

# Jeremiah 52:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And a chapter of brass was upon it; and the height of one chapter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates were like unto these.

## Analysis

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**A chapter of brass** (כִּתְּרֵת נְחֹשֶׁת)—the ornate capital atop each pillar, five cubits (7.5 feet) high. The **network and pomegranates** (שְׁבָכָה וְרִמּוֹנוֹת) decorated the capitals with intricate latticework and 200 bronze pomegranates (v. 23). Pomegranates symbolized fruitfulness and were woven into the high priest's robe hem (Exodus 28:33-34).

The symmetry—**The second pillar also...were like unto these**—emphasizes the Temple's ordered beauty, now systematically destroyed. What took years to craft was demolished in days, illustrating how quickly divine judgment falls when covenant is broken.

## Historical Context

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The pomegranate was a sacred symbol in ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, representing life, fertility, and divine blessing. Their presence on Temple pillars connected Israel's worship to God as the source of all fruitfulness.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## 1 John 4:8 — God is love

### Study Questions

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1. What does the destruction of these beautiful, fruitful symbols teach about the consequences of spiritual barrenness?
2. How does the contrast between the pillars' creation (taking years) and destruction (taking days) speak to the fragility of blessing without obedience?
3. In what ways can you cultivate genuine spiritual fruitfulness rather than mere decorative religion?

### Interlinear Text

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הַכּוֹתֶה רֶת	עַל יוֹ	נָחַ שֵׁת	וְקוֹמַת	הַכּוֹתֶה רֶת	
And a chapter	H5921	all of brass	was upon it and the height	And a chapter	
H3805		H5178	H6967	H3805	
הָאֶחָת	חֲמִישָׁה	אַמּוֹת	וּשְׁבָכָה	וְרִמּוֹנִים:	עַל
of one	was five	cubits	with network	also and the pomegranates	H5921
H259	H2568	H520	H7639	H7416	
הַכּוֹתֶה רֶת	סָבִיב	הַכֹּל	נָחַ שֵׁת	וְכָא לָהּ	לְעַמּוּד
And a chapter	round about	H3605	all of brass	H428	pillar
H3805	H5439		H5178		H5982
הַשֵּׁנִי	וְרִמּוֹנִים:				
The second	also and the pomegranates				
H8145	H7416				