~GRAVEL (22)

- Small stones or pebbles. In the Scriptures, gravel is used in an illustrative sense. The injurious aftereffects of gaining bread by falsehood are compared to having ones mouth filled with gravel.
- Bread gained by falsehood is pleasurable to a man, but afterward his mouth will be filled with gravel. (Proverbs 20:17)
- · Also, the severe treatment Yehowah meted out to unfaithful Jerusalem by means of the Babylonians is likened to breaking teeth with gravel.
- And with gravel he makes my teeth get broken. He has made me cower in the ashes. (Lamentations 3:16)
- According to traditional Jewish thought, this was actually experienced by those taken into Babylonian exile. The tradition claims that they were forced to bake bread in pits dug in the ground and that, as a result, the bread contained grit.