

Daily Life in Ancient Israel

Session II

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GALILEE
Capernaum

BASHAN

GESHUR

Acco

Hazor

Dor

Megiddo

Caesarea

Taanach

Beth-shan

SHARON

Tirzah

Shechem

Shiloh

GILEAD

Joppa

SHEPHELAH

Bethel

Jericho

Ekron

Jerusalem

Heshbon

Ashdod

Ashkelon

Bethlehem

Medeba

Gaza

Lachish

Hebron

Dibon

Ziklag?

Gerar

Beer-sheba

Arad

NEGEV

Halak

Zered Brook

DEAD SEA (SALT SEA)

Jordan R.

River of Egypt

• Kenath

• Edrei?

• Bostra

Jabbok R.

Arnon R.

Kishon R.

Carmel

Yarmuk R.

Kanah Brook

Sorek R.

Besa Brook

Saliba

Neba

Abarim M t s.

Tanbel?















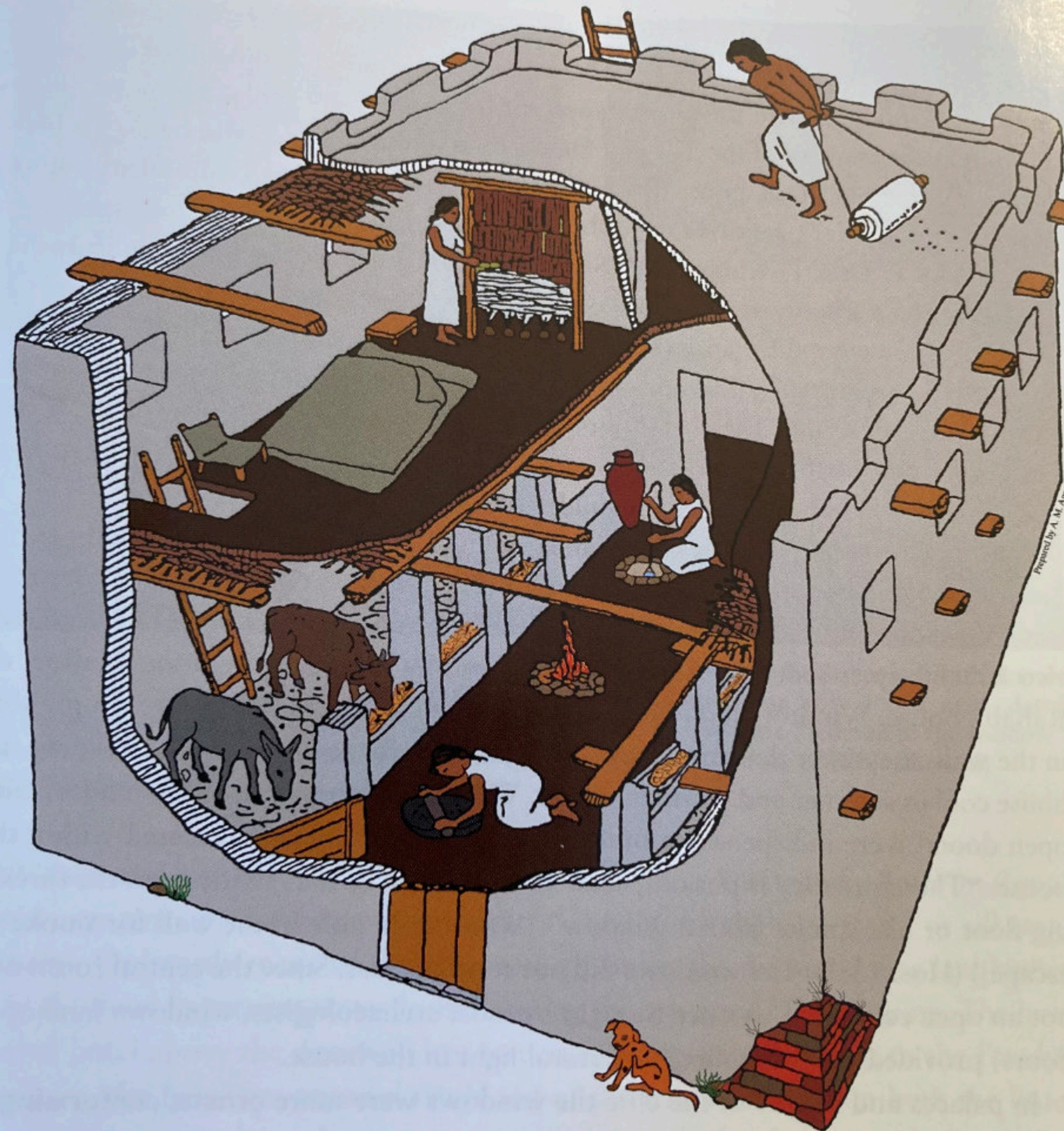












Ill. 15: Typical pillared house of the Israelites, Iron Age I; with stables, storage, food processing, and cistern on ground floor. The upper story is for sleeping, dining, and entertaining. A man with a roof roller keeps the plastered roof intact. (© Lawrence E. Stager)



"Micah's Compound"

L.E. Stager and C.S. Alexander,
Fig III.10 in King and Stager, *Life in Biblical Israel*, 2001



Daily Chores in Micah's Household

- Agriculture
- Food preparation (crushing grain, kneading, baking, cooking, storing)
- Animal husbandry (sheep, goats, oxen)
- Architectural repair (house, enclosing village wall)
- Weaving/textile production
- Religious devotion
- Defense and weaponry

Agriculture

The Gezer Calendar:

His two months are (olive) harvest,

His two months are planting (grain)

His two months are late planting;

His month is hoeing up of flax,

His month is harvest of barley,

His month is harvest and feasting;

His months are vine-tending,

His month is summer fruit.

- *ANET*, 320

