

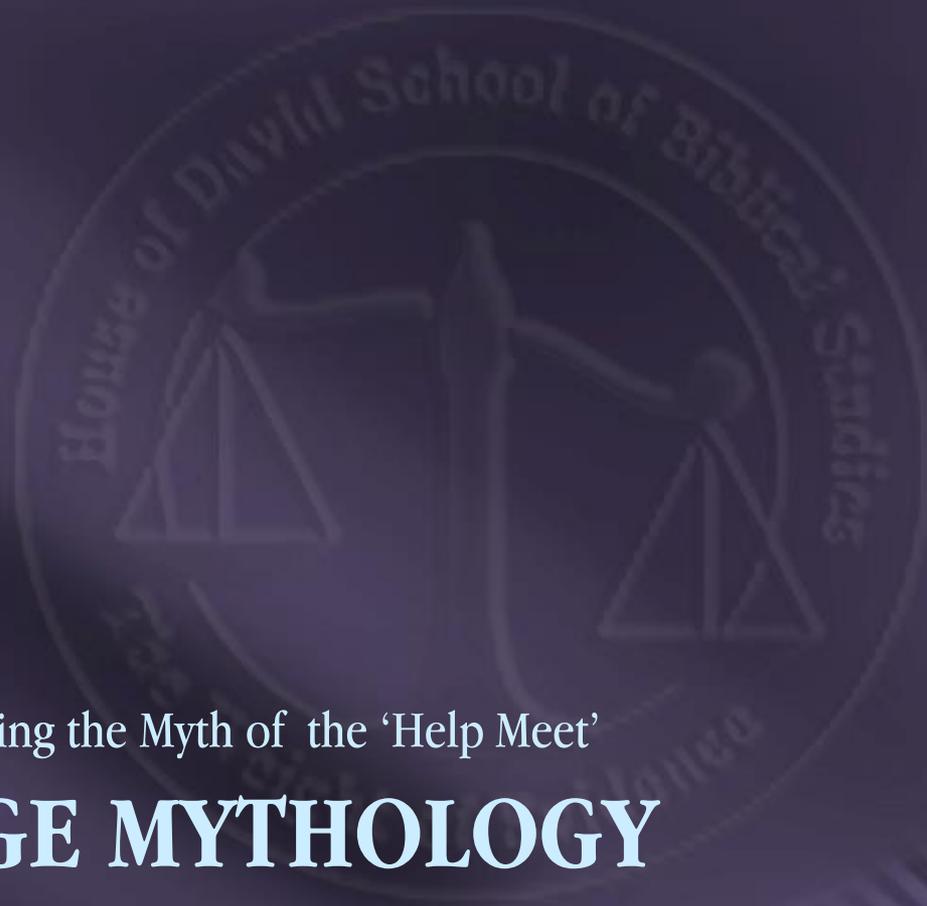
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I counsel thee to
buy of me gold
tried in the fire...
Revelation 3:18





Part Two: Debunking the Myth of the 'Help Meet'

MARRIAGE MYTHOLOGY

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Please remove
all
colored glasses.

Fine Print: Failure to do so
may result in skewed vision
and *may* interfere with the work of
The Ruach HaKodesh.

DO NOT BELIEVE WHAT WE SAY

Do your own homework.
Study the Word.
See for yourself.

Acts 17:11 (ESV) Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

Part 1 Review: Myths Debunked

- “The (man) Adam was created before the (woman) Eve, showing that the priority and superiority of the man was ordained by God.”

(Cardinal Order = Importance)

- “Man’s authority over woman is illustrated by her being taken out of man, being made from his rib.” (Source = Subjugation Design)
- “Man was made in the image of Yahweh, but Woman was made in the image of man.”
- “Yahweh gave Adam (the man), but not Eve (the woman) dominion over the earth.”

(Manager + Secretary/Maid/Nanny)

Genesis 2:7 (KJV*)

“And Yahweh Elohim formed ha adam of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and ha adam became a **living soul**.”

וַיִּצְרֶה יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם עָפָר מִן־הָאֲדָמָה וַיִּפַּח בְּאַפָּיו
נְשָׁמַת חַיִּים וַיְהִי הָאָדָם לְנֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה:

living = **chayah** = Strong's #H2416, TWOT #644a

soul = **nephesh** = Strong's #H5315, TWOT #1395a

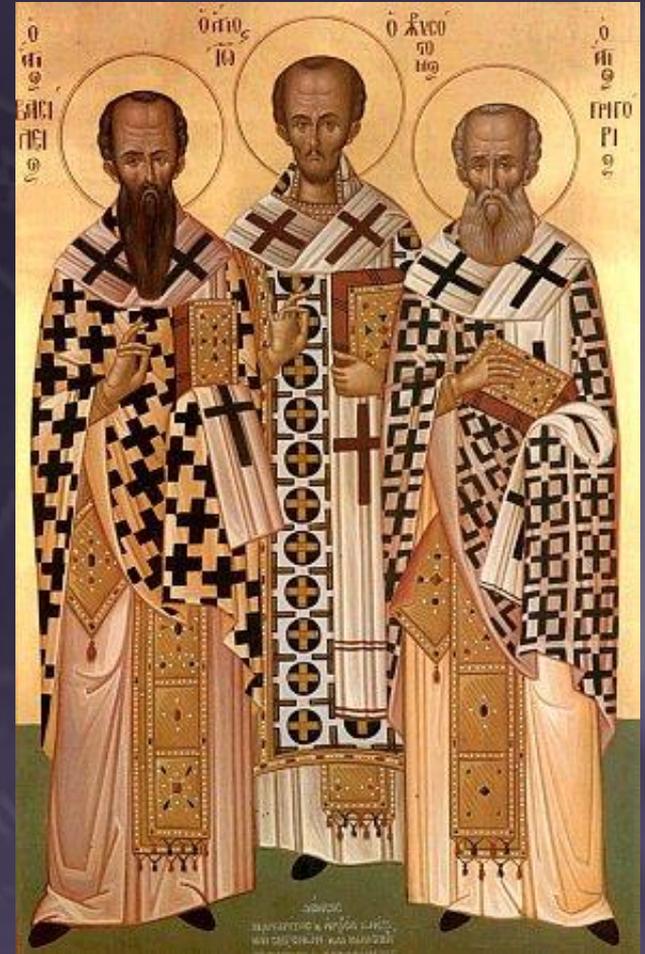
Both feminine words!

The Church Fathers

*The prophet Jeremiah was right:
"...the Gentiles shall come unto
thee from the ends of the earth,
and shall say, Surely our fathers
have inherited lies..."*

Jer. 16:19 KJV

*But let's hear it from their
own mouths...*



St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae

1.92.1

“The superior makes use of his subjects for their own benefit and good. . . . For good order would have been wanting in the human family if some were not governed by others wiser than themselves. So by such a kind of subjection woman is naturally subject to man, because in man the discretion of reason predominates.”

St. Albertus Magnus, De Secretis Mulierum

“Woman is less qualified [than man] for moral behavior. For the woman contains more liquid than man, and it is a property of liquid to take things up easily and to hold unto them poorly. Liquids are easily moved, hence women are inconstant and curious. . . For this reason prudent men share their plans and actions least of all with their wives. Woman is a misbegotten man and has a faulty and defective nature in comparison to his. Therefore she is unsure in herself. What she cannot get, she seeks to obtain through lying and diabolical deceptions. And so, to put it briefly, one must be on one's guard with every woman, as if she were a poisonous snake and the horned devil.”

WHAT WERE THESE RABBIS THINKING?



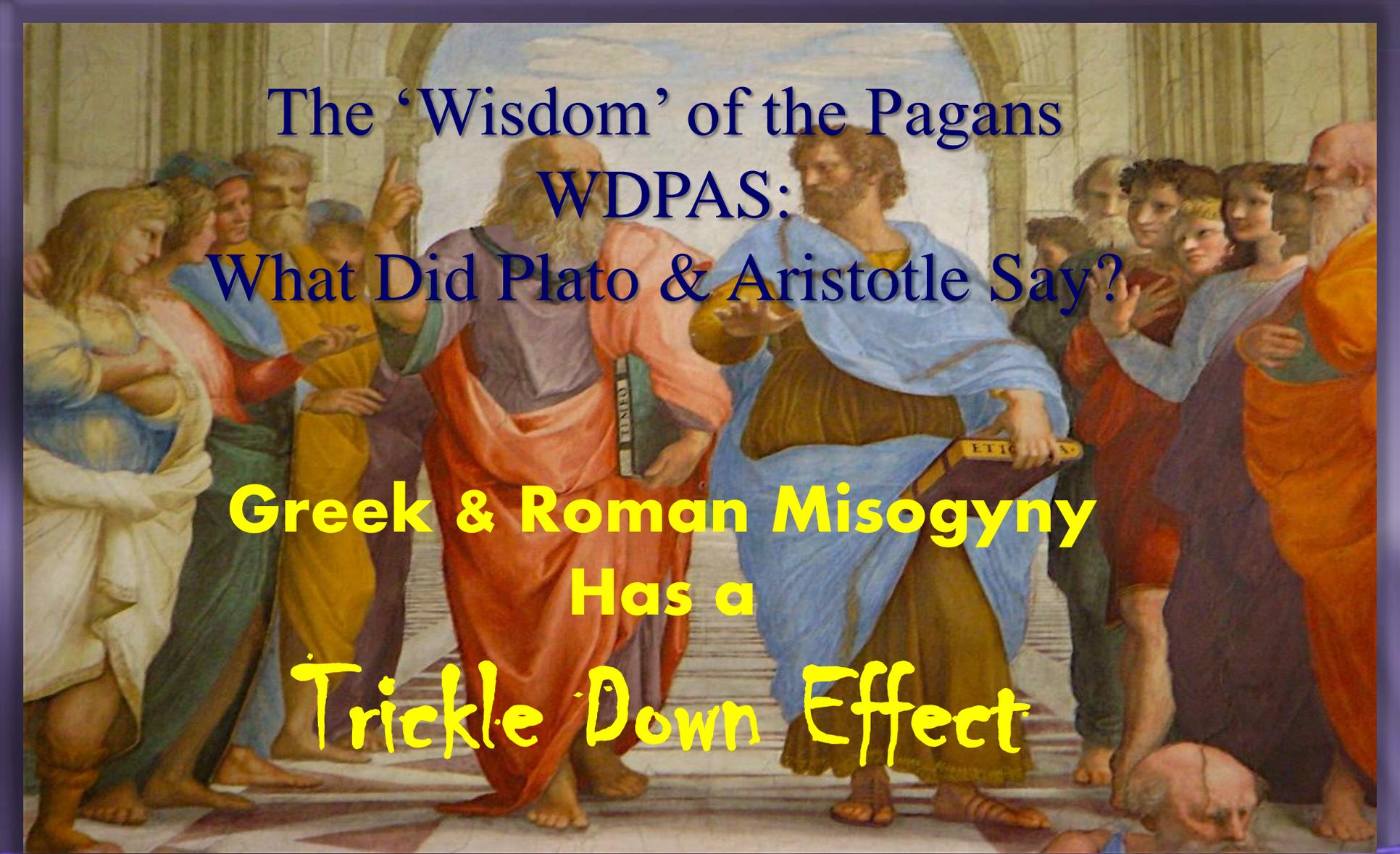
Hellenization, Muslim rule and the strange things that happened while in Babylon...

Rabbi Joshua, Bereshit Rabbah 17:7-8

“And why is a man easily appeased, but not a woman?’ ‘Man was created from the earth,’ he answered, and when you pour a drop of water on it, it immediately absorbs it; but Eve was created from bone which even if you soak many days in water does not become saturated”

Morning Blessings, Artscroll Siddur, p. 12

"Blessed are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the
Universe, who has not made me a woman."

The background of the slide is a reproduction of Raphael's fresco 'The School of Athens'. It depicts various ancient Greek philosophers in a grand architectural setting. Plato is on the left, pointing upwards, and Aristotle is on the right, gesturing downwards. Other figures include Pythagoras, Socrates, and various students. The scene is set in a classical building with arches and columns.

The 'Wisdom' of the Pagans

WDPAS:

What Did Plato & Aristotle Say?

Greek & Roman Misogyny

Has a

Trickle Down Effect

Pericles' Funeral Oration as recorded by Thucydides

“Perhaps I should say a word or two on the duties of women to those among you who are now widowed. I can say all I have to say in a short word of advice. Your great glory is not to be inferior to what God made you, and the greatest glory of a woman is to be least talked about by men, whether they are praising you or criticizing you.”

Xenophon, On Household Management

7.30-31

“For it is better for a woman to remain indoors than to go outside, and it is more disgraceful for a man to remain inside than to take care of the work outside. If anyone does something contrary to the nature the god gave him, it is quite possible that his disorderliness will not escape the notice of the gods and that he will pay the penalty for ignoring his proper work or doing a woman's work.”

Aristotle, Politica, 1254 b 10-14

“It is the best for all tame animals to be ruled by human beings. For this is how they are kept alive. In the same way, the relationship between the male and the female is by nature such that the male is higher, the female lower, that the male rules and the female is ruled.”

Common Teachings About Marriage

Misconceptions...

Lies...

Confusion...

Deception...

All have the same net effect:

Destruction



Let's Re-examine What We've Been Taught...

You Have Heard It Said

“The woman (Eve) was created to be an assistant (help meet) for the man (Adam) in his role of taking dominion.”

(CEO and his Secretary/Maid/Nanny)

Mini Hebrew Grammar Lesson

“The Semitic languages have certain characteristic features which set them apart from other language families. Among those characteristics which are found particularly in Hebrew...the roots are mostly purely consonantal and trilateral; **the consonantal skeleton of the word expresses the general notion, whereas the vowels express the various modalities which determine this notion.**”

-A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew by Jouon-Muraoka Page 7

Mini Hebrew Grammar Lesson

“Stems in Hebrew, as in the other Semitic languages, have this peculiarity, that by far **the majority of them consist of three consonants**. **On these the meaning essentially depends**, while the various modifications of the idea are expressed rather by changes in the vowels...”

Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar, page 99.

Mini Hebrew Grammar Lesson

"If we know the **meaning of a root** and the rules of inflexion and morphology, it is usually possible to **work out for ourselves the meaning of cognate forms** [that is, forms from the same root]."

G. B. Caird as quoted in *An Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax* by Waltke and O'Connor. Page 85.

Genesis 1: 27 (KJV*)

“So Elohim created ha adam in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them.”

וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאָדָם בְּצַלְמוֹ בְּצַלְם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ
זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה בָּרָא אֹתָם:

- Male = zakar (Strong's #H2145, TWOT #551e)
- Female = nēqevah (Strong's #H5347, TWOT #1409b)

Male / Zakar

- Root cognate means: remember, recollect, think about, meditate upon, pay attention to
- Meaning implies *inward mental states accompanied by external acts*
- For example: (shema) שְׁמַע וּפַעַל: hear and do, hear and obey (Strong's #H8085, TWOT #2412)
- Part of bearing Elohim's image

Exodus 2:24 (KJV*)

“And Elohim heard their groaning, and Elohim **zakar** his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.”

וַיִּשְׁמַע אֱלֹהִים אֶת־נַאֲקֹתָם וַיִּזְכֹּר אֱלֹהִים אֶת־בְּרִיתוֹ
אֶת־אַבְרָהָם אֶת־יִצְחָק וְאֶת־יַעֲקֹב:

Leviticus 26:45 (KJV*)

“But I will for their sakes **zakar** the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their Elohim: I am Yahweh.”

וְזָכַרְתִּי לָהֶם בְּרִית רְאֵשִׁימִים אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִי-אֹתָם
מִמֶּצְרַיִם מִצְרַיִם לְעֵינֵי הַגּוֹיִם לְהִיֵּת לָהֶם לֵאלֹהִים אֲנִי
יְהוָה:

Numbers 15:40 (KJV*)

And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and **zakar** all the commandments of Yahweh, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring: That ye may **zakar**, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your Elohim.

וְהָיָה לָכֶם לְצִיצִית וּרְאִיתֶם אֹתוֹ וְזָכַרְתֶּם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹת יְהוָה
וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֹתָם וְלֹא-תִתְּרוּ אַחֲרַי לְבַבְכֶם וְאַחֲרַי עֵינֵיכֶם
אֲשֶׁר-אַתֶּם זֹנִים לְמַעַן תִּזְכְּרוּ וַעֲשִׂיתֶם אֶת-כָּל-מִצְוֹתַי
וְהִייתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים לֵאלֹהֵיכֶם: אַחֲרֵיהֶם:

Female / Nəqevah

- Root cognate means
 - a) to pierce, to bore, to make a hole
 - b) designated, singled out, appointed leader, chief, one who scrutinizes as a leader
- Root: **naqav** = Strong's #H5344, TWOT #1409
- Part of bearing Yahweh's image

2Kings 12:9 (KJV*)

“But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and **naqav** a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of Yahweh: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of Yahweh.”

וַיִּקַּח הַכֹּהֵן אֶרֶון אֶחָד וַיִּקַּב חֹר בְּדַלְתוֹ וַיִּתֵּן אֹתוֹ
אֶצֶל הַמִּזְבֵּחַ בַּיְמִין בְּבֹא־אִישׁ בֵּית יְהוָה וַנִּתְּנוּ־שָׁמָּה
הַכֹּהֲנִים שְׁמֵרֵי הַסֶּף אֶת־כָּל־הַכֶּסֶף הַמּוּבָא בֵּית־יְהוָה:

Root: naqav = Strong's #H5344, TWOT #1409

2 Chronicles 28:15 (KJV*)

“And the men which were **naqav** by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.”

וַיִּקְמוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים אֲשֶׁר-נִקְבוּ בְּשֵׁמוֹת וַיַּחֲזִיקוּ בַשְּׂבִיָּה וְכָל-מַעֲרַמֵיהֶם
הִלְבִּישׁוּ מִן-הַשָּׁלָל וַיַּלְבְּשׁוּם וַיַּנְעִלוּם וַיֹּאכְלוּם וַיַּשְׁקוּם וַיִּסְכּוּם וַיַּנְהִלוּם
בַּחֲמָרִים לְכָל-כּוֹשֵׁל וַיְבִיאוּם יְרֵחוֹ עִיר-הַתְּמָרִים אֶצֶל אַחֵיהֶם וַיָּשׁוּבוּ
שִׁמְרוֹן: פ

Root: **naqav** = Strong's #H5344, TWOT #1409

Isaiah 62:2 (KJV*)

“And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new **naqav**, which the mouth of Yahweh shall name.”

וְרָאוּ גוֹיִם צְדִיקָה וְכָל-מְלָכִים כְּבוֹדָה וְקָרָא לָהּ שֵׁם
חֲדָשׁ אֲשֶׁר פִּי יְהוָה יִקְרָאנוּ:

Root: **naqav** = Strong's #H5344, TWOT #1409

Female / Nēqevah

- Another root cognate means a purposeful boundary, a prepared setting for a precious stone, a bezel for a gem, technical term for a jeweler's work
- Root: **neqev** = Strong's #H5345, TWOT #1409a
- Part of bearing Yahweh's image

Ezekiel 28:13 (KJV*)

“You were in Eden, the garden of Elohim; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and **neqev** (jewelry mountings) were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared.”

בְּעֵדֶן גַּן־אֱלֹהִים הָיִיתָ כָּל־אֶבֶן יְקָרָה מְסֻכָּתָהּ אֲדָם פְּטֹדָה
וַיְהִלִּם תְּרֻשִׁישׁ שִׁהֵם וַיִּשְׁפֶּה סַפִּיר נֹפֶה וּבְרֻקַּת וְזָהָב
מְלֻאכֶת תְּפִיף וּנְקֵבָיֶה בְּיָוִם הַבְּרָאָה כֹּונֹו:

Root: neqev = Strong's #H5345, TWOT #1409a

A “Precious Stone”?

“And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that ha **adam** should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

Genesis 2:18 (KJV*)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא-טוֹב הָיְתָה הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
אֶעֱשֶׂה-לּוֹ עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ:

adam = Strong's #H120, TWOT #25a

A “Precious Stone”?

“And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four rows of stones: the first row shall be a **odem**, a topaz, and a carbuncle: this shall be the first row.” Exodus 28:17 (KJV*)

וּמְלֵאֲתָ בּוֹ מְלֵאֲתַת אֶבֶן אַרְבָּעָה טוּרִים אֶבֶן טוּר **אֹדֶם** פְּטוּדָה
וּבְרֻקַּת הַטּוּר הָאֶחָד:

odem = Strong's #H124, TWOT #26c

Means ruby, carnelian, red *precious stone*

Why Was Woman Built?

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. And Yahweh Elohim said, It is **not good** that ha adam **should be alone**; I will make him an help meet for him.” Genesis 2:17-18 (KJV*)

וַיַּעַץ הַדְּעַת טוֹב וָרָע לֹא תֹאכַל מִמֶּנּוּ כִּי בַיּוֹם אֲכָלְךָ
מִמֶּנּוּ מוֹת תָּמוּת:

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא-טוֹב הָיִיתָ הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
אָעֲשֶׂה-לּוֹ עֵזֶר כְּנֶגְדּוֹ:

“Good”

- **tov** = Strong’s #H2896, TWOT #793a
- Means good, pleasant, happy, rich, valuable in estimation, appropriate, better (comparative)
- “Behold, how **tov** and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” Psalm 133:1 (KJV)
- “And when Balaam saw that it was **tov** (in the eyes of) Yahweh to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.” Numbers 24:1 (KJV*)
- “How fair is thy love, my sister, my spouse! **Tov** is thy love than wine! and the smell of thine ointments than all spices!” Song of Songs 4:10 (KJV)

“Not”

“Thou shalt not kill.” Exodus 20:13 (KJV)

לֹא תִרְצַח

lo = “it is never the case that...”

“And Yahweh appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of” Genesis 26:2

(KJV*)

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהֵי יְהוָה וַיֹּאמֶר אֶל-תִּירַד מִצְרַיִם שָׁכֵן בְּאֶרֶץ אֲשֶׁר אֹמַר
אֵלֶיךָ:

al = “not the case in this moment”

“Should Be”

- Heyot = Strong’s #H1961, TWOT #491
- Means to be, become, come to pass, exist, happen
- Gnostic tense expresses general truths is considered neutral by not limiting action, in particular, to the past, present, or future
- Not just speaking about Adam – all men

“Alone”

- bad = Strong's #H905, TWOT #201a
- Means to be separate and isolated, by oneself, apart, empty
- “I watch, and am as a sparrow **alone** upon the house top.” Psalm 102:7 (KJV)
- “And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king **only**” 2Samuel 17:2 (KJV)
- “And Jacob was left **alone**; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day.” Genesis 32:24 (KJV)

What Did Yahweh Call Her?

“And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that ha adam should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** for him.”

Genesis 2:18 (KJV*)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא-טוֹב הָיִיתָ הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
אֶעֱשֶׂה-לּוֹ **עֵזֶר** **כְּנֶגְדּוֹ**:

- **help** = ezer = Strong's #H5828, TWOT #1598a
- **meet** = k'negdo = Strong's #H5048, TWOT #1289a

With What Should She 'Help'?

- Were there any children?
- Any troublesome toil?
- Any dishes or laundry?
- Vacuuming? Dry cleaning?
- Grocery shopping?
- Diapers to wash?
- “Women’s work”?

What Did He *Not* Call Her?

- עֶבֶד = ebed = slave, servant, subject
(Strong's #H5650, TWOT #1553a)
- אַמָּה = amah = maid servant, handmaid,
female slave
(Strong's #H519, TWOT #112)
- Terms indicating subservience or domestic
service

What is an 'ezer' In Scripture?

- עֵזֶר = Strong's #H5828, TWOT #1598a
- Masculine noun referring to woman
- 21 verses contain this word
- 2 about the Woman Yahweh built
- 3 about other people
- 16 about Yahweh Elohim Himself
- **But what does it mean???**

The Woman As 'ezer'

“And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that ha adam should be alone; I will make him an **ezer** meet for him.”

Genesis 2:18 (KJV*)

וַיִּקְרָא הָאָדָם שְׁמוֹת לְכָל-הַבְּהֵמָה וְלַעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם
וְלִכְל חַיֵּית הַשָּׂדֶה וְלָאָדָם לֹא-מָצָא **עֵזֶר** כְּנֶגְדּוֹ:

Someone Else As 'ezer'

“Now when they shall fall, they shall receive **azar** with a little **ezer**: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.” Daniel 11:34 (KJV*)

וּבְהִפְשָׁלָם יֵעָזְרוּ. יֵעָזֵר מְעַט וְנָלוּ. עֲלֵיהֶם רַבִּים
בַּחֲלָקִים לְקוֹת:

azar = verb form of ezer

(Strong's #H5826, TWOT #1598)

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“And the name of the other was Eliy’**ezer**; for the Elohim of my father, said he, was mine **ezer**, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:” Exodus 18:4 (KJV*)

וְשֵׁם הָאֶחָד אֱלִיעֶזֶר כִּי-אֱלֹהֵי אָבִי בְּעֶזְרִי
וַיַּצֵּלְנִי מִמַּחֲרֵב פַּרְעֹה:

Eliy’ezer = “Elohim is My Ezer”

(Strong’s #H461, Gesenius: “to whom Elohim is ezer”)

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, Yahweh, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be **sufficient** for him; and be thou an **ezer** to him from his enemies.” Deuteronomy 33:7 (KJV*)

זֹאת לַיהוּדָה וַיֹּאמֶר שְׁמַע יְהוָה קוֹל יְהוּדָה
וְאֶל-עַמּוֹ תִבְיָאֵנוּ יָדָיו רַב לּוֹ וְעֵזֶר מִצָּרָיו
תְּהִיָּה: ֹ

Sufficient = great, mighty

Strong's # H7227, TWOT #2099a

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“There is none like unto the El of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy **ezer**, and in his excellency on the sky.” Deuteronomy 33:26 (KJV*)

אֵין כָּאֵל יִשְׁרוּן רֹכֵב שָׁמַיִם בְּעֶזְרָךְ וּבְגֹאֲתוֹ
שְׁחֻקִים:

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by Yahweh, the shield of thy **ezer**, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”

Deuteronomy 33:29 (KJV*)

אֲשֶׁרִיךָ יִשְׂרָאֵל מִי כְמוֹךָ עִם נוֹשֵׁעַ בְּיַהוָה מִגֵּן
עֲזָרְךָ וְאֲשֶׁר-חָרַב גְּאֹתְךָ וַיִּכְחָשׁוּ אִיְבִיךָ לָךְ
וְאֶתָּה עַל-בְּמוֹתֵימוֹ תִדְרֹךְ: ֹ

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“But I am poor and needy: make haste unto me, Elohim:
thou art my **ezer** and my deliverer; Yahweh, make no
tarrying.” Psalm 70:5 (KJV*)

וְאֲנִי עָנִי וְאֲבִיוֹן אֱלֹהִים חֹשֶׁה-לִּי עֶזְרִי וּמִפְלֹטִי
אֶתָּה יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֲבֹתָנוּ:

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid **ezer** upon **one that is mighty**; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.” Psalm 89:19 (KJV*)

אֶזְרָא דְּבִרְתְּ-בְּחִזּוֹן לְחִסְיָדֶיךָ וַתֹּאמֶר שְׂוִיתִי **עֶזְרָא**
עַל-**גִּבּוֹר** הַרְיִמוֹתַי בְּחֹר מִמָּעַם:

‘one that is mighty’ = **gibor** = a mighty warrior
(Strong’s #H1368, TWOT #310b)

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“[[A Song of degrees.]] I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my **ezer**. My **ezer** cometh from Yahweh, which made heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

(KJV*)

נְשִׁיר לְמַעְלוֹת אֲשָׁא עֵינַי אֶל־הַהָרִים מֵאֵין יְבֹא

עֲזָרִי:

עֲזָרִי מֵעַם יְהוָה עֲשֵׂה נְשִׁמַּיִם וְאָרֶץ:

Yahweh Elohim as 'ezer'

“Our **ezer** is in the name of Yahweh, who made heaven and earth.” Psalm 124:8 (KJV*)

עֲזָרְנוּ בְּשֵׁם יְהוָה עֹשֵׂה שָׁמַיִם וָאָרֶץ:

Verb 'azar' in Scripture

- עֲזַר (same three letters as 'ezer')
- Verb form of 'ezer'
 - an action/function word
- Strong's #H5826, TWOT #1598
(same TWOT # as 'ezer')
- Means to help, to aid, to deliver
- 77 verses contain this word

1Samuel 7:12 (KJV*)

“Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it **Ebenezer**, saying, Hitherto hath Yahweh **azar[ed]** us.”

וַיִּקַּח שְׂמוּאֵל אֶבֶן אַחַת וַיִּשֶׂם בֵּין הַמִּצְפָּה וּבֵין
הַשֵּׁן וַיִּקְרָא אֶת־שְׁמָהּ אֶבֶן הָעֶזֶר וַיֹּאמֶר
עַד־הַנֶּה **עֶזְרָנוּ** יְיָהוָה:

Eben'ezer = Strong's #H72, TWOT #1598 = stone of
ezer

2Chronicles 18:31 (KJV*)

“And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Yahweh **azar**[ed] him; and Elohim moved them to depart from him.”

וְהִי כִּרְאוֹת שָׂרֵי הָרֶכֶב אֶת־יְהוֹשָׁפָט וְהָמָה
אָמְרוּ מֶלֶךְ יִשְׂרָאֵל הוּא וַיִּסְבּוּ עָלָיו לְהִלָּחֵם
וַיִּזְעַק יְהוֹשָׁפָט וַיְהִי עֲזָרוֹ וַיִּסִּיתֵם אֱלֹהִים
מִמֶּנּוּ:

2Chronicles 19:2 (KJV*)

“And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou **azar** the ungodly, and love them that hate Yahweh? therefore is wrath upon thee from before Yahweh.”

וַיֵּצֵא אֶל־פָּנָיו יְהוֹאָחָז בֶּן־חַנָּנִי הַחִזְקִי וַיֹּאמֶר
אֶל־הַמֶּלֶךְ יְהוֹשָׁפָט הֲלוֹשָׁפֵט לַעֲזֹר וּלְשֹׂנְאֵי
יְהוָה תֵּאָהָב וּבְזֹאת עָלֶיךָ קִצְף מִלְּפָנֵי יְהוָה:

Wrapping Up 'azar'

- 81 occurrences of 'azar'
 - 38 refer to Yahweh Elohim
 - 38 of an equal or higher rank/position
 - 5 of a possible lesser 'rank'
- An action/function word in which 'rank' or hierarchy is irrelevant
- Based on need or lack – something a person is incapable of doing on their own

Wrapping up 'azar'

- “And Yahweh Elohim said, **It is not good that ha adam should be alone**; I will make him an help meet for him.” Genesis 2:18 (KJV*)
- King on a horse analogy:
Who is dependent upon whom?

'ezer' in Ancient Hebrew

- “The Hebrew word זָעַר is a combination of two roots, one זָרַע meaning “to rescue,” “to save,” and the other זָרַע meaning “to be strong.”
- “With the merger of the writing and pronunciation came the merger of meaning. The word זָעַר could mean either “to save” (זָרַע) or “to be strong” (זָרַע). But in time the root זָרַע was always interpreted as “to help,” a mixture of both nuances.”

'ezer' in Ancient Hebrew

- Carry-over words with no marking to mean a /g/ sound:

עֲזָה = pronounced **G**aza

עֲמֹרָה = pronounced **G**omorrah

- עֲזָר (ayin sound) = To rescue, save
- עֲזָר (ghayin sound) = To be strong, mighty, valiant
- עֲזָר ('ezer') includes both meanings!

'ezer' in Ancient Hebrew

- Freedman, R. David. “Woman, a Power Equal to Man.” *Biblical Archaeology Review*, Jan/Feb 1983, 56-58.
- Zevit, Ziony. “What Really Happened in the Garden of Eden?” pgs. 128-130
- Blizzard, Roy B. “Is Woman a Power Equal to Man?” *Yavo Digest*, Vol. 2, 1989, Issue 3, pg. 4

Paleo Hebrew

The Ancient Hebrew Letters
(Paleo-Hebrew Alphabet)

					
Alef Ox Strength Leader	Beyt House "In"	Gimel Foot Camel Pride	Dalet Tent Door Pathway	Hey Lo! Behold! "The"	Vav Nail Peg "And"
					
Zayin Plow Weapon Cut Off	Chet Tent Wall Fence Separation	Tet Basket Snake Surround	Yod Arm and Hand Work Deed	Kaf Palm of Hand To Open	Lamed Staff Control "To"/"From"
					
Mem Water Chaos	Nun Seed Fish Life	Samekh Hand on Staff Support Prop	Ayin Eye To See Experience	Pey Mouth Word Speak	Tsade Man on Side Desire Need
					
Qof Sun on Horizon Behind	Resh Head Person First	Shin Eat Consume Destroy	Tav Mark Sign Convenant		

'ezer' in Paleo Hebrew

Ayin = eye

Early 2,000 BC	Middle 1000 BC	Late 400 BC	Modern Today
			

Zayin = weapon

Early 2,000 BC	Middle 1000 BC	Late 400 BC	Modern Today
			

Resh = Man

Early 2,000 BC	Middle 1000 BC	Late 400 BC	Modern Today
			

'ezer' = עֵזֶר = Revealer of the Enemy

Paleo Hebrew Resources

- http://www.hebrew4christians.com/Grammar/Unit_One/Pictograms/pictograms.html
- <http://www.amazon.com/Hebrew-Word-Pictures-Alphabet-Prophetic/dp/0967972612>
- http://www.amazon.com/Introductory-Hebrew-Grammar-progressive-exercises/dp/0567010058/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1396449335&sr=1-1&keywords=introductory+hebrew+grammar+a.b.+davidson

What Did Yahweh Call Her?

“And Yahweh Elohim said, It is not good that ha adam should be alone; I will make him an **help meet** for him.”

Genesis 2:18 (KJV*)

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא-טוֹב הִיִּית הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
אֶעֱשֶׂה-לּוֹ **עֵזֶר** **כְּנֶגְדּוֹ**:

- **help** = ezer = Strong's #H5828, TWOT #1598a
- **meet** = k'negdo = Strong's #H5048, TWOT #1289a

K'negdo

- Hapax legomenon: only once used
- Combination of two prepositions
- ׀ = particle preposition = like, as
- נגד = neged = root verb
(Strong's # H5048, TWOT #1289a)
- Neged means: before your face, over against, opposite, in front of

1Kings 8:22 (KJV*)

“And Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh **neged** all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven”

וַיַּעֲמֵד שְׁלֹמֹה לְפָנָיו מִזְבֵּחַ יְהוָה **נֶגֶד**
כָּל־קְהַל יִשְׂרָאֵל וַיִּפְרֹשׂ כַּפָּיו הַשָּׁמַיִם:

Jeremiah 16:17 (KJV*)

“For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid **neged** mine eyes.”

כִּי עֵינַי עַל-כָּל-דַּרְכֵיהֶם לֹא נִסְתָּרוּ. מִלְּפָנַי
וְלֹא-נִצְּפָן עֲוֹנָם מִנֶּגֶד עֵינַי:

Putting Terms Together

- ‘ezer’ = power, strength, savior, rescuer, military ally, guide, Helper (like Yahweh)
- ‘neged’ = before your face, over against, opposite, in front of

‘ezer k’negdo’ = A power opposite

Rashi from Gen. Rabbah 17:3

“If the man is worthy, then his wife will be an ‘ezer’ (a helper), and if he’s unworthy, she’ll be a ‘kenegdo’, (against him, an opposite force).”

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (KJV*)

“Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his **fellow**: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.”

כִּי אִם-יִפְּלוּ הָאֶחָד יִקִּים אֶת-חֵבְרוֹ וְאִילוּ הָאֶחָד נְשִׁיפּוּל וְאִין
שְׁנֵי לְהִקְיָמוֹ: טוֹבִים הַשְּׁנַיִם מִן-הָאֶחָד אֲשֶׁר יִשְׁלָהֶם שָׁכַר
טוֹב בְּעִמְלָם:

Fellow = from root word meaning ‘to join forces’, to join or unite, i.e. companion or associate

Strong’s # H2270, TWOT #598c)

It Doesn't Get Better Than This

“And Elohim saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” Genesis 1:31 (KJV*)

וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה וְהִנֵּה-טוֹב
מְאֹד וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם הַשְּׁשִׁי: פ

Very = me'od = very, exceedingly, greatly

Gesenius: “in the highest degree”

(Strong's #H3966, TWOT #1134)



Textual Criticism for Bereans

Uh, oh. It looks like
someone
has 'doctored' the
text...

Inadequate Translations

- KJV: help meet
- CJB: companion suitable for helping
- ESV: helper fit
- NIV: helper suitable
- Jerusalem Bible: helpmate
- NJPS: a fitting helper
- Amplified Bible: an aid fit for him
- NKJV: helper comparable to him

If Torah Means Instruction...

“All scripture is given by inspiration of Elohim, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of Elohim may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2Timothy 3:16-17 (KJV*)

Do these words and verses count?

Jeremiah 31:31 (KJV*)

“Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will make a **new** covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah”

הִנֵּה יָמִים בָּאִים נֹאֲמֵ-יְהוָה וְכָרַתִּי אֶת-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל
וְאֶת-בֵּית יְהוּדָה בְּרִית **חֲדָשָׁה**

‘new’ = **chadashah** = renewed
(Strong’s #H2319, TWOT #613a)

Jeremiah 31:22 (KJV*)

“How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for Yahweh hath created a **new** thing in the earth,
A neqevah shall compass a man.”

עַד־מַתִּי תִתְחַמְּקִין הַבַּת הַשׁוֹבְבָה כִּי־בָרָא יְהוָה
חֲדָשָׁה בְּאֶרֶץ נִקְבָּה תִסּוּבֵב גְּבֵר:

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בְּאֶרֶץ נִקְבָּה תִּסְוֵב גְּבֵר:

compass = **savav** = encircle

(Strong's #H5437, TWOT #1456)

Jeremiah 31:22 (KJV*)

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בְּאֶרֶץ נִקְבָּה תִסּוּבֵב גְּבֵרָה:

neqevah = *to bore, to make a hole, one who scrutinizes as a leader, a purposeful boundary, a prepared setting for a precious stone*

Not 'ishshah – “woman” (Strong’s #H802, TWOT #137a)

Jeremiah 31:22 (KJV*)

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בְּאֶרֶץ נְקֻבָּה תִּסּוּב **גֵּבֶר**:

man = **gever** = warrior

(Strong's #H1397, TWOT #310a)

You Have Heard It Said

“The woman (Eve) was created to be a help meet to the man (Adam) in his primary role of taking dominion.”

(CEO + Maid/Nanny/Secretary)

Debunked!



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