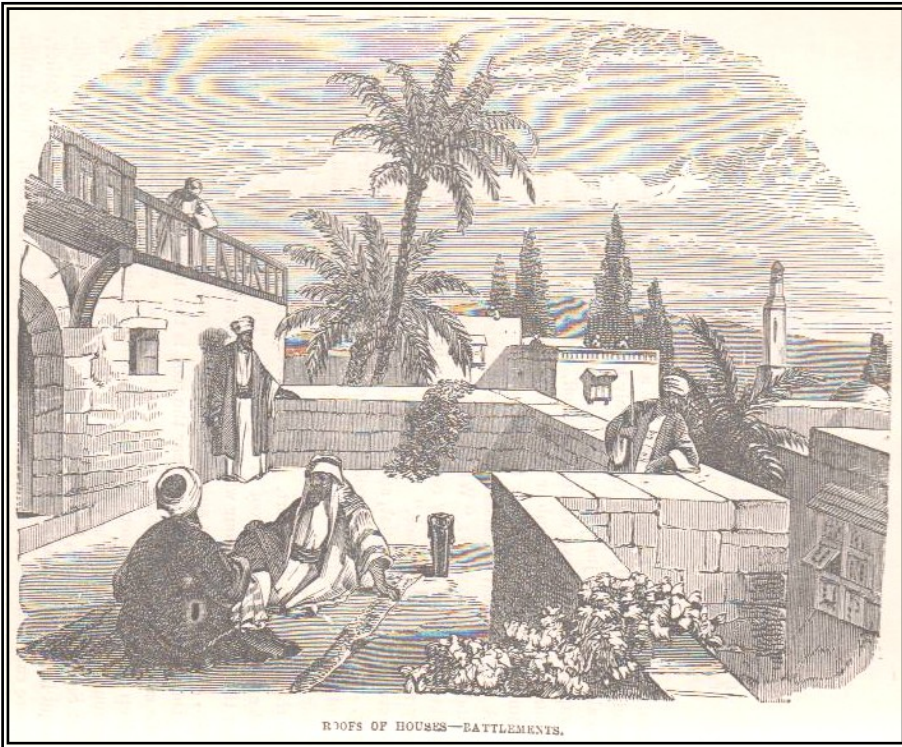


# BATTLEMENTS



'When thou buildest  
a new house, then  
thou shalt make a  
battlement for thy roof,  
that thou bring not blood  
upon thine house,  
if any man fall from thence.'  
Deut 22 v 8

1. The houses mentioned in the Bible nearly always had flat r\_\_\_\_\_.
2. However, our text said that when God's people built a flat-roofed house, they were to put a low w\_\_\_\_\_, or a 'battlement' around the e\_\_\_\_\_, to stop people falling off.
3. The roof was used for many things - a place to p\_\_\_\_\_, to g\_\_\_\_\_ pot plants, a place for storage, a place to s\_\_\_\_\_ in hot weather, a place to look out from....
4. William Thomson, the famous author of '*The Land and the Book*', when visiting one of these houses, was so taken up with the v\_\_\_\_\_, that he would have f\_\_\_\_\_ off the roof if there had been no battlements.
5. We need b\_\_\_\_\_ in life. A baby's play-p\_\_\_\_\_ could be the first. We could also think of a stair-g\_\_\_\_\_ to stop us falling down the stairs, or a f\_\_\_\_\_ -guard; all of these are meant to protect us.
6. Another kind of battlements are the rules of life....  
...we must be in at a certain t\_\_\_\_\_... we mustn't make fr\_\_\_\_\_ with bad people.... we ought not to go to certain places....etc



- We are very foolish if we ignore the battlements of life.
7. **The best battlement is Love for Christ.** We ought not to do anything or go anywhere where we could not take Christ with us.