

This is a rich Jew's house. Look how much bigger it is than the others we have been looking at. The Roman officer might well have had a house like this, close to the camp where his men were based. The house might have had mosaics on the floors of the important rooms, like the dining room and the sitting room.

All his family and his servants could live here. They might cook outside in the courtyard, but it would still be more private than living in the little houses in the village.