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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 the order of male and female.

No other subject even comes close when it comes to creating 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 of Eden, the slave master's primary objective was - and is - to usurp the authority of the *man* of YAH.

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 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 a Hebraic 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

To begin with, we must recognize one of the most basic principles of scriptural exegesis: a verse taken out of context becomes a pretext. Another basic truth of interpretation and 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 Zaqan, or one anyone or anything, is insufficient to establish a word of divine truth. And like with all the unsettled matters among the set-apart nation, these basic principles concerning the Kingdom order of male and female have been grossly violated.

THE 'NEW DAY' RATIONALE

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 drawing a distinction between male and female is archaic -- a relic of an unenlightened past, which will soon be assigned its proper 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 Mashiach, and yet respond to this passage as if it were uttered by ha Shatan himself!

Paul, the esteemed elder and apostle, who as Rahbi Sha'ul, 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 ha Shatan.

The truth of the matter is, the order of male and female is not a 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.

Behold O Yisrael, for mankind to receive the revelation of the divine order of YAH and man, there must of *necessity* be woman created in the image of *man*; so that *both* male and female may come to innerstand the need for mankind to submit to the Higher One in whose image and likeness they were created. Selah.

So the emotionally driven argument that this crucial Kingdom order is held by ego-driven male chauvinists who long to return to an age when women were abused with impunity is simply inaccurate. This specious reasoning, even when under the surface attack of a novice, simply collapses of its own weight - or the lack thereof.

YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHESY

Many of us who seek to justify the removal of the order of male and female point to the awesome prophecy of Yoel-Joel, quoted by the apostle Peter on that fateful first century Shavu'ot –

"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 be incomplete without the inspired speaking of our anointed sisters. But clearly, the fact that such a woman was referred to in YAH's covenants with Yisrael as a prophetess and not a prophet is in and of itself a clear indication of the distinction drawn by our Elohim between male and female.

Let there be no doubt: prophesying, or speaking under the inspiration of the spirit, is an extremely valuable gift to the Kingdom. 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. Selah.

DEBORAH AND MIRIAM

And 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, sister Deborah rightfully prophesied the outcome. And this was without a doubt a vital contribution to saving the nation! However, *Barak himself* 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 YAHUWAH has delivered Sisera into your hand: has not YAHUWAH gone out before you?" (Judges 4:14).

And finally, concerning revelation in the Torah on the role of the prophetess: with the example of the sister of Mosheh-Moses, 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* season of judges is quickly drawing to an end in like manner. Selah. This time around, the judges phase will again give way to the rule of Kings. Not according to the tabernacle of Moses, but the tabernacle of Dawid, and the greater order of Melchizedek (Ahmos-Amos 9:11-12). HalleluYAH!

ALL ONE IN CHRIST

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 Mashiach? The truth is, what's actually present in the text says 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 Mashiach; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Mashiach is YAHUWAH*" (1 Cor. 11:3). Was the apostle double-minded 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 perfectly consistent.

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 as a whole is not concerning Kingdom order at all, but the process of Divine redemption.

Let's look at the verses in the third chapter of Galatians, 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 Mashiach, 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 Mashiach have put on Mashiach. 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 at Galatia were not justified by the blood of bulls and goats, any more than the natural Hebrew branches of Yisrael. Selah. His point was that the whole Commonwealth can now receive the indwelling of the set-apart Spirit that now 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.

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 Mashiach!

Prior to the establishing of the New Covenant, the primary indication of being in covenant with YAHUWAH was circumcision - an outward cutting away of the flesh. Therefore, 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 Mashiach, 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 blood atonement; not of the Passover lamb, but of Ha Mashiach Himself. Selah.

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 - the shedding of blood in the consummation of marriage. But in Mashiach, 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 Mashiach. 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 Christ is in no wise incompatible with, nor contradictory to, the apostle Paul's revelation by the Ruakh on the Kingdom order of male and female. Selah.

MIRIAM AT THE GARDEN TOMB

In some "Messianic" quarters, it is believed and taught that Miriam-Mary, who was first to encounter the risen Mashiach, 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 the men, and thus greater than his apostles. The women were simply not under the eminent threat of death as were the men. For example, 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 Mashiach. She went with every intention of anointing his body in death. And when she did see him, like the brethren 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 according to the scriptures.

This is not an attack my brethren, but merely an *analysis*. To be sure, our collective tendency to do this is certainly understandable; especially given the inordinate amount of abuse our sisters have been forced to endure. And in many instances, by so-called "brothers." Nevertheless, this unfortunate mishandling of the holy writ must no longer be an acceptable methodology among the leadership for establishing sound doctrine in the Kingdom.

THE PROPHECY OF ISAIAH

Among the greatest prophecies of YeshaYahu-Isaiah is an amazing end-time vision of the daughters of Zion. 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. For example, when Adahm originally sinned, it was *after* Eve-Khavah had already been deceived. And yet when YAH re-approached them, He called on the man *first*.

Hear O Yisrael, and innerstand. Almighty YAHUWAH did not violate his own established order - even in Adahm's fall. And neither should we. Selah.

Notice brethren that ha Shatan, being the lawless one, went to the *woman first*. But again, Almighty 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 his heavenly Father. 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, YAHUWAH says, because the daughters of Tzione-Zion 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 YAHUWAH will uncover their secret parts.

18 At that time YAHUWAH 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." (Ya'aqob-James 4:9-10).

Finally, my brethren, the third chapter of YeshaYahu ends with these words: *"Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. 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.

ADDRESSING THE MEN OF YISRAEL

Finally my brethren, there are those among us who question with all sincerity why we address our epistles, doctrines and decrees to the brethren only. Are not our precious women, they say, worthy of being acknowledged in your open writings to the Nation? And of course, I certainly believe this to be a legitimate and serious concern...

It is written, that the ancient children of Yisrael came out of Egypt under Moses six hundred and fifty thousand strong. As you know brethren, this number does not include women and children. And in the new Davidic covenant, it is written that Yahushua miraculously fed a multitude of five thousand. And again, with the recorded number not reflecting the women and children who were present and obviously included in the event.

Rather than distribute the loaves and fishes to each person, the Master instructed His disciples to seat the people in groups, and distribute the provisions to the men assigned over each group. My brethren, let iron sharpen iron and deep call unto deep. Are these, the very fathers of the Divine covenants of Yisrael, misogynous or chauvinistic? Obviously not. Almighty YAH forbid.

In truth, rather than devaluing the most precious gift of YAHUWAH to man, these mighty leaders of our people honored their mothers, wives, sisters and daughters in the highest.

These great men refused to dishonor the divine headship of the husbands and fathers of Yisrael by nourishing their women directly; faithfully obeying, just as do the righteous daughters of Zion themselves, the divine principles of headship and submission, and the Kingdom order of male and female ordained by Almighty YAH. Selah. In like manner, as those who have been charged with the sober responsibility to love and cherish our women even as our own flesh, we as faithful

Elders can do no less.

Hear, O Yisrael - We, the mighty men of the Kingdom, love and cherish our women as unto an indispensable and irreplaceable gift of Abba YAH! Selah.

ISAIAH'S BENEDICTION

In spite of his blunt and scathing indictment of Yisrael in general, and the daughters of Zion in particular, YeshaYahu-Isaiah by inspiration of the Ruach leaves us all with this marvelous assurance concerning the coming Kingdom age:

"In that day shall the branch of YAHUWAH 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 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 Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And YAHUWAH 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 YAHUWAH, let it be unto us in all matters, just as you have declared from the beginnings.

YAH Khai v'HalleluYAH!

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