



## THE KINGDOM ORDER OF MALE AND FEMALE

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It is often said that among all the endless topics of discussion in the world, the two most emotionally charged of all are religion and politics. If you're looking for an argument, the saying goes, raise these topics and you'll surely find one.

Over the years, I've certainly found this to be an everyday reality and then some. But I must say that in my experience, as an emotionally charged issue, absolutely nothing compares to that of the order of male and female.

No other subject even comes close, when it comes to fostering extreme tensions and bringing raw emotions to the surface. And as we all know, this is especially true among so-called African Americans. And of course, given the history of our sojourn in America, this is to be expected. After all, like ha shatan in the garden, the slave master's primary objective was/is to usurp the authority of the men of Yisrael.

And the 'modus operandi' of choice is always to "climb up the wall" as it were, by entering in through the woman, rather than through the divine gate keeper YAH ordained. Unfortunately, the resulting ill-effects of this wicked distortion of our families, and the excruciating mental, physical and emotional degradation heaped upon our people still reverberate into our modern-day experiences.

Therefore, we as faithful shepherds who have been charged with the sober responsibility of feeding the flock of Yisrael are duty bound to weigh in on this issue in full effect. To be sure, within the modern context, and yet from an Afro-asiatic Hebraic foundational frame of reference. And of course, this servant is no exception.

And so, with great sobriety -- and at the risk of being perceived as arrogant, anti-female or worse -- I must put forth that which is needful concerning this urgent matter facing the faithful remnant in this season.

### CONTEXT, CONTEXT, CONTEXT

To begin with, we must recognize that one of the most basic principles of scriptural exegesis is that a verse taken out of context becomes a pretext. Another basic truth of interpretation/explanation is that no sound doctrine can be established on the strength of one witness.

One man, one verse, one chapter, one prophet, one priest, one Prince, one Moreh, one Zaqaan or one anything else, is insufficient to establish a word of divine truth.

And like with all controversial and unsettled matters among the set-apart nation, these basic

principles have been grossly violated in learning/teaching the order of male and female.

## THE 'NEW DAY' RATIONALE

Sadly, perhaps the most common misnomer among the remnant of Yisrael comes not from the scriptures themselves, but from the vanity of this world. This lying spirit teaches that patriarchy, or drawing a distinction between male and female, is archaic -- the relic of an unenlightened past which will eventually be assigned its place on the dung heap of history...

But let us look, Yisrael, at a Torah-based reference found in the new covenant for drawing this distinction:

"But I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adahm was first formed, then Khavah/Eve. And Adahm was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression" (2 Tim. 2:12-14).

In this untoward generation -- particularly here in the midst of Egypt -- there are even those who proclaim that Y'shua is Ha Mashiakh, and yet respond to this passage as if it were uttered by ha shatan himself!

Paul, the esteemed elder and apostle who sat at the feet of the legendary Rahbi Gamaliel, reiterates as a foundation for the order of male and female, that the male form was the original creation of YAHUWAH. And beyond that, he points out that while it was Adahm who willfully sinned, the woman was deceived, and believed the lie of shatan.

The truth of the matter is, the order of male and female is not some throwback to a bygone era, but a perpetual and unchangeable divine ordinance throughout the generations of Yisrael. And until we depart from these earthly tabernacles (our physical bodies), the order of male and female remains constant, necessary, and in full effect among the righteous.

So then, the emotionally driven argument that this order is the exclusive domain of ego-driven male chauvinists who long to return to an age when women were abused with impunity is patently absurd. This argument, even when under the surface attack of a novice, simply collapses of its own weight.

## YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY

Many of us who seek to justify the removal of the order of male and female point to the awesome prophesy of Yoel /Joel, quoted by the apostle Peter on that fateful first century Shavuot -- "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy..." (Acts 2:17; Yoel 2:28).

Again, many of us have mistaken this prophecy to mean that the order of male and female has been removed in Christ!

Now to be sure, we as the holy nation would simply be incomplete without the inspired speaking of our anointed sisters! But clearly, the fact that such women were referred to in YAH's covenants with Yisrael as prophetesses' and not prophets are in and of themselves clear indications of the distinction drawn by Elohienu between male and female.

Let there be no doubt: prophesying, or speaking under the inspiration of the spirit is extremely valuable. However, there is nothing in this gifting that changes the basic order set forth in the garden of Eden. And when that order was violated, it resulted in the fall of both male and female.

## DEBORAH AND MIRIAM

Of course, many among us point to the ancient Hebrew daughters Deborah and Miriam as examples of women ruling over men.

In the case of Deborah, the great prophetess who judged in pre-Davidic Yisrael; the truth is, unlike the leadership of the other judges, it was not Deborah herself, but Barak who actually commanded the armies of Yisrael to victory.

To be sure, she prophesied the outcome. And this was without a doubt a vital contribution to saving the nation! However, it was Barak who set the battle plan and led the armies of Yisrael to victory.

Much like Nathan who prophesied to king Dawid, rightly did Deborah prophesy, declaring unto Barak, "...arise; for this is the day in which YAH hath delivered Sisera into your hand: has not yah gone out before you?" (Judges 4:14).

And finally, concerning revelation in the Torah on the role of the prophetess:

With the example of Mosheh's/Moses' sister, the prophetess Miriam, the scripture reminds us of the fate of a sister (or brother) who would call into question the YAH-ordained kingdom order of male and female.

Beloved, we're in an hour much like the historical period of the judges, with every man doing that which is right in his own eyes. And our 'judges' period is quickly drawing to an end in like manner.

This time around, the "judges" phase will again give way to a season of the "kings," but this time around, not of the tabernacle of Mosheh, but the tabernacle of David and the order of Melchizedek (Ahmos/Amos 9:11-12). HalleluYAH!

## ALL ONE IN MESSIAH

Almost without exception, across all so-called "Messianic" factions and denominations, the clarion call for the removal of gender distinction is:

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Y'shua the Messiah" (gal. 3:28).

But is this verse really a doctrine that the order of male and female has been removed in Mashiakh?

In truth, the same apostle who wrote the epistle to the Galatians, in echoing the Torah, also wrote, "...in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established" (2 cor. 13:1b). Here, the elder reminds Yisrael of the divine precept by which his words are to be established.

And yet no other teaching from Paul (or any other Hebrew Yisraelite Zaqan of antiquity) to corroborate removing the order of male and female in Mashiakh has ever been tabled! Period.

What is present is just the opposite. The same apostle who wrote "...there is neither male nor female" also wrote, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Mashiakh; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Mashiakh is YAHUAH" (1 Cor. 11:3).

Was the apostle schizophrenic or inconsistent? No. And despite those who reject Paul as the instigator of a lawless movement; the answer, in my judgment, is clear: Paul was totally consistent.

For me, it necessarily follows that this prevailing wind of doctrine tossing our people to and fro is not a Torah-based truth at all. So, then the real question becomes, if the elder wasn't teaching a removal of gender distinction, then just what exactly was he teaching? In what way is there no distinction between male and female?

To begin with, in keeping with the above mentioned basic principles of study, the verse in question must be understood in its proper context. And the truth is, Paul's epistle to the Galatians in its entirety is not concerning kingdom order at all; but rather, the process of redemption.

Let's look at the verses in the third chapter leading up to verse 28 to establish what is actually being taught:

21 Is the law then against the promises of YAH? YAH forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness should have been by (the letter of) the law.

22 But the scripture has concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Y'shua the Messiah might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Mashiakh, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26 For you are all the children of YAH by faith in Y'shua the Messiah. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Mashiakh have put on Mashiakh. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for you are all one in Y'shua the Messiah. 29 And if you be Messiah's, then are you Avraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Clearly, Paul was teaching that the new naturalized Gentile converts were not justified by the blood of bulls and goats, any more than the natural Hebrew branches of Yisrael.

His point was that the whole Commonwealth can now receive the indwelling of the set-apart spirit that empowers all Yisrael to fulfill the law and to be lawless no more; and thus, to no longer be under the curse or penalty of the law. Selah.

Beloved brethren, this passage of scripture has nothing to do with kingdom order. It simply outlines the truth that all of us, whether we be of the circumcision or of the heathen, whether we be slaves or freemen, whether we be male or female, we have all become one in Mashiakh!

Prior to the establishing of the new covenant, the primary indication of being in covenant with YAHUAH was circumcision -- an outward cutting away of the flesh. So, the "neither Jew nor Greek" reference relates in part to circumcision, which was and is the outward sign or token of the Hebraic covenants.

But in Mashiakh, both "Jews" and Gentiles become acceptable in the same way. Not by a fleshly circumcision; but by circumcision of the heart -- an inward cutting away of the flesh. By faith in the atonement of ha Mashiakh.

In like manner, before the new covenant (and after), women of course, were not circumcised. Their outward token of blood was found in their virginity - shedding blood in the consummation of marriage. But in Mashiakh, we enter in to the set-apart dimension not by the blood of Levitical sacrifices, nor by the blood of circumcision, nor by the tokens of virginity, but by the blood of the lamb of YAH.

As it is written, without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. In this sense, there is no distinction between male and female in Mashiakh. Both male and female are justified in the same way - by faith in the blood of Y'shua.

And as a matter of foundational truth, this revelation of redemption in Mashiakh is in no wise incompatible with, nor contradictory to Paul's teachings in the Ruakh on the order of male and female.

## MIRIAM AT THE GARDEN TOMB

In some "Messianic" quarters, it is believed and taught that Miriam/Mary, who was first to encounter the risen Mashiakh, was the first "apostle," since she was the first to spread the news of his resurrection. It has even been suggested that while the twelve hand-picked apostles of Y'shua were hiding in fear for their lives, the women fearlessly proclaimed the gospel!

The truth is, with all due respect to the female disciples of Y'shua, (and much respect is due), they were not somehow more courageous than men, and thus greater than his apostles. They were simply not under the eminent threat of death as were the men. Plain and simple.

In anointing Y'shua's body in burial, or even in delivering his message to the brethren that he had risen, they simply had little if anything to fear in the way of capital punishment by crucifixion.

The truth is, Miriam didn't visit the tomb to greet the risen Mashiakh. She went with every intention of anointing his body in death. And when she did see him, like the achim he greeted later on that day, she failed to recognize him, and even mistook him for the gardener... Is this not a clear indication that she too, didn't believe in his prophecies concerning the resurrection any more than his twelve apostles?

Again, such non-scriptural conclusions are drawn by those among us whose overwhelming emotional pain leads to interpreting scripture in reaction to their life experiences, rather than interpreting their life experiences in light of the scriptures.

This is not an attack, my brethren, but merely an analysis. Our collective tendency to do this is understandable; especially given the inordinate amount of abuse our sisters have been forced to

endure -- in many instances, by so-called "brothers." Even so, this must no longer be an acceptable methodology among the leadership for establishing sound doctrine in the kingdom.

## THE PROPHECY OF YESHAYAHU

Among the greatest prophecies of YeshaYahu/Isaiah is an amazing end-time vision of the daughters of Tziona. It portends a time of great confusion, rebellion and disobedience. It reads in part on this wise:

"As for my people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O my people! Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths" (Is. 3:12).

This verse in YeshaYahu very clearly reveals that the rule of women is not a back-up plan of YAH for when men abdicate their priestly responsibilities, as is so often being taught.

When Adahm originally sinned, it was after Khavah/Eve had already been deceived. And yet when YAH re-approached them, he called on the man first. He did not and would not violate his own established order, even in Adam's fall. And neither should we.

Notice that shatan, being the lawless one, went to the woman first. But again, YAH remained faithful to his own order of male and female, and still honored the man as the head of the woman, regardless of the man having fallen short as a husband to the woman, as well as a son to himself.

This basic order of male and female did not change -- even in Adahm's failure. And so it is, in every generation, including our own.

YeshaYahu goes on to prophesy,

16 Moreover, YHWH says, because the daughters of Tziona are very proud, they walk along with their noses in the air. They tease men with their eyes. They walk with quick, short steps. Little chains jingle on their ankles. 17 So I will put sores on the heads of the daughters of Zion. And YHWH will uncover their secret parts.

18 At that time YHWH will take away the beautiful things they wear. He will take away their decorations, headbands and moon shaped necklaces. 19 He'll take away their earrings, bracelets and veils. 20 He'll remove their headdresses, ankle chains and belts. He'll take away their perfume bottles and charms.

21 He'll remove the rings they wear on their fingers and in their noses. 22 He'll take away their fine robes and their capes and coats. 23 He'll take away their purses and mirrors. And he'll take away their linen clothes, turbans and shawls... ". (Is. 4:16-23).

Shall we then gloss over this very critical word for this hour, Yisrael, because it hits us where we live? Nay, rather... Just like the afflicted need comforting, the comfortable need afflicting... Y'shua's brother Ya'aqob (James) put it this way:

"Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of yah, and he will lift you up." (James 4:9-10).

Finally, my people, the third chapter of YeshaYahu ends with these words: "Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. Her gates (her city) shall lament and mourn, and she being desolate shall sit on the ground" (Is. 3:26).

And so it is becoming and now is.

#### YESHAYAHU'S BENEDICTION

In spite of this blunt, scathing indictment of Yisrael in general, and the daughters of tzion in particular, YeshaYahu Ha Nabi, by inspiration of the Ruakh, leaves all of us with this marvelous assurance concerning the coming kingdom age:

"In that day shall the branch of yhwh be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Yisrael. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remains in Yerushalayim /Jerusalem, shall be called holy/set apart, even every one that is written among the living in Yerushalayim:

When YAH shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of yerushalayim from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And YHWH will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defense.

And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain" (Is. 4:2-6).

O YAH, let it be unto us just as you have declared from beginnings!

HalleluYAH! HalleluYAH!! HalleluYAH!!!

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