

## Animosity & Here's Your Sign

*“<sup>15</sup>I will put animosity (enmity, KJV) between you and the woman—between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel” (Gen 3:15, TLV).*

The last two *Torah* reading involve beginnings. Genesis (*Bereshit*) gives us a record of the creation and the fall of man and then Noah (*Noach*) tells us about the ultimate fall of mankind, the ensuing flood to be followed by another new beginning for humanity.

There is a Hidden Message in the Hebrew Name of the First Book of the *Torah*. The name of the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet is בית *Beit* (בית), which means *house*. This word is found in several Hebrew names, such as בית-אל (*Bethel*, House of *El*), and בית-לחם (*Bethlehem*, House of Bread). Even the shape of the letter depicts the floor, ceiling, wall, and doorway of a house. Since the name and form of *Beit* represent a house, in several ways it symbolizes a dwelling place, i.e., (1) *Yeshua*, in Whom the fullness of *Elohim* dwells, and (2) The Bible, where *Elohim's Word* to mankind dwells, and (3) The creation itself, the present dwelling place of mankind. Notice how this first *Beit* is printed oversized בית – the only oversized *Beit* in the entire *Torah*. It is as if *Elohim* was saying “*I am housing for you something very special, Torah, the words of life itself.*” Indeed, *Torah* is *Life* and a *Tree of Life* (*Etz Chayim*). If we divide the Hebrew word *Bereshit* into its root *rosh* then what is left is the word *Beit*. *Rosh* literally means head and, of course, *Beit* we know means house. *Bereshit* is thus, the *House of the Head*, or the *Head of the House*. We know *Torah* is the *House of the Wisdom of El* and we also know *Yeshua* is the *Head of the House*. Do you see the connection? *Beit* follows *aleph* in the Hebrew alphabet and in the pointed form of the letter *Beit* (בֵּי) it points left toward א and also points toward heaven. *Beit* is the house of *Aleph*, which is in heaven, the house of *Yeshua*, the Word made flesh.

There are two salient points (among many others) in Genesis that I think deserve elucidating because of their significance to Messianic Believers: (1) the children of Sarah and (2) enmity/animosity between Satan and the woman and between the seed of evil and the seed of the woman (See *Gen. 3:15*).

There is one thing that separates Isaac from Ishmael and Abraham's other children born after Sarah's death – *Sarah!* Though they were all the seed of Abraham, they were not all the seed of Sarah. *Yah* destined the godly seed to come from the covenant union of Abraham and Sarah. Her contribution distinctly set Isaac apart from Abraham's other children as the child of promise. What an incredible truth! It takes the oneness (*echad*) of the marriage covenant (*b'rit*) to bring forth the foundation of the godly generations of the plan of *Yah*. Another woman whose seed was terribly important was Mary (*Miryam*); her seed united with the Holy Spirit (*Ruach HaKodesh*) brought forth *Messiah Yeshua*. Ever since the fall of man in the *Garden of Eden* the enemy has been trying to disqualify the role of women concerning the purposes of *Yah* on the earth, but He has been confirming their significance over and over and over again.

Let me focus on the word *animosity*. Throughout the history of our Jewish people, *HaSatan* has been warring and resisting dramatically the role of women concerning the promises of *Yah*. This warfare goes back to Genesis and the enmity/animosity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent – just as there was enmity between Isaac and Ishmael. This incompatibility between the seed of the woman and seed of the serpent was prophesied over/to *Eve* in the *Garden of Eden*. The Hebrew word used is *eibah*, which is translated *enmity* in the KJV, and it means: hostility, hatred, animosity, antagonism, and hate [singular]. Notice that the enemy also has descendants (seed, *zerah*). The seed of man and the seed of a woman that are joined (*echad*) together in matrimony provide for the union of these two seeds to make life. This is a new and distinct form of life, taking from both seeds to make a completely unique and distinct individual (one with a new DNA): “<sup>24</sup>*This is why a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife; and they become one flesh (basar echad)*” (*Gen 2:24*). *Yah* intended His promises to our Jewish people to come from the union of a specific bloodline, the specific union of a man and a woman, and not just any union – a bloodline contributed to by both men and women. It should be noted that not only was Sarah

barren, but also Rebekah and Rachel had to confront the same impediment to the promises of *Yah* – a barren womb. *Yah's* promises waited on these wombs to open up, and He Himself directed their opening for it is written: <sup>3</sup>*Behold, children are a heritage of Adonai – the fruit of the womb is a reward” (Psalm 127:3).* In the Messianic bloodline we have the blood of Ruth, a gentile woman, and the great grandmother of *King David*. Messiah's lineage is notable in that *Yah* distinctly include two women of good reputation – Bathsheba and Tamar, and two Gentile women – Rahab and Ruth. Why were these women included unless they had nothing to contribute to the DNA of Messiah? This inclusion of Gentile blood in the lineage of Messiah points to the prophetic joining of Jew and Gentile through the profound and far-reaching sacrifice of the Messiah. Thus, we can sing ♪ *Jew and Gentile, one in Messiah, one in Yeshua, one in the olive tree...* ♪

Because of the promise of a Messiah who would destroy the enemy of our souls, Satan has launched an all-out attack on women throughout time, trying to disqualify them as partners of the promises of *Yah*. Attacking their fertility, the enemy harassed them, but *Yah* has made them overcomers and co-laborers in the perpetuation of His promises on the earth. Ultimately, doctrines and ideas that disqualify the role of women or their essential bestowal of inheritance through the bloodline are doctrines from the *anti-Messiah* spirit – that spirit which wants to quench the promises of *Yah* in the earth and keep *Yah's* purposes from coming forth. But *Yah* has great promises for women, for without them, there would be *NO HOLY SEED*.

*Yeshua* describes His return being accompanied by judgment; <sup>36</sup>*But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven nor the Son, except the Father alone.* <sup>37</sup>*“For just as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man.* <sup>38</sup>*For in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark.* <sup>39</sup>*And they did not understand until the flood came and swept them all away. So shall it be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Matt. 24:36-39, TLV).* The sign of the times is that judgment is coming – just as the flood came and judged people, so will His return. The *'sweeping them all away'* is not, as some people interpret, the *rapture of the church*. Rather, it is compared to the flood taking away people in judgment. We can surely go back to *Genesis* chapter 6 and clearly see the context of the *days of Noah* since *“Noah found favor in Adonai's eyes... (Gen 6:8-13, 17-18, 22)*

*Yeshua* indicates that during the time just before His return, although the warnings were sounded, most people will carry on with life as usual. In those days, even though Noah was building the ark and living in righteousness (i.e., he was preaching and doing works to prove his preaching), people were ignoring him. It was business as usual – getting married, gathering food, etc. Noah's message was completely ignored. His trek was not a 1-day, 1-week or even 1, 10, 25, or 50-year event. From *Genesis 5:32 and 7:11* we can infer ~100-year ark-building ministry before his peers. So will it be in the days preceding the return of *Yeshua*. Noah's message (the same as John the Baptist's message) *Repent & Return* will be preached, but most people will give little heed to it – because people do not *sh'ma*. According to *Yeshua's* own words it should be clear that *Noah* provides an important basis for understanding His teaching about the end times. We also need to find *favor* in His eyes. Peter gives further instruction for the approaching end times: <sup>1</sup>*But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies. They will even deny the Master who bought them—bringing swift destruction upon themselves.* <sup>2</sup>*Many will follow their immoral ways, and as a result the way of the truth will be maligned.* <sup>3</sup>*In their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their judgment from long ago is not idle, and their destruction does not slumber...<sup>9</sup>Therefore the Lord certainly knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and how to keep the unrighteous being punished until the Day of Judgment...<sup>13</sup>They will be paid back for what they have done—evil for evil. They consider carousing in broad daylight a pleasure. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceitful pleasures while feasting together with you.* <sup>14</sup>*They have eyes full of adultery that never stop sinning, enticing unstable souls. They have hearts trained in greed—a cursed brood!* <sup>15</sup>*They have abandoned the straight way. They have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness...<sup>18</sup>For by mouthing grandiosities that amount to nothing, they entice in sensual fleshly passions those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.* <sup>19</sup>*They promise them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption—for a person is a slave to whatever has overcome him. (2 Peter 2)*