

σπήλαιον-ρ.1

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English: "cave"

σπήλαιον κJ

Mat.21:13. but ye have made it a den of thieves.  
Mar.11:17. but ye have made it a den of thieves.  
Lu. 19:46. but ye have made it a den of thieves.  
Joh. 11:38. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.  
Heb11:38. and (in) dens and caves of the earth.  
Rev. 6:15. hid themselves in the dens

This noun only occurs 6x in the NT and "cave" is always adequate. The word "den" is usually associated with animals. Uses #4, #5, #6, are all literal and are real actual caves. Uses #1, #2, #3 are all figurative of the temple and are all references to, Jeremiah 7 KJ

① MATTHEW 21 CT

12 And the Jesus went-in into the temple of-the God, and he-cast-out all the-ones offering-for-sale and buying-in-the market in the temple, and the tables of-the money-changers he-turned-down and the seats of-the-ones offering the doves for-sale.

13 And he-is-saying-to-them, It-has-been-and-is-still-written, My home will-be-called a home of-prayer; but YOU yourselves-made-it a cave of-robbers. \*

② MARK 11 CT

17 And he-was-teaching, saying to-them, Has-it not been-and-still-written, that My home will-be-called a home of-prayer for-all the Gentiles? But YOU yourselves-made it a cave of-robbers. \*

③ LUKE 19 CT

45 And having-gone-in into the temple he-began to-be-casting-out the-ones offering-for-sale in it and ones-buying-in-the-market,

46 Saying to-them, It-has-been-and-is-still-written, my home is a home of-prayer; but YOU yourselves-made it a cave of-robbers. \*

④ JOHN 11 CT

38 Jesus therefore again being-perturbed in himself is-coming into the tomb. But it-was a cave, and a stone was-lying-on upon it.

⑤ HEBREWS 11 CT

38 Of-whom the world was not worthy, being-led-astray in deserts and mountains and caves and cavities of-the earth.

⑥ REVELATION 6 CT

15 And the kings of-the earth, and the magnates, and the rulers-of-thousands, and the rich, and the strong, and every man slave and free, hid themselves into the caves and into the rocks of-the mountains,

9 "Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and 'burn incense unto Ba'al, and 'walk after other gods whom ye know not;

10 "And come and stand before me in this house, 'which' is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?

11 Is 'this house, which is called by my name, become a 'den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, even I have seen it, saith the LORD.

This word "den" is translated "den"-2x, "hole"-1x, and "cave"-36x.

MEARAH מְעָרָה f.  
cave 36  
den 2  
hole 1.

The word "cave" has an idea of size also.

Genesis 49 KJ

30 In the cave that is in the field of Mach-pe'lah, which is before Mam're, in the land of Canaan, 'which Abraham bought with the field of E-phron the Hittite for a possession of a burying place.

31 'There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; 'there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried Leah.

The important word "robber" \*  
See ληστής or leestees

1 Kings 18 KJ

4 For it was so, when 'Jez'e-bel 'cut off the prophets of the LORD, that O-ba-di'-ah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)