

## ~FURNACE (91)

- A structure designed principally for, (1) smelting ores, (2) melting previously smelted metals for casting or heating them for forging (3) firing pottery and other ceramic items.
- Furnaces in Bible times were constructed of brick or stone. Circular copper furnaces believed to date from the period of the Judges were found at Tell Qasileh on the northern outskirts of Tel Aviv-Yafo and at Tell Jemmeh, **Tel Gamma**, South of Gaza.
- These furnaces were equipped with large mud-brick flues designed to lead air into the fire chamber. Clay crucibles containing copper were set on top of the stone tiles that were placed on the ashes of the fire inside the furnace.
- Daniel's three faithful Hebrew companions were thrown into a fiery furnace by Nebuchadnezzar for refusing to bow down before the golden image the king had erected. (**Daniel Chapter 3**)
- Whether this was a special furnace constructed for such purpose or whether it was a furnace normally used for other common purposes, the record does not state.
- The term furnace may also be used to refer to an oven for baking bread.
- All of them are adulterers, like a **furnace** set burning by a baker, who ceases poking after kneading dough until it is leavened. (**Hosea 7:4**)
- And in case you would present as an offering a grain offering in the way of something baked in the **oven**, it should be of fine flour, unfermented ring-shaped cakes moistened with oil or unfermented wafers smeared with oil. (**Leviticus 2:4**)
- Figuratively, Egypt, which confined Israel in a harsh yoke of slavery, is compared to an **iron furnace**.
- But you are the ones Yehowah took that he might bring you out of the **iron furnace**, out of Egypt, to become a people of private ownership to him as at this day. (**Deuteronomy 4:20**)

- Also, the outpouring of God's anger upon the house of Israel is likened to the liquefying of metal in a **furnace**.
- Son of man, to me those of the house of Israel have become as scummy dross. All of them are copper and tin and iron and lead in the midst of a **furnace**. Much scummy dross, that of silver, they have become. (**Ezekiel 22:18**)
- Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; For the reason that all of you have become as much scummy dross, therefore here I am collecting you together into the midst of Jerusalem. (**Ezekiel 22:19**)
- As in collecting silver and copper and iron and lead and tin into the midst of a **furnace**, in order to blow upon it with fire to cause a liquefying, so I shall collect them together in my anger and in my rage, and I will blow and cause you people to liquefy. (**Ezekiel 22:20**)
- And I will bring you together and blow upon you with the fire of my fury, and you must be liquefied in the midst of her. (**Ezekiel 22:21**)
- As in the liquefying of silver in the midst of a **furnace**, so you people will be liquefied in the midst of her, and you will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have poured out my rage upon you. (**Ezekiel 22:22**)
- For other uses of the word for comparative or illustrative purposes, see;
  - The refining pot is for silver and the **furnace** for gold, but Yehowah is the examiner of hearts. (**Proverbs 17:3**)
  - The refining pot is for silver, and the **furnace** is for gold, and an individual is according to his praise. (**Proverbs 27:21**)
  - The sayings of Yehowah are pure sayings, as silver refined in a smelting **furnace** of earth, clarified seven times. (**Psalms 12:6**)

**See Also KILN**

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