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.. Birds Have Roosts

.. Figurative Usage

- The place a bird or animal prepares for raising its young, also, a lodging, a retreat, or a snug, comfortable, cozy residence.
- Just like a bird fleeing away from its **nest**, so is a man fleeing away from his place. (**Proverbs 27:8**)
- And just as if a **nest**, my hand will reach the resources of the peoples, and just as when one gathers eggs that have been left, I myself will gather up even all the earth, and there will certainly be no one fluttering his wings or opening his mouth or chirping. (**Isaiah 10:14**)
- And it must occur that like a fleeing winged creature, chased away from its **nest**, the daughters of Moab will become at the fords of Arnon. (**Isaiah 16:2**)
- The **nests** of birds vary greatly in location, size, and construction, but each type suits better than any other the particular use for which it is designed. Locations of different varieties range from the earth or the sand snakes are also said to have **nests** on the ground or among rocks.
- There the arrow snake has made its **nest** and lays eggs, and it must hatch them and gather them together under its shadow. Yes, there the gledes must collect themselves together, each one with her mate. (**Isaiah 34:15**)
- To tufts of grass, bushes, rocks, trees, hollow tree trunks, seashore cliffs, mountains, crevices in man's buildings, even suspended over water between reeds.
- Among building materials used are twigs, leaves, seaweed, wool, cotton, hay, straw, moss, fur, feathers, the down of plants, horsehair, pieces of cloth, and so forth. In general, **nests** serve as protection from predators, as shelter from storms, and as insulation from heat and cold.
- To impress on Job the wisdom of the Creator, Yehowah called attention to the eagle, that builds its **nest** high up, that on a crag

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- **Or is it at your order that an eagle flies upward and that it builds its **nest** high up. (Job 39:27)**
- **That on a crag it resides and stays during the night upon the tooth of a crag and an inaccessible place? (Job 39:28)**
- **And to illustrate God's loving care for Israel, Moses referred to the eagle that stirs up its **nest**, evidently with reference to the manner in which an eagle urges and sometimes shoves the fledgling into the air to teach it to fly.**
- **Yehowah similarly brought Israel out of Egypt as a nation. He administered tender care to the young nation throughout the wilderness journey and while they were settling in the Promised Land, just as the eagle watches and cares for the young during their flying lessons.**
- **Just as an eagle stirs up its **nest**, hovers over its fledglings, spreads out its wings, takes them, carries them on its pinions. (Deuteronomy 32:11)**

See Also EAGLE

- **The rock dove also builds its **nest** high in rocky places. The towering rocks in the vicinity of the Dead Sea provide numerous clefts and caves for its **nests**.**
- **Jeremiah may have had these secluded nests in mind in pronouncing judgment on Moab, who dwelt in this area. Leave the cities and reside on the crag, you inhabitants of Moab, and become like the dove that makes its nest in the regions of the mouth of the hollow.**
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- **Balaam's utterance at,**
- **When he got to see the Kenites, he carried further his proverbial utterance and went on to say; Durable is your dwelling, and set on the crag is your abode. (Numbers 24:21)**

- The thick foliage of the strong cedars of Lebanon served as an excellent **nesting** location for other birds, there was ample year-round shelter and concealment. The psalmist cited this as an example of God's marvelous provisions for the welfare of his creatures.
- The trees of Yehowah are satisfied, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. (**Psalms 104:16**)
- Where the birds themselves make **nests**. As for the stork, the juniper trees are its house. (**Psalms 104:17**)
- Under the Law, the Israelites were forbidden to take the eggs or the young from a **nest** and at the same time kill the mother. This prevented the cruelty of completely wiping out the family at one stroke. The mother was to be spared, to produce more young.
- In case a birds **nest** happens to be before you in the way, in any tree or on the earth with young ones or eggs, and the mother is sitting upon the young ones or the eggs, you must not take the mother along with the offspring. (**Deuteronomy 22:6**)
- You should by all means send the mother away, but you may take the offspring for yourself, in order, that it may go well with you, and you may indeed lengthen your days. (**Deuteronomy 22:7**)

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- Certain translations render the **Greek** word *ka-ta-ske'no-sis*, as **nest**, actually it refers to a **resting-place or roost** where birds settle at night, not a **nest** for incubating eggs and rearing young.
- When a certain one of the scribes said to Jesus; Teacher, I will follow you wherever you are about to go, Jesus replied; Foxes have dens and **birds of heaven have roosts**, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay down his head.
- And a certain scribe came up and said to him; Teacher, I will follow you wherever you are about to go. (**Matthew 8:19**)
- But Jesus said to him; Foxes have dens and **birds of heaven have roosts**, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay down his head. (**Matthew 8:20**)

- Now as they were going on the road, someone said to him; I will follow you to wherever you may depart. (**Luke 9:57**)
- And Jesus said to him; Foxes have dens and **birds of heaven have roosts**, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay down his head. (**Luke 9:58**)
- Here Jesus pointed out that to be his follower the man would have to forsake the idea of having the comforts and conveniences commonly enjoyed, and must put his trust completely in Yehowah.
- This principle is reflected in the model prayer he taught his disciples; Give us today our bread for this day, and his statement, Thus, you may be sure, none of you that does not say good-bye to all his belongings can be my disciple.
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•• **Figurative Usage**

- In judgment messages against Edom, God used the eagles high **nesting** place as a symbol of Edom's literally high location in the mountains, as well as of its haughtiness and presumptuousness.
- For, look! I have made you small indeed among the nations, despised among mankind. (**Jeremiah 49:15**)
- The shuddering you caused has deceived you, the presumptuousness of your heart, O you who are residing in the retreats of the crag, holding the height of the hill. Although you build your **nest** high up just like an eagle, down from there I shall bring you, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Jeremiah 49:16**)
- And Edom must become an object of astonishment. Everyone passing along by her will stare in astonishment and whistle on account of all her plagues. (**Jeremiah 49:17**)
- Just as in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and her neighbor towns, Yehowah has said; No man will dwell there, and no son of mankind will reside in her as an alien. (**Jeremiah 49:18**)

- The vision of Obadiah. This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said regarding Edom; There is a report that we have heard from Yehowah, and there is an envoy that has been sent among the nations; Rise up, you people, and let us rise up against her in battle. (**Obadiah 1:1**)
- Look! Small is what I have made you among the nations. You are despised very much. (**Obadiah 1:2**)
- The presumptuousness of your heart is what has deceived you, you who are residing in the retreats of the crag, the height where he dwells, saying in his heart, Who will bring me down to the earth? (**Obadiah 1:3**)
- If you should make your position high like the eagle, or if among the stars there were a placing of your **nest**, down from there I would bring you, is the utterance of Yehowah. (**Obadiah 1:4**)
- God's declaration against Babylon, at;
- For here I am raising up the Chaldeans, the nation bitter and impetuous, which is going to the wide-open places of earth in order to take possession of residences not belonging to it. (**Habakkuk 1:6**)
- Will not these very ones, all of them, lift up against him a proverbial saying and an alluding remark, insinuations at him? And one will say; Woe to him who is multiplying what is not his own, O how long! And who is making debt heavy against himself! (**Habakkuk 2:6**)
- Will not those claiming interest of you rise up suddenly, and those wake up who are violently shaking you, and you certainly become to them something to pillage? (**Habakkuk 2:7**)
- Because you yourself despoiled many nations, all the remaining ones of the peoples will despoil you, because of the shedding of blood of mankind and the violence to the earth, the town and all those dwelling in it. (**Habakkuk 2:8**)
- Woe to the one that is making evil gain for his house, in order to set his **nest** on the height, so as to be delivered from the grasp of what is calamitous! (**Habakkuk 2:9**)

- You have counseled something shameful to your house, the cutting off of many peoples, and your soul is sinning. (**Habakkuk 2:10**)
- For out of the wall a stone itself will cry out plaintively, and from the woodwork a rafter itself will answer it. (**Habakkuk 2:11**)
- In prophesying against Jerusalem, Jeremiah referred to the loftiness of Lebanon's trees and the value of its cedarwood, used particularly by kings and rich men in construction of their houses.
- The palace of Judah's king and the government buildings at Jerusalem had been constructed largely of cedar. Hence Jeremiah spoke of the inhabitants of Jerusalem as those dwelling in Lebanon, being **nested** in the cedars. But from this lofty position they were to be brought low.
- For this is what Yehowah has said concerning the house of the king of Judah, You are as Gilead to me, the head of Lebanon. Assuredly I shall make you a wilderness, as for the cities, not one will be inhabited. (**Jeremiah 22:6**)
- O you who are dwelling in Lebanon, being **nested** in the cedars, how you will certainly sigh when there come to you birth pangs, the labor pains like those of a woman giving birth! (**Jeremiah 22:23**)
- **A Compartment**
- Make for yourself an ark out of wood of a resinous tree. You will make compartments in the ark, and you must cover it inside and outside with tar. (**Genesis 6:14**)
- The **Hebrew** word *qin-nim'*, **nests**, is translated, **rooms**, **KJ**, **RS**, **cabins** **AT**, and **compartments** **NW**.
- Evidently these were relatively small compartments in the ark built by Noah and, similar to birds **nests**, served as a protection and shelter through a critical time when men and animals were otherwise helpless.