

## ~METALWORKER (203)

- **One who casts, hammers, carves, engraves, or otherwise works with metals.**
- So the craftsman went strengthening the **metalworker**, the one doing the smoothing out with the forge hammer him that is hammering away at the anvil, saying regarding the soldering; It is good. Finally one fastened it with nails that it could not be made to totter. (**Isaiah 41:7**)
- The first **forged** of every sort of tool of copper and iron in recorded history was Tubal-cain.
- As for Zillah, she too gave birth to Tubalcain, the forger of every sort of tool of **copper** and **iron**. And the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. (**Genesis 4:22**)
- Ancient **metalworkers** made tools, household items, weapons, armor, musical instruments, ornaments, and figurines. Besides fashioning new items, they also did repair work.
- Then the king and Jehoiada would give it to the doers of the work of the service of Yehowah's house, and they came to be hirers of the stonecutters and of the craftsmen for renovating Yehowah's house, and also of the workers in **iron** and **copper** for repairing Yehowah's house. (**2 Chronicles 24:12**)
- Many were specialists in working such metals as **gold**.
- At his side Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, **goldsmiths**, did repair work, and at his side Hananiah a member of the ointment mixers did repair work, and they proceeded to flagstone Jerusalem as far as the Broad Wall. (**Nehemiah 3:8**)
- After him Malchijah, a member of the **goldsmith** guild, did repair work as far as the house of the Nethinim and the traders, in front of the Inspection Gate and as far as the roof chamber of the corner. (**Nehemiah 3:31**)
- And between the roof chamber of the corner and the Sheep Gate the **goldsmiths** and the traders did repair work. (**Nehemiah 3:32**)

- **Silver**
- So he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took two hundred silver pieces and gave them to the **silversmith**. And he went making a carved image and a molten statue, and it got to be in Micah's house. (**Judges 17:4**)
- For a certain man named Demetrius, a **silversmith**, by making silver shrines of Artemis furnished the craftsmen no little gain. (**Acts of Apostles 19:24**)
- **Or copper**
- Alexander the **coppersmith** did me many injuries, Yehowah will repay him according to his deeds. (**2 Timothy 4:14**)
- At times they formed a kind of **association or guild**.
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- For a certain man named Demetrius, a **silversmith**, by making silver shrines of Artemis furnished the craftsmen no little gain. (**Acts of Apostles 19:24**)
- And he gathered them and those who worked at such things and said; Men, you well know that from this business we have our prosperity. (**Acts of Apostles 19:25**)
- Also, you behold and hear how not only in Ephesus but in nearly all the district of Asia this Paul has persuaded a considerable crowd and turned them to another opinion, saying that the ones that are made by hands are not gods. (**Acts of Apostles 19:26**)
- Moreover, the danger exists not only that this occupation of ours will come into disrepute but also that the temple of the great goddess Artemis will be esteemed as nothing and even her magnificence which the whole district of Asia and the inhabited earth worships is about to be brought down to nothing. (**Acts of Apostles 19:27**)

- Hearing this and becoming full of anger, the men began crying out, saying; Great is Artemis of the Ephesians! (**Acts of Apostles 19:28**)
- Their trade called for **skill in artistic design**.
- The Israelites may have had knowledge of **metalworking** prior to their entry into Egypt, or possibly they acquired it there. By the time of the Exodus, they had ability to fashion a molten calf and a **copper** serpent.
- Then he took the **gold** from their hands, and he formed it with a graving tool and proceeded to make it into a molten statue of a calf. And they began to say; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 32:4**)
- Moses at once made a serpent of **copper** and placed it upon the signal pole, and it did occur that if a serpent had bitten a man and he gazed at the **copper** serpent, he then kept alive. (**Numbers 21:9**)
- More impressive, however, was the production of various metal items for the tabernacle service. Bezalel and his assistants were aided by Yehowah's spirit in their metalworking.
- See, I do call by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. (**Exodus 31:2**)
- And I shall fill him with the spirit of God in wisdom and in understanding and in knowledge and in every kind of craftsmanship. (**Exodus 31:3**)
- Then Moses said to the sons of Israel; See, Yehowah has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri the son of Hur of the tribe of Judah. (**Exodus 35:30**)
- And he proceeded to fill him with the spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding and in knowledge and in every sort of **craftsmanship**. (**Exodus 35:31**)
- And for designing devices, for working in gold and silver and copper. (**Exodus 35:32**)
- And in working of stones to set them and in working of wood to

make ingenious products of every sort. (**Exodus 35:33**)

- And he has put it into his heart that he should teach, he and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan. (**Exodus 35:34**)
- He has filled them with wisdom of heart to do all the work of a craftsman and an embroiderer and of a weaver in blue thread and wool dyed reddish purple, in coccus scarlet material and fine linen, and of a loom worker, men doing every sort of work and designing devices. (**Exodus 35:35**)
- Later, when oppressed by the Philistines, the Israelites were not allowed to have their own **metalworkers**. This measure prevented them from making weapons.
- Now there was not a smith to be found in all the land of Israel, because the Philistines had said; That the Hebrews may not make a sword or a spear. (**1 Samuel 13:19**)
- And all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to get each one his plowshare or his mattock or his ax or his sickle sharpened. (**1 Samuel 13:20**)
- And the price for sharpening proved to be a pim for the plowshares and for the mattocks and for the three-toothed instruments and for the axes and for fixing fast the oxgoad. (**1 Samuel 13:21**)
- And it happened on the day of battle that not a sword or a spear was found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan, but there could be found one belonging to Saul and to Jonathan his son. (**1 Samuel 13:22**)
- Doubtless for similar reasons Nebuchadnezzar took the **metalworkers** and other craftsmen captive the first time he assaulted Jerusalem.
- And he took into exile all Jerusalem and all the princes and all the valiant, mighty men, ten thousand he was taking into exile, and also every **craftsman** and builder of bulwarks. No one had been left behind except the lowly class of the people of the land. (**2 Kings 24:14**)
- As for all the valiant men, seven thousand, and the craftsmen

and the builders of bulwarks, a thousand, all the mighty men carrying on war, the king of Babylon proceeded to bring them as exiled people to Babylon. (**2 Kings 24:16**)

- And Yehowah showed me, and, look! Two baskets of figs set before the temple of Yehowah, after Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, the king of Judah, and the princes of Judah and the **craftsmen** and the builders of bulwarks, from Jerusalem that he might bring them to Babylon. (**Jeremiah 24:1**)
- And these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the remainder of the older men of the exiled people and to the priests and to the prophets and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. (**Jeremiah 29:1**)
- After Jeconiah the king and the lady and the court officials, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen and the builders of bulwarks had gone forth from Jerusalem. (**Jeremiah 29:2**)