

Genesis 2:7-8 Then the Lord God *formed* a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had *formed*.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance:

earthen, fashion, form, frame, maker, potter, purpose

Identical with 'yatsar'

(through the *squeezing into shape*);

to mould into a form; especially as a potter

Genesis 1:27 – God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Strong's Exhaustive Concordance

zakar – 'Remember'

(Not just calling to mind but doing something)

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.

The word **ezer (Helper)** The noun is masculine but it is about “woman”. This same noun is used to describe God’s relationship to Israel.

Ezer occurs twenty-one times in the Old Testament. Twice it is used to describe the first woman. Nineteen times it is used directly or indirectly in reference to God as a helper. Without exception, these texts are talking about a **vital, urgent, powerful God-kind of help**

Genesis 2:16-18: And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

The connection between these verses – help to obey the commandment...

Genesis 2:18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper *suitable* for him.”

Strong's Concordance

The word **nagad** - front, i.e. Part opposite; specifically a counterpart, over against or in front of.

Genesis 2:22 Then the Lord God made a woman
from the rib he had taken out of the man,
and he brought her to the man.

The word banah - a primitive root: **to build or construct** (Implies working according to a plan!)

KJV: 'Fashioned'

Genesis 2:23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”

Strong's Concordance

ishah: woman, wife, female

Original Word: אִשָּׁה

Part of Speech: Noun Feminine

Transliteration: ishshah

Phonetic Spelling: (ish-shaw)

Definition: woman, wife, female

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Strong's Concordance

ish: man

Original Word: אִישׁ

Part of Speech: Noun Masculine

Transliteration: ish

Phonetic Spelling: (eesh)

Definition: man

Ish and Ishah

Hosea 2:16 (New American Standard Bible)

"It will come about in that day," declares the LORD,
"That you will call Me **Ishi** And will no longer call Me
Baali.

Hosea 2:16 (New International Version)

"In that day," declares the LORD, "you will call me
'my **husband**'; you will no longer call me 'my
master.'

The Hebrew word for man is 'ish', spelled aleph, yod, shin. Remove the yod and you have aleph-shin or esh, meaning fire. The Hebrew word for woman is 'ishah', spelled aleph, shin heh. Remove the heh and, once again, you have esh, meaning fire.

Ish = Man

Sheen

Yod

Aleph

Ishah = Woman

Hey

Sheen

Aleph

Yah = LORD

Hey

Yod

Genesis 2:24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Why is the woman not mentioned?

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

Why did the serpent approach the **woman**?

Genesis 3:6 When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. *She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

Some say it is because she was the weaker one, but let's take a closer look at the text...

Genesis 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened,
and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig
leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

**Where do you have to look to know that you are
naked? Self-focus now instead of the God-focus
they had before.**

Genesis 3:8-9 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9

But the Lord God called to the man, *“Where are you?”*

Something catastrophic has taken place. They are 'gone' from God...

Genesis 3:12-13 The man said, *“The woman you put here with me* she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, *“What is this you have done?”*

God does not dismiss what Adam says, but immediately turns to the woman...

Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said, “I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. *Your desire will be for your husband,*
and he will rule over you.”

An indication that things were not this way before. This is a new set of circumstances...

Genesis 3:17 To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about *which I commanded you*, ‘You must not eat from it,’ “Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life.

What was cursed and what was not...

Satan and the ground – NOT Adam and Eve...

Proverbs 31:10 – 'Ishah Chayil'

Strong's Concordance

chayil: strength, efficiency, wealth, army

Definition: strength, efficiency, wealth, army

able (5), armies (3), army (82), capability (1), capable (3), elite army (1), excellence (1), excellent (2), forces (12), full (1), goods (1), great (1), might (1), mighty (1), nobly (1), power (2), retinue (2), riches (9), strength (10), strong (2), substance (1), troops (2), valiant (45), valiantly (6), valor (18), very powerful (1), warriors (1), wealth (25), wealthy (1), worthy (1).

Proverbs 31:10 - A woman of valor...

Numbers 24:18

Deuteronomy 3:18

Joshua 1:14

Joshua 8:3

Joshua 10:7

1 Samuel 9:1

1 Samuel 16:18

1 Chronicles 5:24

Reflections...

How does Paul's New Testament perspective fit with this?

Husbands need to be aware of what they have in the woman to draw on in marriage

A new understanding for women of a joyous submission to God's new order, but still embracing all that God created them to be