

## ~NOSE RING (84)

[Hebrew, *ne'zem*]

- An ornamental ring worn on the nose. It was inserted either through the left or the right side of the nose or through the partition separating the nostrils and was especially worn by women.
- Consequently it came about that, when the camels had finished drinking, then the man took a **gold nose ring** of a half shekel in weight and two bracelets for her hands, ten shekels of gold was their weight. (**Genesis 24:22**)
- And it came about that on seeing the **nose** ring and the bracelets on the hands of his sister and on hearing the words of Rebekah his sister, saying; This is the way the man spoke to me, then he came to the man and there he was, standing by the camels at the fountain. (**Genesis 24:30**)
- After that I asked her and said; Whose daughter are you? To which she said; The daughter of Bethuel the son of Nahor, whom Milcah bore to him. Accordingly I put the **nose** ring on her nostril and the bracelets on her hands. (**Genesis 24:47**)
- The finger rings and the **nose rings**. (**Isaiah 3:21**)
- Ishmaelite men, however, according to some translations, also wore **nose** rings.
- And Gideon went on to say to them; Let me make a request of you; Give me, each one of you, the **nose** ring of his booty. For they had nose rings of gold, because they were Ishmaelites. (**Judges 8:24**)
- Then they said; We shall surely give them. With that they spread out a mantle and went throwing each one the **nose** ring of his booty into it. (**Judges 8:25**)
- And the weight of the **nose** rings of gold that he had requested amounted to one thousand seven hundred gold shekels, besides the moon-shaped ornaments and the eardrops and the garments of wool dyed reddish purple that were upon the kings of Midian and besides the necklaces that were on the necks of the camels.

**(Judges 8:26)**

- The **Hebrew** word for **nose ring** *ne'zem* can also be applied to an earring, and in some cases, there may have been little difference in the forms of these ornaments. Sometimes the context makes it possible to determine whether a **nose ring** or an earring is meant.
- And the weight of the **nose** rings of gold that he had requested amounted to one thousand seven hundred gold shekels, besides the moon-shaped ornaments and the eardrops and the garments of wool dyed reddish purple that were upon the kings of Midian and besides the necklaces that were on the necks of the camels. **(Judges 8:26)**
- So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods that were in their hands and the earrings that were in their ears, and Jacob hid them under the big tree that was close by Shechem. **(Genesis 35:4)**
- Furthermore, I put a **nose ring** in your nostril and earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. **(Ezekiel 16:12)**

**See Also RING**

- Though **nose rings** were generally made of gold, other materials, such as silver, were also used. **Nose rings** might be ornamented with beads, pieces of coral, or jewels, suspended from them as small pendants.
- The diameter of nose rings varied from 2.5 to as much as 7.5 centimeters (1 to 3 inches). Hanging down over the mouth as it did, the **nose ring** had to be moved when eating.
- As a **gold nose ring** in the snout of a pig, so is a woman that is pretty but that is turning away from sensibleness. **(Proverbs 11:22)**
- An outwardly beautiful woman who rejects sensibleness is compared to a gold **nose** ring in the snout of a pig.