

THE CREATION OF WOMAN

I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well." - **Psalm 139:14**

A careful study of scripture shows that the method of the creation of man (male) was different from that of woman (female). Even though both were created in God's image, man and woman were created differently.

THE CREATION OF MAN (MALE)

"Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." - **Genesis 2:7**

- God took dust and formed man out of the dust, breathed life into him and man came alive.
- The Hebrew word for 'formed' is 'yatsar' {pronounced yaw-tsar} which means to form, fashion or frame.
- It also means to pre-ordain, pre-determine, plan or give purpose or intention of a situation. This gives the idea of an initial sketch, outline or drawing, similar to the initial sketch an artist makes before actually filling a painting with colour and detail, or the structure/frame a builder puts up before actually laying the bricks, pipes, etc.
- This implies that God created the man as a sort of 'framework,' with every intention of completing him, otherwise, he would be incomplete and bare.
- It also explains why God had said' *"It is not good that the man should be alone!"* Man was an unfinished creation!

THE CREATION OF WOMAN (FEMALE)

- **Read: Genesis 2:18-23**

The creation of woman is directly linked to a need in the man. This need in man was not an oversight or error but rather a part of the divine process to fulfil God's purpose in creation. Hence the creation of the woman was not an afterthought.

- Man alone did not possess all the qualities needed to fulfil the purpose of relationship and of taking dominion over the earth.
- The male was designed and created physically, emotionally, psychologically and socially with the creation of the woman already planned and assured.



The Process of Creating Woman

In the creation of woman, the process was totally different. The method of woman's creation clearly distinguished her from man and the rest of creation. In creating woman, God did not start all afresh, with new soil, but rather, He used what He had already created of Himself,

Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV

"[21] And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. [22] Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man."

- God put man (Adam) to sleep, took a rib from his side, and with the rib God *built up and made* woman!
- The Hebrew word used is '*banah*' {pronounced *baw-naw*} which means to build, setup, establish and cause to continue.
 - To build, rebuild, establish, and cause to continue
 - To build a house (i.e., establish a family)
 - To be established (made permanent)
 - To be built up (of childless wife becoming the mother of a family through the children of a concubine)
- The word '*banah*,' build, set-up and establish, has a connotation of the process involved in constructing a house, based on architectural design, giving attention to detail and plan. This indicates that whereas the creation of man was of a 'temporary' nature, the creation of woman gives permanence, stability and structure.
- This explains why God had said' *"It is not good that the man should be alone!"* The man was an unfinished creation!!!
- All great artists make a rough draft before they make a masterpiece. In creating humanity, our God, the Great Architect, first 'drew' a sketch of man, with every intention of completing him, by bringing woman alongside to add detail, structure, beauty and permanence, and build him up.

Solomon rightly said,

"He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord"

- Yes, woman is fearfully and wonderfully made...

