

~MANGER, STALL (58)

[Hebrew, 'e-vus', Greek, phat'ne]

- The infant Jesus was laid in a manger and was seen there by shepherds, to whom the angelic announcement of his birth was made.
- And she gave birth to her son, the firstborn, and she bound him with cloth bands and laid him in a **manger**, because there was no place for them in the lodging room. (Luke 2:7)
- And this is a sign for you. You will find an infant bound in cloth bands and lying in a **manger**. (Luke 2:12)
- And they went with haste and found Mary as well as Joseph, and the infant lying in the **manger**. (Luke 2:16)
- The **Greek** word for **manger** in this case is *phat'ne*, meaning **feeding place**.
- However, the Lord answered him and said; Hypocrites, does not each one of you on the Sabbath untie his bull or his ass from the stall and lead it away to give it drink? (Luke 13:15)
- *Phat'ne* may also possibly apply to the **stall** in which animals are kept. The **Hebrew** term 'e-vus' is generally understood to mean **manger** and was rendered *phat'ne* in the **Greek Septuagint**, as were three other **Hebrew** words that have been translated, **stalls**.
- And also storage places for the produce of grain and new wine and oil, and also **stalls** for all the different sorts of beasts and **stalls** for the droves. (2 Chronicles 32:28)
- **Enclosures**
- Although the fig tree itself may not blossom, and there may be no yield on the vines, the work of the olive tree may actually turn out a failure, and the terraces themselves may actually produce no food, the flock may actually be severed from the pen, and there may be no herd in the **enclosures**. (Habakkuk 3:17)
- **Fodder**

- Will a zebra cry out over grass, or a bull low over its **fodder**? (**Job 6:5**)
- In Palestine, archaeologists have found large troughs cut out of single pieces of limestone and measuring about 0.9 meters (3 feet) in length, 0.5 meters (1.5 feet) in width, and 0.6 meters (2 feet) in depth.
- These are thought to have served as **mangers**. It may also be that, as in more recent times, **mangers** were cut in the rock walls of caves that were used for sheltering animals.