

~PALACE (243)

[Hebrew, *heh-khal'*]

- **The royal residence of a sovereign, sometimes the spacious and stately dwelling of a prince or a powerful man of wealth.**
- I, Nebuchadnezzar, happened to be at ease in my house and flourishing in my **palace**. (**Daniel 4:4**)
- When a strong man, well armed, guards his **palace**, his belongings continue in peace. (**Luke 11:21**)
- One Hebrew word for **palace**, *heh-khal'*, often was applied to the temple as the dwelling place of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah.
- Then Hannah got up after they had eaten in Shiloh and after the drinking, while Eli the priest was sitting upon the seat by the doorpost of the temple of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 1:9**)
- And the porch in front of the temple of the house was twenty cubits in its length, in front of the width of the house. Ten cubits it was in its depth, in front of the house. (**1 Kings 6:3**)
- And also the gold and silver vessels of the house of God that Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple, which was in Jerusalem, and brought to the temple of Babylon, these Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were given to Sheshbazzar, the name of the one whom he made governor. (**Ezra 5:14**)
- At that time they brought in the vessels of gold that they had taken away from the temple of the house of God that was in Jerusalem, and from them the king and his grandees, his concubines and his secondary wives drank. (**Daniel 5:3**)
- Ancient **palaces** were frequently castlelike fortresses with battlement walls and massive gates.
- The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah; Now it came about in the month Chislev, in the twentieth year, that I myself happened to be in Shushan the castle. (**Nehemiah 1:1**)

- That in those days as King Ahasuerus was sitting upon his royal throne, which was in Shushan the castle. ([Esther 1:2](#))
- The customary spacious courtyards and luxurious private gardens gave regal splendor and beauty to **palace** grounds.
- And when these days had come to the full, the king held a banquet for seven days for all the people that were found in Shushan the castle, for the great as well as the small, in the courtyard of the garden of the king's **palace**. ([Esther 1:5](#))

See Also GOVERNOR'S PALACE

- The Bible mentions the **palaces** of Assyria:
- The pronouncement against Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ([Nahum 1:1](#))
- The very gates of the rivers will certainly be opened, and the **palace** itself will actually be dissolved. ([Nahum 2:6](#))
- **Babylon**
- And some of your own sons that will come forth from you to whom you will become father will themselves be taken and actually become court officials in the **palace** of the king of Babylon. ([2 Kings 20:18](#))
- And some of the utensils of the house of Yehowah Nebuchadnezzar brought to Babylon and then put them in his **palace** in Babylon. ([2 Chronicles 36:7](#))
- And some of your own sons that will come forth from you, to whom you will become father, will themselves be taken and actually become court officials in the **palace** of the king of Babylon. ([Isaiah 39:7](#))
- Children in whom there was no defect at all, but good in appearance and having insight into all wisdom and being acquainted with knowledge, and having discernment of what is known, in whom also there was ability to stand in the **palace** of the king, and to teach them the writing and the tongue of the Chaldeans. ([Daniel 1:4](#))

- At that moment the fingers of a man's hand came forth and were writing in front of the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the **palace** of the king, and the king was beholding the back of the hand that was writing. (**Daniel 5:5**)
- **Persia**
- Now inasmuch as we do eat the salt of the **palace**, and it is not proper for us to see the denuding of the king, on this account we have sent and made it known to the king. (**Ezra 4:14**)
- As for the king, he rose up in his rage from the banquet of wine to go to the garden of the **palace**, and Haman himself stood up to make request for his soul from Esther the queen, for he saw that bad had been determined against him by the king. (**Esther 7:7**)
- And the king himself returned from the garden of the **palace** to the house of the wine banquet, and Haman was fallen upon the couch on which Esther was. Consequently the king said; Is there also to be a raping of the queen, with me in the house? The word itself went out of the king's mouth, and Haman's face they covered. (**Esther 7:8**)
- Those in Babylon were described as **palaces of exquisite delight**.
- And jackals must howl in her dwelling towers, and the big snake will be in the **palaces of exquisite delight**. And the season for her is near to come, and her days themselves will not be postponed. (**Isaiah 13:22**)
- One of the grandest **palaces** of the ancient world was built by Solomon, as is indicated by the impression it made on the queen of Sheba.
- When the queen of Sheba got to see all the wisdom of Solomon and the house that he had built. (**1 Kings 10:4**)
- And the food of his table and the sitting of his servants and the table service of his waiters and their attire and his drinks and his burnt sacrifices that he regularly offered up at the house of Yehowah, then there proved to be no more spirit in her. (**1 Kings 10:5**)

- Solomon's **palace**, erected on Mount Moriah south of the temple, was just one of a number of government structures in this area that, all together, took some **13 years to build**.
- Included in this royal complex of buildings were the **House of the Forest of Lebanon, the Porch of Pillars, and the Porch of the Throne**. There was also a special house for Pharaoh's daughter, one of Solomon's many wives, besides the king's palace.
- And his own house Solomon built in thirteen years, so that he finished all his own house. (**1 Kings 7:1**)
- And he proceeded to build the House of the Forest of Lebanon a hundred cubits in its length, and fifty cubits in its width, and thirty cubits in its height, upon four rows of pillars of cedarwood, and there were beams of cedarwood upon the pillars. (**1 Kings 7:2**)
- And it was paneled in with cedarwood above upon the girders that were upon the forty-five pillars. There were fifteen to a row. (**1 Kings 7:3**)
- As for framed windows, there were three rows, and there was an illumination opening opposite an illumination opening in three tiers. (**1 Kings 7:4**)
- And all the entrances and the doorposts were squared with the frame, and also the forefront of the illumination opening opposite an illumination opening in three tiers. (**1 Kings 7:5**)
- And the Porch of Pillars he made fifty cubits in its length, and thirty cubits in its width, and another porch was in front of them with pillars and a canopy in front of them. (**1 Kings 7:6**)
- As for the Porch of the Throne where he would do judging, he made the porch of judgment, and they covered it in with cedarwood from the floor to the rafters. (**1 Kings 7:7**)
- As regards the house of his where he was to dwell, at the other courtyard, it was away from the house belonging to the Porch. It proved to be like this in workmanship. And there was a house like this Porch that he proceeded to build for Pharaoh's daughter, whom Solomon had taken. (**1 Kings 7:8**)

- The description we have of Solomon's **palace** is very meager compared with the details of the **palatial** temple. But the size of the foundation stones indicates that the **palace** must have been an impressive structure.
- In length these stones measured eight cubits (3.6 meters)(11.7 feet) and ten cubits (4.5 meters)(14.6 feet), and they must have been of proportionate size in their width and thickness, weighing many tons. The walls consisted of costly stones carefully sawed to measured specifications on both inside and outside surfaces.
- All these were of expensive stones according to measures, hewn, sawed with stone-saws, inside and outside, and from the foundation up to the coping, and outside as far as the great courtyard. (1 Kings 7:9)
- And the expensive stones laid as a foundation were great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. (1 Kings 7:10)
- And up above there were expensive stones according to measures, hewn, and also cedarwood. (1 Kings 7:11)
- Who say; Our sons are like little plants grown up in their youth, our daughters like corners carved in **palace** style. (Psalms 144:12)
- The psalmist, in the (Psalm Chapter 45), may have had in mind the decorations and furnishings of Solomon's **palace** when he made reference to, the grand ivory **palace**. The apostle Paul applies the words of this Psalms to Jesus Christ the heavenly King.
- All your garments are myrrh and aloeswood and cassia, out from the grand ivory **palace** stringed instruments themselves have made you rejoice. (Psalms 45:8)
- They will be brought with rejoicing and joyfulness, they will enter into the **palace** of the king. (Psalms 45:15)
- God is your throne to time indefinite, even forever, the scepter of your kingship is a scepter of uprightness. (Psalms 45:6)
- You have loved righteousness and you hate wickedness. That is why God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. (Psalms 45:7)

- But with reference to the Son; God is your throne forever and ever, and the scepter of your kingdom is the scepter of uprightness. ([Hebrews 1:8](#))
- You loved righteousness, and you hated lawlessness. That is why God, your God, anointed you with the oil of exultation more than your partners. ([Hebrews 1:9](#))
- Yehowah's spirit is upon me, because he anointed me to declare Good News to the poor, he sent me forth to preach a release to the captives and a recovery of sight to the blind, to send the crushed ones away with a release. ([Luke 4:18](#))
- Then he started to say to them; Today this scripture that you just heard is fulfilled. ([Luke 4:21](#))