

~TANNER (38)

- **A person skilled in the tanning profession, the craft of converting animal hides into leather that can then be used to make articles of various kinds.**
- **So they said to him; A man possessing a hair garment, with a leather belt girded about his loins. Immediately he said; It was Elijah the Tishbite. (2 Kings 1:8)**
- **But this very John had his clothing of camels hair and a leather girdle around his loins, his food too was insect locusts and wild honey. (Matthew 3:4)**
- **Doubtless the tanning operation was performed in the past as it has been recently in the Middle East in a one- or two-room tannery, housing tools and vats for preparing the hides.**
- **The basic process of preparing leather involved;**
- **(1) loosening the hair, usually with a lime solution**
- **(2) removing the hair, bits of flesh, and fat adhering to the hide**
- **(3) tanning the hide with a liquor made from such things as the bark of sumac or of oak, or from other kinds of plants.**
- **Peter spent quite a few days in Joppa with a certain Simon, a tanner, whose house was by the sea.**
- **For quite a few days he remained in Joppa with a certain Simon, a tanner. (Acts of Apostles 9:43)**
- **Send, therefore, to Joppa and call for Simon, who is surnamed Peter. This man is being entertained in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. (Acts of Apostles 10:32)**