

## ~NET (232)

### .. Figurative Use

- Generally, a fabric consisting of twine, thread, or rope, and woven into meshes. Nets were used for catching fish.
- For man also does not know his time. Just like fishes that are being taken in an evil **net**, and like birds that are being taken in a trap, so the sons of men themselves are being ensnared at a calamitous time, when it falls upon them suddenly. ([Ecclesiastes 9:12](#))
- And the fishers will have to mourn, and all those casting fishhooks into the Nile River must express sorrow, and even those spreading fishing **nets** upon the surface of the water will actually fade away. ([Isaiah 19:8](#))
- Walking alongside the sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, letting down a fishing **net** into the sea, for they were fishers. ([Matthew 4:18](#))
- And he said to them; Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men. ([Matthew 4:19](#))
- At once abandoning the **nets**, they followed him. ([Matthew 4:20](#))
- Going on also from there he saw two others who were brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their **nets**, and he called them. ([Matthew 4:21](#))
- Birds,
- For it is for nothing that the **net** is spread before the eyes of anything owning wings. ([Proverbs 1:17](#))
- And other animals,
- Your own sons have swooned away. They have lain down at the head of all the streets like the wild sheep in the **net**, as those who are full of the rage of Yehowah, the rebuke of your God. ([Isaiah 51:20](#))

- Among the main materials used in their construction were flax, palm fiber, and papyrus.
- Metal **nets**, however, served completely different purposes. **Nets** made from copper were used as ornamentation for the capitals of the temple pillars Jachin and Boaz, and a copper **net**, or **network**, served as a grating for the altar of sacrifice.
- And you must make a grating for it, a **network** of copper, and you must make upon the net four rings of copper at its four extremities. (**Exodus 27:4**)
- And you must put it under the altars rim down within, and the **net** must be toward the center of the altar. (**Exodus 27:5**)
- He further made for the altar a grating, a **network** of copper, under its rim, down toward its center. (**Exodus 38:4**)
- And two capitals he made to put upon the tops of the pillars, cast in copper. Five cubits was the height of the one capital, and five cubits was the height of the other capital. (**1 Kings 7:16**)
- There were **nets** in **network**, twisted ornaments in chainwork, for the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. (**1 Kings 7:17**)
- And he went on to make the pomegranates and two rows round about upon the one **network** to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, and that was what he did for the other capital. (**1 Kings 7:18**)
- The two pillars and the bowl-shaped capitals that were upon the top of the two pillars, and the two **networks** to cover the two round capitals that were upon the top of the pillars. (**1 Kings 7:41**)
- And the four hundred pomegranates for the two **networks**, two rows of pomegranates to each **network**, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were upon the two pillars. (**1 Kings 7:42**)
- And the capital upon it was of copper, and the height of the one capital was five cubits, and as regards the **network** and the pomegranates upon the capital, all around, the whole was of

copper, and the second pillar had just the same as these, also the pomegranates. ([Jeremiah 52:22](#))

- And the pomegranates came to be ninety-six, on the sides, all the pomegranates being one hundred upon the **network** round about. ([Jeremiah 52:23](#))

See Also **CAPITAL**

### •• **Figurative Use**

- **Net** is often used figuratively in the Bible to represent means for ensnaring others encircling them and taking them captive or bringing calamity upon them.
- For he will indeed be let go into a **net** by his feet, and onto a network he will walk. ([Job 18:8](#))
- Know, then, that God himself has misled me, and his hunting **net** he has closed in upon me. ([Job 19:6](#))
- You have brought us into a hunting **net**. You have put pressure on our hips. ([Psalms 66:11](#))
- From the height he has sent fire into my bones, and he subdues each one. He has spread out a **net** for my feet. He has turned me backward. He has made me a woman laid desolate. All the day I am ill. ([Lamentations 1:13](#))
- And I shall certainly spread my **net** over him, and he must be caught in my hunting **net**, and I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans, but it he will not see, and there he will die. ([Ezekiel 12:13](#))
- And I will spread over him my **net**, and he will certainly be caught in my hunting net, and I will bring him to Babylon and put myself on judgment with him there respecting his unfaithfulness with which he acted against me. ([Ezekiel 17:20](#))
- And nations all around from the jurisdictional districts began to set against him and got to spread over him their **net**. In their pit he was caught. ([Ezekiel 19:8](#))
- This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; I will also

spread over you my **net** by means of a congregation of many peoples, and they will certainly bring you in my dragnet. (**Ezekiel 32:3**)

- Hear this, O priests, and pay attention, O house of Israel, and you, O house of the king, give ear, for with you people the judgment has to do, because a trap is what you have become to Mizpah and as a **net** spread over Tabor. (**Hosea 5:1**)
- Whichever way they go, I shall spread out over them my **net**. Like flying creatures of the heavens I shall bring them down. I shall discipline them in agreement with the report to their assembly. (**Hosea 7:12**)
- The loyal one has perished from the earth, and among mankind there is no upright one. All of them, for bloodshed they lie in wait. They hunt, everyone his own brother, with a dragnet. (**Micah 7:2**)
- The means used by the Chaldeans to conquer nations as they extended their dominion over a wide area is likened to a dragnet.
- 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**)
- All these he has brought up with a mere fishhook, he drags them away in his dragnet, and he gathers them in his fishing net. That is why he rejoices and is joyful. (**Habakkuk 1:15**)
- That is why he offers sacrifice to his dragnet and makes sacrificial smoke to his fishing net, for by them his portion is well oiled, and his food is healthful. (**Habakkuk 1:16**)
- Is that why he will empty out his dragnet, and does he have to kill nations constantly, while he shows no compassion? (**Habakkuk 1:17**)
- Also, flattery and the scheming heart of an immoral woman are compared to **nets**.
- An able-bodied man that is flattering his companion is spreading out a mere **net** for his steps. (**Proverbs 29:5**)

- And I was finding out; More bitter than death I found the woman who is herself **nets** for hunting and whose heart is dragnets and whose hands are fetters. One is good before the true God if one escapes from her, but one is sinning if one is captured by her. (**Ecclesiastes 7:26**)
- The psalmist expressed the confidence that Yehowah would deliver him from entangling **nets**.
- My eyes are constantly toward Yehowah, for he it is that brings my feet out of the **net**. (**Psalms 25:15**)
- You will bring me out of the **net** that they have hidden for me, for you are my fortress. (**Psalms 31:4**)
- The self-exalted ones have hidden a trap for me, and ropes they have spread out as a **net** at the side of the track. Snares they have set for me. (**Psalms 140:5**)
- I well know that Yehowah will execute the legal claim of the afflicted one, the judgment of the poor ones. (**Psalms 140:12**)
- And that those spreading out such **nets** would themselves be ensnared thereby.
- The nations have sunk down into the pit that they have made, in the **net** that they hid, **their own foot has been caught**. (**Psalms 9:15**)
- For without cause they have hid for me their **netted pit**, without cause they have dug it for my soul. (**Psalms 35:7**)
- Let ruin come upon him without his knowing, and let his own **net** that he hid catch him, with ruin let him fall into it. (**Psalms 35:8**)
- A **net** they have prepared for my steps, my soul has become bowed down. They excavated before me a pitfall, they have fallen into the midst of it. (**Psalms 57:6**)
- The wicked will fall into their own **nets** all together, while I, for my part, pass by. (**Psalms 141:10**)
- Concerning the construction and use of various **nets**,

**See Also BIRDCATCHER**  
**See Also DRAGNET**  
**See Also HUNTING AND FISHING**