

~KNEADING TROUGH (84)

- **A shallow and generally portable bowl-shaped vessel.** It was usually made of wood but sometimes was earthenware or was made of bronze. In it flour and water were mixed and worked into dough.
- In preparing leavened bread, the mass was usually leavened by working in a piece of sourdough saved from a previous baking. The mass of dough was left to rise in the kneading trough before baking.
- So Abraham went hurrying to the tent to Sarah and said, Hurry! Get three seah measures of fine flour, **knead the dough** and make round cakes. (**Genesis 18:6**)
- Now the woman had a fattened calf in the house. So she quickly sacrificed it and took flour and **kneaded dough** and baked it into unfermented cakes. (**1 Samuel 28:24**)
- The usual method was to knead the dough with ones hands, though the Egyptians also used their feet at times, when **kneading** dough in a **large trough**.
- 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**)
- The size of the **kneading bowl**, or **trough**, varied considerably. However, one earthenware type often used was a bowl approximately 25 centimeters (10 inches) in diameter and about 8 centimeters (3 inches) deep.
- Bread was an important part of the Hebrew diet and was baked regularly. Hence, the **kneading trough** was an essential item among the Israelites and other peoples of antiquity. The frogs that covered Egypt during the second blow brought upon it by Yehowah in Moses day entered the homes and were even found in the **kneading troughs**.
- And the Nile River will fairly teem with frogs, and they will certainly come up and enter into your house and your inner bedroom and upon your couch and into the houses of your servants and on your people and into your ovens and into your **kneading troughs**. (**Exodus 8:3**)

- The Israelites, later leaving Egypt hurriedly, carried their flour dough before it was leavened, with their **kneading troughs** wrapped up in their mantles upon their shoulder.
- And the Egyptians began to urge the people in order to send them away quickly out of the land, because, they said; We are all as good as dead! (**Exodus 12:33**)
- Consequently the people carried their flour dough before it was leavened, with their **kneading troughs** wrapped up in their mantles upon their shoulder. (**Exodus 12:34**)
- Since the **kneading trough** was an important vessel in the home, having to do with the preparing of the daily bread, Yehowah's blessing upon it evidently signified an assured sufficiency of food in the home, while his curse upon it represented hunger.
- And it must occur that if you will without fail listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by being careful to do all his commandments that I am commanding you today, Yehowah your God also will certainly put you high above all other nations of the earth. (**Deuteronomy 28:1**)
- And all these blessings must come upon you and overtake you, because you keep listening to the voice of Yehowah your God: (**Deuteronomy 28:2**)
- Blessed will be your basket and your **kneading** trough. (**Deuteronomy 28:5**)
- And it must occur that if you will not listen to the voice of Yehowah your God by taking care to do all his commandments and his statutes that I am commanding you today, all these maledictions must also come upon you and overtake you: (**Deuteronomy 28:15**)
- Cursed will be your basket and your **kneading trough**. (**Deuteronomy 28:17**)