

**“MARRIAGE IS NO SMALL SIDE ISSUE”**  
**(Genesis 2:18-23)**

- A. The INTRODUCTION of this SECTION (TOLEDOT). (2:4)**
- B. The CREATION of MAN (ADAM). (2:5-7)**
- C. The PLACING of MAN in the GARDEN of EDEN. (2:8-15)**
- D. The PROVISION and PROHIBITION of GOD to MAN in the GARDEN of EDEN. (2:16-17)**
- E. The CREATION of the WOMAN. (2:18-25)**
- 1. The *divine evaluation of man’s need* was, “And the LORD God said, ‘It is \_\_\_\_\_ that man (Adam) should be \_\_\_\_\_.’” (2:18a)**
    - What day of creation is this? (Genesis 1:27)
    - What is shocking about this evaluation and what does it mean?
    - Who perceived this need first – God or Adam?
  - 2. The *divine solution to man’s need* was, “\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_ him a \_\_\_\_\_ to him”. (2:18b)**
    - What does this highlight about God?
    - What does this indicate about the intent behind the creation of a woman?
    - Is this description and intent demeaning to women?
  - 3. The *divine preparation to address man’s need* involved God bringing certain creatures to Adam “to see what he would \_\_\_\_\_ them. And whatever Adam \_\_\_\_\_ each living creature, that was its \_\_\_\_\_.” Through this process Adam came to realize his need as “\_\_\_\_\_ Adam there was \_\_\_\_\_ found a helper comparable \_\_\_\_\_ him.”(2:19-20)**
    - What does Adam naming of these creatures indicate about Adam?
    - What does this process underscore about the value of a woman?
  - 4. The *divine creation of the woman* involved such actions as (2:21-22b):**
    - a. “the LORD God caused a \_\_\_\_\_ to fall on Adam, and he slept” – indicating**

- b. “and He (the LORD God) \_\_\_\_\_ one of his \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ the flesh in its place.”
- c. “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He \_\_\_\_\_ into a \_\_\_\_\_”.

- Is this account to be understood literally or figuratively? (1 Cor. 11:8,12; 1 Timothy 2:13)

5. The *divine presentation of the woman to the man* involved the reality that “He (the LORD God) \_\_\_\_\_ her to the man”. (2:22c)

- How is this phrase used in the OT?

6. The *delighted expression of Adam to the creation of the woman* involved him saying poetically, “\_\_\_\_\_ is now \_\_\_\_\_ of my bones and \_\_\_\_\_ of my flesh; \_\_\_\_\_ shall be called \_\_\_\_\_ (ishshah), \_\_\_\_\_ she was taken out of \_\_\_\_\_ (ish).” (2:23)

- Observations:

- What do we learn from all this about ...

1) GOD?

2) WOMEN?

3) MEN?

4) JESUS CHRIST & SALVATION?