

directly to the road.

5. The main Nasir courtyard (fig.4.49 ) referred to as hosh dar 'Awad Nasir, was an enclosed compound, with strong external boundaries (formed by the backs of buildings and high walls) and with a well-defined, bent entry vestibule. As in the case of the Barghouthi and Shu'aibi compounds, the central courtyard formed the focus around which the single family houses (dur) opened. Fig. 4.xx illustrates this facet.

6. The 'Adi clan occupied a number of rooms adjacent to one another. They all opened to one single space which formed a narrow alley rather than a courtyard.

It is worthwhile to mention that the main courtyard houses, the Rabi and the Nasir (figs.4.48 & 4.49 ), were highly influenced by the inbound character of the Barghouthi compounds. This was also clear in the behavioural patterns of the occupants, especially as it related to women's behaviour.