

## *The Wise woman builds her HOUSE*

The word "House" used in Proverbs 14:1, is "bayith" and it means literally: a house, but especially a family, home, household, palace, prison or...a dungeon.

Hebrew Honey lists the following shades of meaning for House:

1. A house or place to stay overnight .....Gen. 19:10
2. A temple, most often referring to the temple of God.....I Kings 6:37
3. A sepulchre, home of the dead, has a certain glory.....Isa. 14:18
4. A place to store our "things" or a home for those things.....Ex. 26:29; Isa. 3:18
5. A family, household.....Gen. 7:1

This word "house" is used in the following combinations in the Word to create a beautiful picture of ways we can pray for our homes:

1. Bethel "House of God" .....Joshua 18:13  
(A place of assembly)
2. Beth-ezel "House of Firm Root" .....Micah 1:11  
(Those who have a firm root will not fall away in time of persecution)
3. Beth-aram "House of the Height" .....Joshua 13:27  
(Place of power, meeting place with God where His glory is revealed)
4. Beth-hanan "House of Grace" .....I Kings 4:9; Heb. 11:7  
(Noah found grace in the Lord's eyes resulting in the salvation of his family)
5. Beth-lehem "House of Bread" .....Micah 5:1  
(Jesus, born in Bethlehem, the Bread of Life, feeds us through His life and Word)
6. Beth-Nimrah "House of Limpid and Sweet Waters" .....Numbers 32:36  
(Jesus is the Living Water to bring refreshment and joy)
7. Beth-Eden "House of Pleasantness" .....Amos 1:5  
(A house filled with unity and love for one another)
8. Beth-Zur "House of the Rock" .....Joshua 15:58  
(House built on the Foundation of Jesus will stand in times of trouble)
9. Beth-shean "House of Quiet" .....Joshua 17:11  
(In the stillness we hear God's voice)
10. Beth-malku "House of the King" .....Daniel 4:30  
(The King of Glory would dwell with us)

