

~LOCK (71)

- A device for fastening a door or gate to restrict entrance.
- 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)
- And he himself went out. And his servants came and began looking, and there the doors of the roof chamber were **locked**. So they said; He is just easing nature in the cool interior room. (Judges 3:24)
- And the Fish Gate was what the sons of Hassenaah built, they themselves timbered it and then set up its doors, its bolts and its bars. (Nehemiah 3:3)
- And the Gate of the Old City was what Joiada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah repaired, they themselves timbered it and then set up its doors and its bolts and its bars. (Nehemiah 3:6)
- The Valley Gate was what Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired, they themselves built it and then set up its doors, its bolts and its bars, also a thousand cubits in the wall as far as the Gate of the Ash-heaps. (Nehemiah 3:13)
- And the Gate of the Ash-heaps was what Malchijah the son of Rechab, a prince of the district of Beth-haccherem, repaired, he himself went building it and setting up its doors, its bolts and its bars. (Nehemiah 3:14)
- And the Fountain Gate was what Shallun the son of Colhozeh, a prince of the district of Mizpah, repaired, he himself proceeded to build it and to roof it over and to set up its doors, its bolts and its bars, and also the wall of the Pool of the Canal to the Kings Garden and as far as the Stairway that goes down from the City of David. (Nehemiah 3:15)
- The **lock** of ancient times usually consisted of a bolt of wood that could slide sideways through a groove in a wooden upright attached to the door. To **lock** the door, the bolt was pushed into a socket in the

doorpost and was secured by wooden or iron pins falling from the upright into holes in the bolt.

- To unlock the door, a key was inserted to raise the pins, thus enabling the bolt to be brought back to the unlocked position. The socket, or hollow, into which the bolt was inserted is referred to by the Shulammite girl in recounting a dream she had in which her shepherd lover was kept away from her by means of a locked door.
- I am asleep, but my heart is awake. There is the sound of my dear one knocking! Open to me, O my sister, my girl companion, my dove, my blameless one! For my head is filled with dew, the **locks** of my hair with the drops of the night. (**Song of Solomon 5:2**)
- I have put off my robe. How can I put it back on? I have washed my feet. How can I soil them? (**Song of Solomon 5:3**)
- My dear one himself pulled back his hand from the hole of the door, and my inward parts themselves became boisterous within me. (**Song of Solomon 5:4**)
- I got up, even I, to open to my dear one, and my own hands dripped with myrrh and my fingers with liquid myrrh, upon the hollows of the **lock**. (**Song of Solomon 5:5**)

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