~DUNGEON (93)

[Hebrew, mas-ger']

- A dark, small room, usually underground, used as a prison. The Hebrew word for dungeon *mas-ger'*, comes from a root meaning shut, close.
- Finally Lot went out to them to the entrance, but he shut the door behind him. (Genesis 19:6)
- And Ehud proceeded to go out through the air hole, but he closed the doors of the roof chamber behind him and locked them.

 (Judges 3:23)
- David felt as though he were in a dungeon at the time he was hiding in a cave as an outlaw refugee from King Saul. His circumstances looked very dark, his life was constantly in danger, traps were in his pathway, and there was no other place to flee. He prayed to Yehowah for liberation.
- Do bring my soul out of the very dungeon to laud your name. Around me let the righteous ones gather, because you deal appropriately with me. (Psalms 142:7)
- Isaiah uses the term symbolically in two places. (1) In connection with Yehowah's giving attention to the army of the height possibly meaning the disobedient angels and the kings of the ground, the prophet states that they will be shut up in the dungeon and given attention after an abundance of days, perhaps alluding to the temporary release of the disobedient angels.
- And it must occur in that day that Yehowah will turn his attention upon the army of the height in the height, and upon the kings of the ground upon the ground. (Isaiah 24:21)
- And they will certainly be gathered with a gathering as of prisoners into the pit, and be shut up in the dungeon, and after an abundance of days they will be given attention. (Isaiah 24:22)
- And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven with the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. (Revelation 20:1)

- And he seized the dragon, the original serpent, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:2)
- And he hurled him into the abyss and shut it and sealed it over him, that he might not mislead the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After these things he must be let loose for a little while. (Revelation 20:3)
- For you to open the blind eyes, to bring forth out of the dungeon the prisoner, out of the house of detention those sitting in darkness. (Isaiah 42:7)
- The prophet refers to the dungeon when foretelling a liberation from spiritual darkness and imprisonment. The aged Simeon, under inspiration, applied the latter prophecy to those to whom Jesus Christ would bring the light of truth.
- And, look! There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was righteous and reverent, waiting for Israel's consolation, and Holy Spirit was upon him. (Luke 2:25)
- Furthermore, it had been divinely revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Christ of Yehowah. (Luke 2:26)
- Under the power of the spirit he now came into the temple, and as the parents brought the young child Jesus in to do for it according to the customary practice of the Law. (Luke 2:27)
- He himself received it into his arms and blessed God and said. (Luke 2:28)
- Now, Sovereign Lord, you are letting your slave go free in peace according to your declaration. (Luke 2:29)
- Because my eyes have seen your means of saving. (Luke 2:30)
- That you have made ready in the sight of all the peoples. (Luke 2:31)
- A light for removing the veil from the nations and a glory of your people Israel. (Luke 2:32)

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