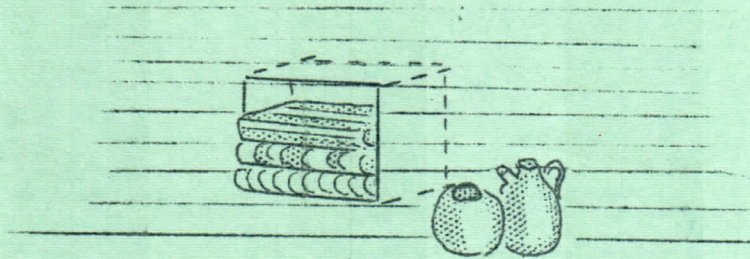


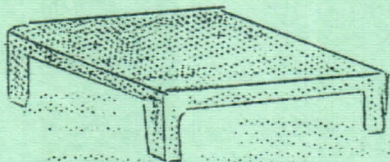
In some homes there were mats for the tables, chairs, and beds. This was the same kind of furniture as we would see in the tent.

If the family used mats for beds, these were folded up in the day and stored in a little box-like space in the wall. In this way the mats were kept clean and out of the way.



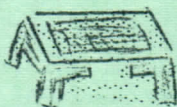
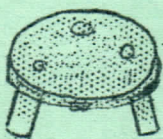
The family might also use mats for the table and chairs. The poorest families always did. But as the family was able they would try to get some furniture like this -

Table - The more able families had tables. They were



always low and small. The family could still kneel or squat to eat.

Chairs - Gradually low stools were used as seats. These

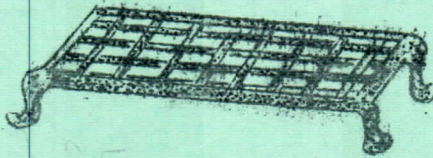


were made of wood or wood and leather.

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Couches - When the Romans began to rule and live in Israel; they brought couches into the homes. these low couches were made with a wood frame.



Leather straps were woven across the top. A sleeping mat was placed on top of this. This couch might be used as a bed at night. In wealthier homes it was used around the table during mealtime. In a simpler home the couch was used to sit on during the daytime.

A few very wealthy people had beds of iron or ivory or decorated with gold or silver. See also Research Card - BEDTIME