## ~**LATTICE** (83)

- A framework consisting of crossed strips of wood, or laths, forming a network and generally used to cover a window. For centuries window lattices have been common in the Middle East.
- They have served to keep houses cool by blocking out the direct rays of the sun, while allowing for ventilation, and they also have contributed favorably to the general appearance of buildings.
- Some houses of Biblical times had ground-floor windows facing an inner courtyard and others facing the street. The latter were usually high up on the wall or in the roof chamber and were latticed.
- A person in the house could look out through a latticed window and see what was taking place out of doors without being seen from the outside.
- In the song of Deborah and Barak, the mother of slain Sisera is represented as futilely looking out from a window and watching for her son from the lattice.
- And on that day Deborah along with Barak the son of Abinoam broke out in song, saying; (Judges 5:1)
- From the window a woman looked out and kept watching for him, the mother of Sisera from the lattice; Why has his war chariot delayed in coming? Why must the hoofbeats of his chariots be so late? (Judges 5:28)
- It was from a window through a lattice that it was possible for an observer to look down on a young man in want of heart as he came in contact with a prostitute.
- For at the window of my house, through my lattice I looked down. (Proverbs 7:6)
- That I might peer upon the inexperienced ones. I was interested in discerning among the sons a young man in want of heart. (Proverbs 7:7)
- Passing along on the street near her corner, and in the way to

her house he marches. (Proverbs 7:8)

- In the twilight, in the evening of the day, at the approach of the night and the gloom. (Proverbs 7:9)
- And, look! There was a woman to meet him, with the garment of a prostitute and cunning of heart. (Proverbs 7:10)
- She is boisterous and stubborn. In her house her feet do not keep residing. (Proverbs 7:11)
- Now she is outdoors, now she is in the public squares, and near every corner she lies in wait. (Proverbs 7:12)
- And she has grabbed hold of him and given him a kiss. She has put on a bold face, and she begins to say to him. (Proverbs 7:13)
- · Also, in;
- My dear one is resembling a gazelle or the young of the stags.
  Look! This one is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, glancing through the lattices. (Song of Solomon 2:9)
- Reference is made to gazing through the windows, glancing through the lattices.
- Some window lattices were evidently hinged so that they could be opened or closed. The windows of Daniel's roof chamber, from which he could be seen praying to Yehowah three times daily, may have had lattices that could be opened or shut.
- But Daniel, as soon as he knew that the writing had been signed, entered into his house, and, the windows in his roof chamber being open for him toward Jerusalem, even three times in a day he was kneeling on his knees and praying and offering praise before his God, as he had been regularly doing prior to this. (Daniel 6:10)