

# It is Not Good For Man to be Alone

## Marriage as a Covenant

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# Why is Genesis the Model of Marriage?

- **Genesis 2:24**
- **Malachi 2:15**
- **Matthew 19:5-6 (Mark 10:8)**
- **1 Corinthians 6:16**
- **Ephesians 5:31**

# Why is Genesis the Model of Marriage?

**Proverbs 5:19**

**A loving deer and a pleasant doe! Let  
her breasts satisfy you at all times.  
And be captivated by her love always.**



# About Genesis 2-3

- Written by Mosheh
- Focus on marital relationship
- Multiple viewpoints
- Ancient Near Eastern treaty language
  - Male-oriented

# Treaty Structure of Genesis 2

- **Preamble**
  - Vs.4 יהוה Elohim
- **Historical Prologue**
  - Vs.5-14 Adam created and given the Garden
- **Stipulations**
  - Vs.15 Work and Guard (a job)
  - Vs.17a Do not eat...

# Treaty Structure of Genesis 2

- **Sanctions**
  - **Blessings:**
    - Vs.18-22 Woman made for Adam
  - **Curses:**
    - Vs.17b You will surely die
- **Dynastic Disposition**
  - Vs.24 Leave his mother and father

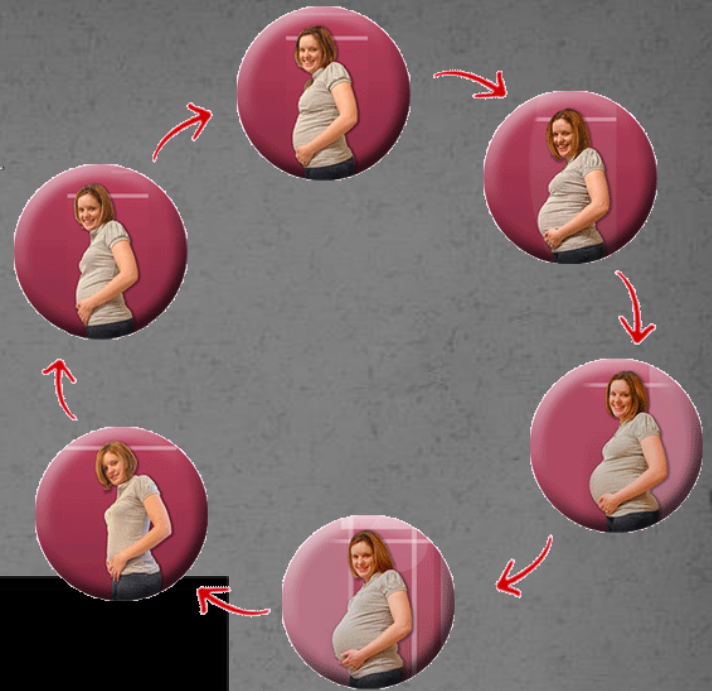


# Male and Female, created He them...

## Genesis 1:26-28

- Departure from ANE norm
- Created as king and queen
- Image-bearers of Elohim
  - Romans 9:20
- Differentiation of sexes
- Principle of the Seed

# Principle of the Seed





# It is Not Good for Man to be Alone

## Genesis 2:7-18

- What's wrong with being single?
- Why was Adam created first?
- What was the cure for man's ineptitude?
- What's about the study of Torah?

# A Helper His Opposite

- Defining עֶזֶר (*'ezer*)
  - Hosea 13:9, Isaiah 41:10;13, Psalm 33:20, Exodus 18:4
  - Subordinate or other half?
- Defining כִּנְגֵדוֹ (*kenegdo/neged*)
  - Why is it important to be “opposite”?
  - “Standing in front of while facing”
  - Much like a mirror

# Principle of the Mirror

- Wife as our mirror
- Reflection of male leadership
  - 1 Corinthians 11:1
- Amplification of the leader
- How to correct your spouse
- How to become the king



# One of His Ribs...

- **Veiling/lethargy**
  - **Similarity to Genesis 15**
- **Meaning of the word 'love'**
- **Why use the rib?**
- **Comparison to ANE literature**

# Bone of My Bone, Flesh...

- **Covenantal Oath**

- 1 Chronicles 11:1

- **COMPLIMENT**

- Why compliment *Ishah* if there were no other women around to compete with?

- *Ish and Ishah*

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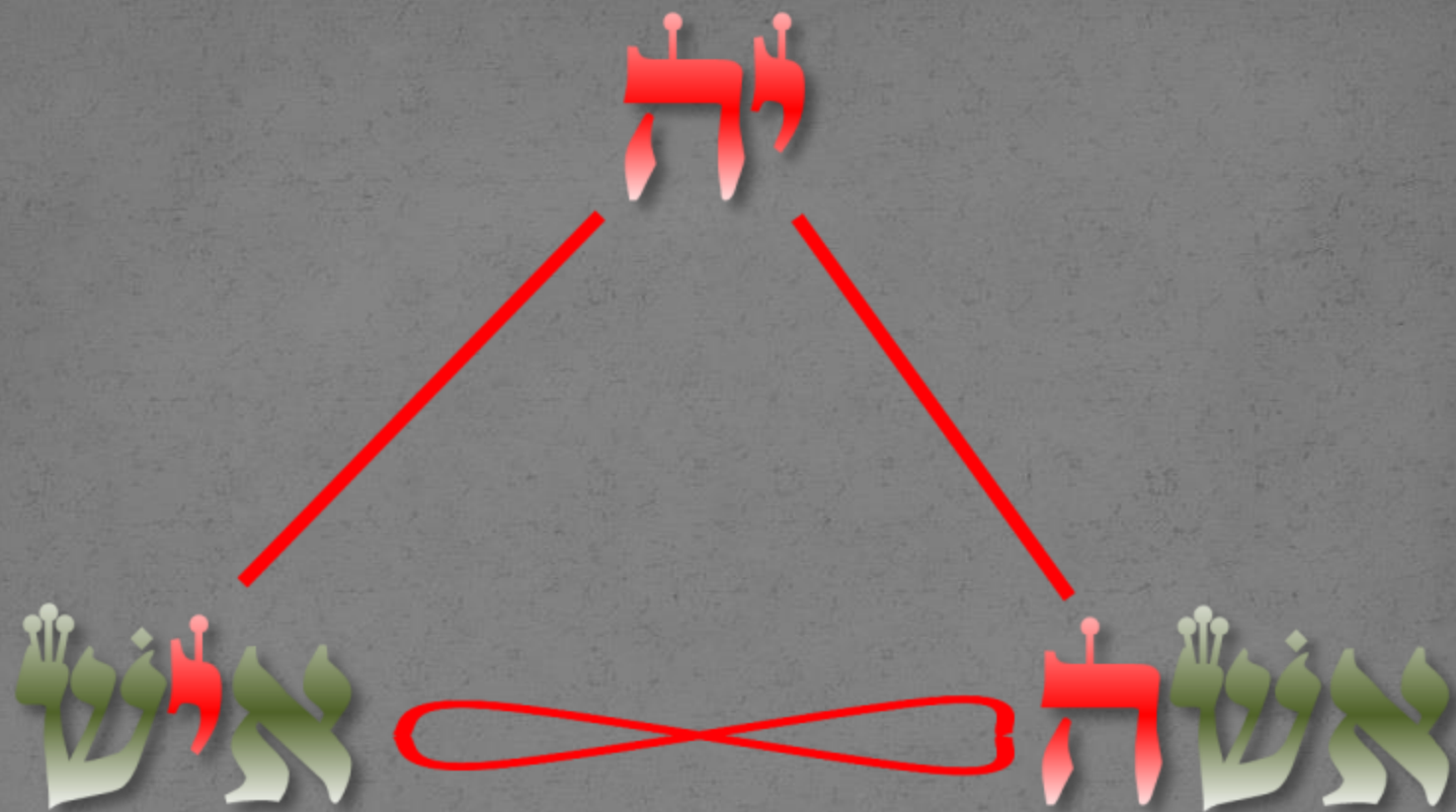
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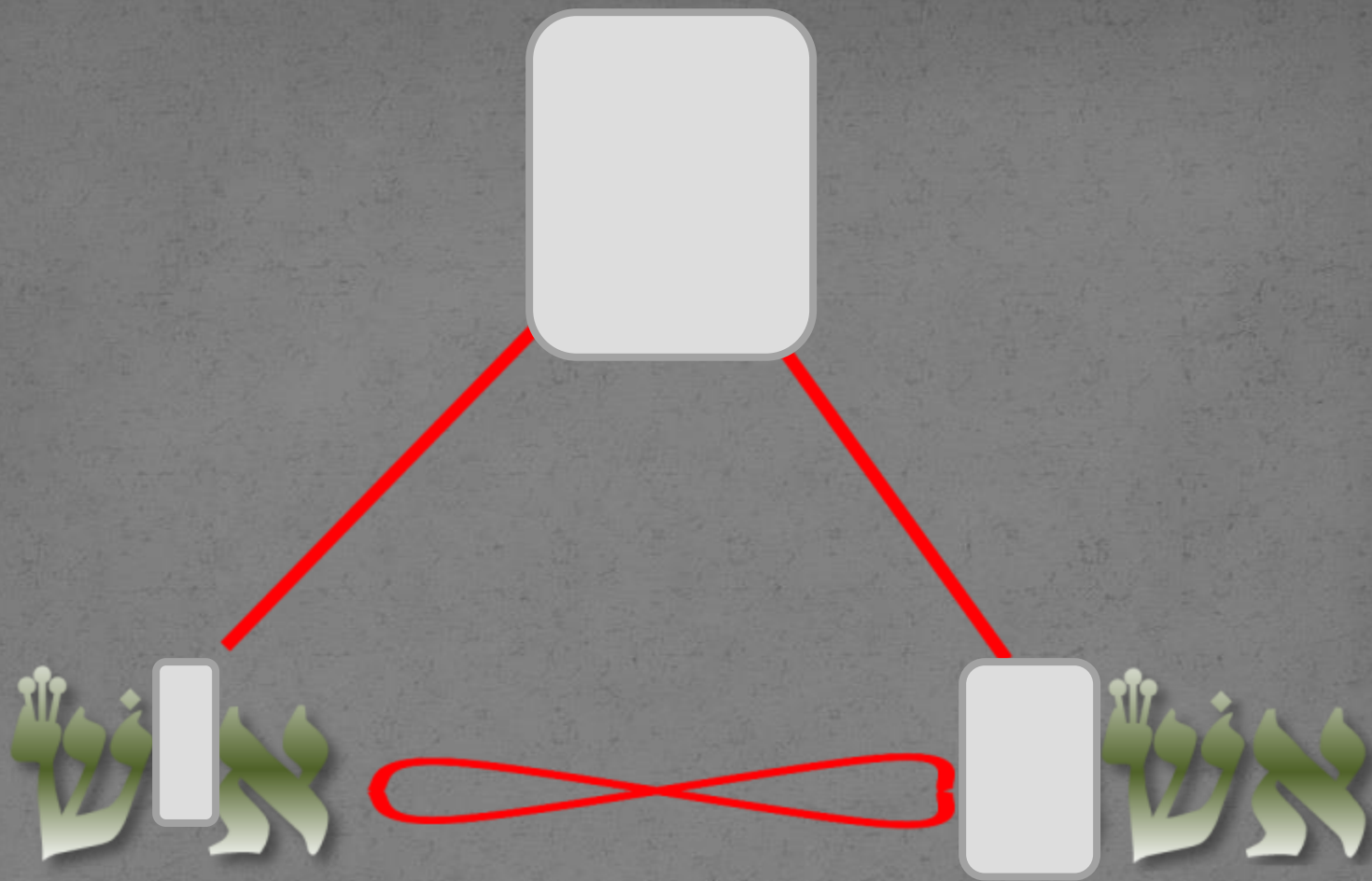
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(Woman/Wife)



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# Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one lifts his companion up. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. Also, if two lie down together, they keep warm; but how does one keep warm by himself? Although one might be overpowered, two withstand him. And a threefold cord is not readily broken.

# Ba'al vs. Ish

- *Ba'al* = husband, pagan deity, animal, or inanimate object
  - Proverbs 1:17, Isaiah 41:15
- *Ba'al* role is:
  - Owner or master, to have domination over something or someone, or decision-making member of the community
- *Ish* refers to man as counterpart or companion

# Cleave to His Wife...

- Why does the man have to leave his father?
  - ‘Leave’ (*azab*)
    - Deuteronomy 28:20
    - Comparison to ANE literature
- Dynastic disposition



# Cleave to His Wife...

- Why leave the mother?
  - You MUST put your wife first
- Cleave
  - Deut 11:22, 30:20; Ruth 1:14
- Two become *Echad Basar*
  - Ephesians 5:28-29

# Naked and Not Ashamed...

- More than physical nakedness
- *Arom* (H6174)
  - Not fully clothed or not clothed in normal manner
- *Erom* (H5903)
  - Full and shameful nudity



# The Fall





# The Fall of Mankind

- Why was the serpent in Gan Eden?
- Why does the serpent speak to *Ishah*?
- Serpent = *nachash* (H5175/5172)
  - Brass, enchantment, shining
    - Males attracted through eyes, Females through ears
- Crafty = *Arum* (H6175)

*Arom vs. Arum*

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# The Fall of Mankind

- How was the serpent 'cunning'?
  - Who received the divine mandate?
- Covenant lawsuit against the Creator
- *Ishah's* response
- Serpent's rebuttal
  - Usurping authority
  - Reversing the hierarchy



# And They Knew They were Naked

- *Erom* vs. *Arom* – shame
- Why is this written?
  - Hosea 2:3 – Stripped naked
- What is the significance of fig leaves?
- What would have been the proper course of action?

# YHVH Elohim's Covenant Lawsuit

- **Historical Prologue**
- **Calling of Witnesses**
- **Interrogation**
- **Indictment of the accused**
- **Verdict rendered**

# The Woman YOU gave Me...

- Who's fault was it?
  - Transference of authority
- The woman vs. my wife
- Taking responsibility
  - Does arguing, criticizing, or blaming ever work?
- “The serpent deceived me...”



# Indictment of *Ishah*

- Pattern: Punishment -> blessing
- *“Her desire shall be for her husband and he shall rule over her”*
  - Overcomes natural instinct
  - Difficulty in raising children

# Desire Husband, Rule over Her

- *Mashal* (H4910)
  - 2 Samuel 23:3, Proverbs 17:2, Zechariah 6:13
  - Matthew 20:25-26
- Genesis 1 – ‘subdue’ (*kabash* H3533) and ‘rule’ (*radah* H7287)
- Desire and rule
  - Genesis 4:7
- Her desire, NOT his desire

# To Adam He Said...

- Only Adam gets any explanation
- Punishment and Blessing
  - Productivity and purpose
  - Free vs. earned



# Chavah

- Change the name, change the role/function
- Restoration of marriage/Covenant renewal
  - Covenant ratification ceremony
    - Name given
    - Animal Sacrificed

# Garments of Skin

- Same terminology used in Leviticus 8:7 for the kohenim
- According to Leviticus 7:8, the skins of sacrificed animals belong exclusively to the priesthood
- (Re)adoption and reconfirmation of continuity of inheritance

# Sent out....Drove out

- Sent out = *Shalach*
  - Deuteronomy 22:19, 24:3
  - Isaiah 50:1
- Drove out = *Garash*
  - Genesis 21:10, Leviticus 21:7, 14
- Why only Adam?



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