

Basar Echad Bites (small portions)

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Genesis 2: 21 And YHWH Elohim caused a deep sleep to fall upon Ahdahm and he slept: and He took **one of [echad] his ribs** and closed up the flesh in its place;

Before YHWH changed the rib into Eve/Chawa, it was unified together with the other ribs. **The rib was one from several ribs.** So even in the original monogamous design, one of many ribs was used to make Eve. We see that one even in Paradise meant a plurality of ribs, or one of Adam's many ribs!

2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his abba and his eema, [leaving ONE, or **echad set** of parents, made up of two, or more than just 1 person] and shall cleave to his wife: and they shall be **basar echad. These two were echad. Any two are echad, not just these two. Another rib would have led to another echad couple.** That's the message being portrayed.

Man + wife=two souls, two individuals, two minds, two beings. They never lose those distinctions no matter how many times they have sex. **In the case of one of them being an unbeliever, they even have two distinct eternal destinies,** tied up in the one flesh. How can one flesh have two different destinies if they are one? **Because one can be composed of two, or more people.**

What survived intact from Paradise was the principal, not the mathematics of one flesh monogamy. No matter how many times a man would take a wife, 1 + 1 would equal 1; and each and every time the man would be leaving his mother and father and would become one flesh by cleaving to a wife. YHWH would never allow monogamy as the only alternative today, as Paradise rules do not apply in a post Paradise environment. Even the Shabbat instituted in the Garden has become polluted and now has new rules in the Torah, now governing those who want to avoid its desecration. See Isaiah 1:13.

As a clear example, after the fall of man murder set in; if a man's monogamous wife was murdered, would not he be allowed to take a second wife? Of course. **But in the Garden of Eden had Adam taken a second wife, he would have been in sin, as Eve could not have been murdered in the Garden, as murder had not yet entered the equation. As mentioned earlier, what clearly did survive intact was the principle of one flesh, not the original design which was limited to monogamy.** We see this again in the cases of divorce and slavery, neither of which was found in Eden, yet are regulated by written Torah and by the living Torah Yahshua and are deemed permissible and NOT sinful.

Ephesiyah/Ephesians 5:32-32:

31 For this cause shall a man leave his abba and eema and shall be joined to his wife and the two shall be echad flesh.

32 This is a great sod [mystery]: but I speak concerning the Moshiach and the Yisraelite congregation.

There's the pashat, or literal understanding. Two people/brides becoming one. Mystery? Yes. The pashat/literal understanding is the two persons/brides becoming one. The secret behind the literal is that in Yahshua the two individual houses become one. The envy and jealousy will cease. That is the mystery behind the uniting of man and woman. Yahshua and Yisrael become one in the remez, or hint level of understanding. But in the sod, or secret level, as Yahshua marries Yisrael, both houses remarry Yahshua, thereby establishing peace in the family unit. That is also known as "the mystery" of the kingdom.

Each sister being echad with her Husband will by default be echad with each other (similar to spokes being united to the hub on a wheel). So the main point is that the jealousy and vexation will end when both are echad with Yahshua (see Isaiah 11:13-14). We will talk more about jealousy and envy, both works of the flesh within some (not all) plural marriages. Keep in mind that envy and jealousy are problems that potentially run throughout all monogamous marriages as well.

Consider:

Mattityahu/Matthew 5:17-20:

17 *Think not that I am come to weaken, or destroy the Torah, or the prophets: I have not come to weaken, or destroy, but to completely reveal it in its intended fullness.*

18 *For truly I say to you, Until the current heavens and earth pass away, not one yud, or one nekudah shall by any means pass from the Torah, until all be fulfilled.*

19 *Whoever therefore shall break, or weaken one of the least Torah commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven: but whoever shall do and teach the commands, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

Verse 17-“Reveal it in its intended fullness.” Selah!

In Mark 10:4-9 Yahshua reiterates these truths and adds:

4 **And they said, Moshe allowed us to write a GET and to put her away.**

5 **And יהושע answered and said to them, For the hardness of your lev he wrote you this precept.**

6 **But from the beginning of the creation יהוה made them male and female.**

7 **For this cause shall a man leave his abba and eema and cleave to his wife;**

8 **And the two shall be one flesh: so then they are no more two, but one flesh.**

9 **What therefore יהוה has joined together let not man separate.**

We covered this earlier, but something bears repeating. These verses do not in any way, shape, or forms, negate bigamy, or polygyny. What it does do is twofold:

- Reinforces the principle of “one man and one woman” making a marriage, not man and man, or woman and woman, or man and animal, or woman and animal, or father and daughter, or father and son. **If taken in context with the rest of Scripture, Yahshua reinforces the principle that only man and one woman qualify as a marriage, regardless of how many women join the one man and one woman as echad.**
- Secondly, mankind cannot and must not tear any marriage apart other than for adultery. “Divorce on demand” is an abomination before the Father, as is “abortion on demand.” That is precisely what the Master is saying here.

Close-Apparently establishing a marriage covenant with another was done a lot, otherwise the patriarchs would be guilty of chronic fornication—which they were not! Having a marriage covenant with two, or more wives does not negate the covenant with the first wife. Yah’s marriage covenant with us, the Torah, is with us. We are plural members of one/echad bride of Messiah.