15:17**)
- The Hebrew word for doorpost **Hebrew, mezu-zah'** has come to be applied to a small container called a **mezuzah**. It is nailed to the

doorpost by Orthodox Jews and contains a parchment bearing the words of;

- **Listen, O Israel; Yehowah our God is one Yehowah.
(Deuteronomy 6:4)**
- **And you must love Yehowah your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your vital force. (Deuteronomy 6:5)**
- **And these words that I am commanding you today must prove to be on your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:6)**
- **And you must inculcate them in your son and speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (Deuteronomy 6:7)**
- **And you must tie them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a frontlet band between your eyes. (Deuteronomy 6:8)**
- **And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:9)**
- **And it must occur that if you will without fail obey my commandments that I am commanding you today so as to love Yehowah your God and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul. (Deuteronomy 11:13)**
- **I also shall certainly give rain for your land at its appointed time, autumn rain and spring rain, and you will indeed gather your grain and your sweet wine and your oil. (Deuteronomy 11:14)**
- **And I shall certainly give vegetation in your field for your domestic animals, and you will indeed eat and be satisfied. (Deuteronomy 11:15)**
- **Watch out for yourselves for fear your heart may be enticed, and you do turn aside and worship other gods and bow down to them. (Deuteronomy 11:16)**
- **And Yehowah's anger does blaze against you, and he does shut up the heavens so that no rain will occur and the ground will not give its produce and you have to perish speedily from off the good land that Yehowah is giving you. (Deuteronomy 11:17)**

- And you must apply these words of mine to your heart and your soul and bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they must serve as a frontlet band between your eyes. (**Deuteronomy 11:18**)
- You must also teach them to your sons, so as to speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up. (**Deuteronomy 11:19**)
- And you must write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (**Deuteronomy 11:20**)
- In order, that your days and the days of your sons may be many on the soil that Yehowah swore to your forefathers to give to them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. (**Deuteronomy 11:21**)

See Also MEZUZH

- The **door** was generally made of wood, and many of them turned on pivots fitted into sockets in the lintel and the threshold.
- A door keeps turning upon its **pivot**, and the lazy one upon his couch. (**Proverbs 26:14**)
- Door **pivots** were often wooden, but the Egyptians sometimes fastened to a doors lower and upper ends metal hinges having projections that fitted into sockets, these doors thus pivoting in that way. Sockets for the doors of the temple built by Solomon were of gold.
- And Solomon gradually made all the utensils that pertained to the house of Yehowah, the altar of gold and the table on which was the showbread, of gold. (**1 Kings 7:48**)
- And the basins and the extinguishers and the bowls and the cups and the fire holders, of pure gold, and the sockets for the doors of the inner house, that is, the Most Holy, and for the doors of the house of the temple, of gold. (**1 Kings 7:50**)
- **Doors** of average homes were small and not ornate. But the entrance of Solomon's temple had two, two-leaved juniper-wood doors, and there were two **doors** made of oil-tree wood leading to the

Most Holy, all these doors having carved representations of cherubs, palm trees, and blossoms, overlaid with gold.

- **And the entrance of the innermost room he made with doors of oil-tree wood, side pillars, doorposts and a fifth. (1 Kings 6:31)**
- **And the two doors were of oil-tree wood, and he carved upon them carvings of cherubs and palm-tree figures and the engravings of blossoms, and he overlaid them with gold, and he proceeded to beat the gold down upon the cherubs and the palm-tree figures. (1 Kings 6:32)**
- **And that was the way he made for the entrance of the temple, the doorposts of oil-tree wood, foursquare. (1 Kings 6:33)**
- **And the two doors were of juniper wood. The two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two leaves of the other door turned on pivots. (1 Kings 6:34)**
- **And he carved cherubs and palm-tree figures and engravings of blossoms, and overlaid gold foil upon the representations. (1 Kings 6:35)**
- **Large doors having folding sections or leaves were also used elsewhere. For instance, Yehowah saw to it that Babylon's copper two-leaved doors were opened to King Cyrus.**
- **This is what Yehowah has said to his anointed one, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have taken hold of, to subdue before him nations, so that I may ungird even the hips of kings, to open before him the two-leaved doors, so that even the gates will not be shut. (Isaiah 45:1)**
- **Before you I myself shall go, and the swells of land I shall straighten out. The copper doors I shall break in pieces, and the iron bars I shall cut down. (Isaiah 45:2)**
- **For the threshold generally wood or stone was used. However, the thresholds of the house of Yehowah built by Solomon were covered with gold.**
- **Finally Solomon started to build the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where Yehowah had appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared on the**

threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (2 Chronicles 3:1)

- And he went on to cover the house, the rafters, the thresholds and its walls and its doors with gold, and he engraved cherubs upon the walls. (2 Chronicles 3:7)
- **Doors** of houses or gates were sometimes fastened by means of bars or crossbeams of wood or iron.
- Before you I myself shall go, and the swells of land I shall straighten out. The copper doors I shall break in pieces, and the iron bars I shall cut down. (Isaiah 45:2)
- All these were cities fortified with a high wall, doors and bar, aside from very many rural towns. (Deuteronomy 3:5)
- And he went on to build Upper Beth-horon and Lower Beth-horon, fortified cities with walls, doors and bar. (2 Chronicles 8:5)
- So he said to Judah; Let us build these cities and make walls around and towers, **double doors and bars**. For us the land is yet available, because we have searched for Yehowah our God. We have searched, and he gives us rest all around. And they went building and proving successful. (2 Chronicles 14:7)
- Usually affixed in a way that allowed them to be slid into sockets in **gateposts** or **doorposts**. City gates sometimes had both bars and bolts.
- And the Fish Gate was what the sons of Hassenaah built, they themselves timbered it and then **set up its doors, its bolts and its bars**. (Nehemiah 3:3)
- So I said to them; The gates of Jerusalem should not be opened until the sun gets hot, and while they are standing by they should shut the doors and bolt them. And station guards of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, each one at his own guardpost and each one in front of his own house. (Nehemiah 7:3)
- The bolt may have been a rod or shaft that could be moved into a socket in the threshold inside the gate. Some city gates had locks;
- Iron and copper are your **gate locks**, and in proportion to your

days is your leisurely walk. (**Deuteronomy 33:25**)

- **As did the doors of houses.**
- **With that he called his attendant who waited upon him and said; Send this person away from me, please, to the outside, and lock the door behind her. (2 Samuel 13:17)**
- **Now upon her there was a striped robe, for that was the way the daughters of the king, the virgins, used to dress with sleeveless coats. So his waiter proceeded to lead her clear outside, and he locked the door behind her. (2 Samuel 13:18)**
- **And that one from inside says in reply, Quit making me trouble. The door is already locked, and my young children are with me in bed. I cannot rise up and give you anything. (Luke 11:7)**

See Also GATE,GATEWAY

See Also LOCK

- **Metal door knockers were used to some extent, but the Bible does not specifically say the Hebrews employed them. To rouse the occupants of a house, one knocked on the door of the house or of the gateway.**
- **I am asleep, but my heart is awake. There is the sound of my dear one knocking! Open to me, O my sister, my girl companion, my dove, my blameless one! For my head is filled with dew, the locks of my hair with the drops of the night. (Song of Solomon 5:2)**
- **When he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to attend to the call. (Acts of Apostles 12:13)**

.. Figurative Use

- **Keep on asking, and it will be given you. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you. (Matthew 7:7)**
- **Christ states that he is standing at the door and knocking, with spiritual fellowship and benefit assured to the one opening the door and receiving him.**

- Look! I am standing at the door and knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into his house and take the evening meal with him and he with me. (**Revelation 3:20**)
- If the Shulammite girl had been unsteady in love and virtue, like a door turning on its pivots, her brothers determined to block her up with a cedar plank, thus barring the **door** shut and preventing its swinging open to anyone unwholesome.
- If she should be a wall, we shall build upon her a battlement of silver, but if she should be a **door**, we shall block her up with a cedar plank. (**Song of Solomon 8:9**)
- Leviathan, with its double jaw, is represented as having **doors** in its face.
- Can you draw out Leviathan with a fishhook, or with a rope can you hold down its tongue? (**Job 41:1**)
- Who has uncovered the face of its clothing? Into its double jaw who will enter? (**Job 41:13**)
- The **doors** of its face who has opened? Its teeth round about are frightful. (**Job 41:14**)
- The congregator observed that in the case of the aged man the **doors** onto the street have been closed, perhaps to show that the two **doors** of the mouth no longer open very much or at all to give expression of what is in the house of the body.
- Remember, now, your Grand Creator in the days of your young manhood, before the calamitous days proceed to come, or the years have arrived when you will say; I have no delight in them. (**Ecclesiastes 12:1**)
- And the **doors** onto the street have been closed, when the sound of the grinding mill becomes low, and one gets up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song sound low. (**Ecclesiastes 12:4**)
- Jesus Christ recommended vigorous exertion to gain salvation, to get in through the narrow **door**.
- Now a certain man said to him; Lord, are those who are being

saved few? He said to them. (Luke 13:23)

- Exert yourselves vigorously to get in through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will seek to get in but will not be able. (Luke 13:24)
- Brothers, I do not yet consider myself as having laid hold on it, but there is one thing about it, forgetting the things behind and stretching forward to the things ahead. (Philippians 3:13)
- I am pursuing down toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God by means of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14)
- Go in through the **narrow gate**, because broad and spacious is the road leading off into destruction, and many are the ones going in through it. (Matthew 7:13)
- Whereas **narrow is the gate** and cramped the road leading off into life, and few are the ones finding it. (Matthew 7:14)
- On another occasion he likened himself to the **door** of a figurative sheepfold, Jesus being the right kind of shepherd who leads his little flock into a relationship with Yehowah on the basis of the New Covenant sealed with Jesus own blood.
- Have no fear, little flock, because your Father has approved of giving you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)
- Therefore Jesus said again; Most truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. (John 10:7)
- All those that have come in place of me are thieves and plunderers, but the sheep have not listened to them. (John 10:8)
- I am the **door**. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and he will go in and out and find pasturage. (John 10:9)
- The thief does not come unless it is to steal and slay and destroy. I have come that they might have life and might have it in abundance. (John 10:10)
- I am the fine shepherd. The fine shepherd surrenders his soul in behalf of the sheep. (John 10:11)

- Jesus likening himself to such a door harmonizes with the fact that through him, by virtue of his ransom sacrifice, sheeplike persons can approach God, be saved, and gain life.
- Jesus said to him; I am the **way** and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (**John 14:6**)
- Yehowah was responsible for opening to the nations the **door** to faith.
- When they had arrived and had gathered the congregation together, they proceeded to relate the many things God had done by means of them, and that he had opened to the nations the **door** to faith. (**Acts of Apostles 14:27**)
- Paul remained at Ephesus for a time because a large **door** that leads to activity in declaring the Good News had been opened to him there.
- But I am remaining in Ephesus until the festival of Pentecost. (**1 Corinthians 16:8**)
- For a large door that leads to activity has been opened to me, but there are many opposers. (**1 Corinthians 16:9**)
- In the course of events, while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the inland parts and came down to Ephesus, and found some disciples. (**Acts of Apostles 19:1**)
- And he said to them; Did you receive Holy Spirit when you became believers? They said to him; Why, we have never heard whether there is a Holy Spirit. (**Acts of Apostles 19:2**)
- And he said; In what, then, were you baptized? They said; In John's baptism. (**Acts of Apostles 19:3**)
- Paul said; John baptized with the baptism in symbol of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 19:4**)
- On hearing this, they got baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 19:5**)
- And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came

upon them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying. ([Acts of Apostles 19:6](#))

- All together, there were about twelve men. ([Acts of Apostles 19:7](#))
- Entering into the synagogue, he spoke with boldness for three months, giving talks and using persuasion concerning the kingdom of God. ([Acts of Apostles 19:8](#))
- But when some went on hardening themselves and not believing, speaking injuriously about The Way before the multitude, he withdrew from them and separated the disciples from them, daily giving talks in the school auditorium of Tyrannus. ([Acts of Apostles 19:9](#))
- This took place for two years, so that all those inhabiting the district of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ([Acts of Apostles 19:10](#))
- And God kept performing extraordinary works of power through the hands of Paul. ([Acts of Apostles 19:11](#))
- So that even cloths and aprons were borne from his body to the ailing people, and the diseases left them, and the wicked spirits came out. ([Acts of Apostles 19:12](#))
- But certain ones of the roving Jews who practiced the casting out of demons also undertook to name the name of the Lord Jesus over those having the wicked spirits, saying; I solemnly charge you by Jesus whom Paul preaches. ([Acts of Apostles 19:13](#))
- Now there were seven sons of a certain Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, doing this. ([Acts of Apostles 19:14](#))
- But in answer the wicked spirit said to them; I know Jesus and I am acquainted with Paul, but who are you? ([Acts of Apostles 19:15](#))
- With that the man in whom the wicked spirit was leaped upon them, got the mastery of one after the other, and prevailed against them, so that they fled naked and wounded out of that house. ([Acts of Apostles 19:16](#))

- This became known to all, both the Jews and the Greeks that dwelt in Ephesus, and a fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus went on being magnified. ([Acts of Apostles 19:17](#))
- And many of those who had become believers would come and confess and report their practices openly. ([Acts of Apostles 19:18](#))
- Indeed, quite a number of those who practiced magical arts brought their books together and burned them up before everybody. And they calculated together the prices of them and found them worth fifty thousand pieces of silver. ([Acts of Apostles 19:19](#))
- Thus in a mighty way the word of Yehowah kept growing and prevailing. ([Acts of Apostles 19:20](#))
- Now when I arrived in Troas to declare the Good News about the Christ, and a door was opened to me in the Lord. ([2 Corinthians 2:12](#))
- I got no relief in my spirit on account of not finding Titus my brother, but I said good-bye to them and departed for Macedonia. ([2 Corinthians 2:13](#))
- At the same time praying also for us, that God may open a door of utterance to us, to speak the sacred secret about the Christ, for which, in fact, I am in prison bonds. ([Colossians 4:3](#))
- So that I shall make it manifest as I ought to speak. ([Colossians 4:4](#))
- In vision, John saw an opened **door** in heaven, which enabled him to see future things and enter, as it were, into the presence of Yehowah.
- After these things I saw, and, look! An **opened door** in heaven, and the first voice that I heard was as of a trumpet, speaking with me, saying; Come on up here, and I shall show you the things that must take place. ([Revelation 4:1](#))
- After these things I immediately came to be in the power of the spirit, and, look! A throne was in its position in heaven, and there is one seated upon the throne. ([Revelation 4:2](#))

- **And the one seated is, in appearance, like a jasper stone and a precious red-colored stone, and round about the throne there is a rainbow like an emerald in appearance. ([Revelation 4:3](#))**