

This is what a Jewish village might have looked like, with all the houses just built anywhere, where there was enough space. Notice that they are all built to much the same pattern - one room with a staircase up the side to the roof.

There are two houses that are different. One is built on a platform with the stairs going up to the door, and one has a room on the top!

Sometimes, in crowded communities, families built a room on the roof, so that other members of the family could come and stay - and sometimes they just let friends come and stay, like Elijah stayed with a woman in Zarephath, and Jesus and his friends celebrated Passover in someone's Upper Room.

