

~MIRROR (71)

.. Figurative Use

- Ancient hand mirrors,
- And the hand **mirrors** and the undergarments and the turbans and the large veils. (**Isaiah 3:23**)
- Were sometimes made of polished stone, though they were generally made of metal, such as bronze or copper, and later of tin, silver, and even gold. It was probably not until the **First Century C.E.** that **mirrors** of glass were introduced.
- Since the ancient **mirrors** were generally made of molten metal, they had to be highly polished in order to have good reflecting surfaces.
- Pounded pumice stone might be used for this purpose, it being applied periodically thereafter with a sponge that usually hung from the **mirror** itself.
- Nevertheless, ancient **metal mirrors** did not have as fine a reflecting surface as do today's glass **mirrors**. So the apostle Paul could appropriately write.
- For at present we see in hazy outline by means of a **metal mirror**, but then it will be face to face. At present I know partially, but then I shall know accurately even as I am accurately known. (**1 Corinthians 13:12**)

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- The Scriptures at times refer to **mirrors** in a figurative, or an illustrative, way.
- With him can you beat out the skies hard like a molten **mirror**? (**Job 37:18**)
- The skies are likened to a **metal mirror**, the burnished face of which gives off a bright reflection. The disciple James used the **mirror** as figurative of God's word when urging persons to become, not just hearers of the word, but doers of it.

- However, become doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves with false reasoning. (**James 1:22**)
- For if anyone is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, this one is like a man looking at his natural face in a **mirror**. (**James 1:23**)
- For he looks at himself, and off he goes and immediately forgets what sort of man he is. (**James 1:24**)
- But he who peers into the perfect Law that belongs to freedom and who persists in it, this man, because he has become, not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, will be happy in his doing it. (**James 1:25**)
- And the apostle Paul showed that Christians reflect like **mirrors the glory of Yehowah** in their ministry.
- And all of us, while we with unveiled faces reflect like **mirrors** the glory of Yehowah, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, exactly as done by Yehowah the Spirit. (**2 Corinthians 3:18**)
- That is why, since we have this ministry according to the mercy that was shown us, we do not give up. (**2 Corinthians 4:1**)