

# Romans from a Torah Covenant Perspective

## - Chapter 8 • Part 2 -

**Romans 8:16** *The Spirit herself doth testify with our spirit, that we are b'nai יהוה, children of יהוה;*

**Romans 8:17** *and if children, also heirs, heirs, indeed, of Elohim, and heirs together of Messiah – if, indeed, we suffer together, that we may also be glorified together.*

The mystery regarding whether the Holy Spirit should be proclaimed as HE or SHE is resolved when you realize that the male Latin '*Spiritus*' which translates the neuter Greek '*Pneuma*' translates the Hebrew word Ruach which is always *FEMALE*.

For those who like the Aramaic; you can go to the *Peshitta*, and you'll find the Ruach ha Kodesh/the Holy Spirit - translated as a *female* Being - a "*She*". Here at Romans 8:16 the text of the Aramaic *Peshitta* and the older, less corrupted Old Syriac reads: "***And She the Spirit (Ruach) gives testimony to our spirit that we are sons of Elohim (God)***" (Romans 8:16).

But now we know in the Hebrew Tanakh the Spirit is always female and in the Gk New Testament either male or neuter, which creates a PROBLEM!

No one can have three genders!

English has three genders, masculine, feminine and neuter (i.e. he, she and it).

Hebrew and Aramaic have no neuter gender. In Hebrew and Aramaic everything is either a "*he*" or a "*she*" and nothing's an "*it*".

The Hebrew word Ruach (Aramaic Rucha) is grammatically feminine just as the phrase Ruach ha Kodesh is.

The pronouns used for the Ruach haKodesh in John 14-16 in the *Peshitta* have all been monk-ed with, they're all masculine!

Both the *Peshitta* and Old Syriac have "*he*" in John 16:8 but the Old Syriac has "*she*" just a few verses further down in 16:13 while the *Peshitta* has "*he*". But then the monks missed a spot in another passage in which the *Peshitta* pairs the Ruach haKodesh with feminine verbs and/or feminine modifiers.

- *Mark 1:10*
- *John 1:32-33; 6:63; 7:39*
- *Acts 8:29,39; 16:17*
- *Romans 8: 9-11,16,26a, 26b*
- *1 Corinthians 3:16*
- *1 Timothy 4:1*
- *1 Peter 1:11; 4:14*
- *1 John 5:6*

The Holy Spirit is a living conscious being, the manifested power of YHWH.

- She leads us, guides us, instructs us and teaches us in the way of all truth, John 14:26, Luke 12:12.
- She shows personality, so she understands (Romans 8:27 Aramaic)
- She wills (Acts 13:2,1 Corinthians 12:11 Aramaic)
- She can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30 Aramaic).

These terms would be senseless if we're going to apply them to a impersonal power or influence.

The Old Testament teaches us that The Holy Spirit's feminine.

From the empowerment and speaking in tongues found in Numbers Parsha B'haalotcha 11:25 when the Holy Spirit was taken off of Moshe Rabainu and put on the seventy elders and they prophesied (*naba: poured forth words of praising, edification, prophecy and songs of divine power, sometimes in a language unknown to the speaker/tongues*).

Interestingly; Parsha B'haalotcha is read immediately following Shavuot on the traditional annual cycle.

*Her name is Sophia/Chocmah/Wisdom*

***Proverbs 8:1 Doth not wisdom cry aloud, and prudence put forth her voice?  
<sup>2</sup> Standing in the top of the highest places by the way, in the midst of the paths,  
<sup>3</sup> Beside the gates of the city, in the very doors she speaketh, saying:  
<sup>4</sup> O ye men, to you I call, and my voice is to the sons of men. <sup>5</sup> O little ones understand subtlety, and ye unwise, take notice. <sup>6</sup> Hear, for I will speak of great things: and my lips shall be opened to preach right things.  
<sup>7</sup> My mouth shall meditate truth, and my lips shall hate wickedness***

- John 5:6 “*Ruach is truth*”.
- John 16:13 “*When she Ruach of truth has come she will lead you in all truth*”.
- Romans 8:2 “*The Ruach of truth is the Ruach of life.*”

**Proverbs 8:22 vuvh possessed Me in the beginning of His derech, before His works of old. <sup>23</sup> I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, before the earth was. <sup>24</sup> When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with mayim. <sup>25</sup> Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: <sup>26</sup> While as yet He had not made the earth, or the fields, or the highest part of the dust of the olam. <sup>27</sup> When He prepared the shamayim, I was there: when He set a compass upon the face of the depth: <sup>28</sup> When He established the clouds above: when He strengthened the fountains of the deep: <sup>29</sup> When He gave to the sea His decree, that the mayim should not pass His commandment: when He appointed the foundations of the earth: <sup>30</sup> Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him: and I was daily His delight, having gilah always before Him; <sup>31</sup> Having gilah in the habitable part of His earth; and My delights were with the sons of men. <sup>32</sup> Now therefore listen to Me, O you children of Yisrael: for blessed are they that shomer My halachot. <sup>33</sup> Hear discipline, and be wise, and refuse it not. <sup>34</sup> Blessed is the man that listens to Me, watching daily at My gates, waiting at the posts of My doors. <sup>35</sup> For whoever finds Me finds chayim, and shall obtain favor from vuvh.**

(This is speaking of circumcision of the heart). <sup>36</sup> **But he that sins against Me wrongs his own being: all they that hate Me love death.** (This is speaking of blaspheming the Holy Spirit)

**Proverbs 9:1 chochmah has built her bayit; she has cut out its seven pillars: <sup>2</sup> She has killed her beasts; she has mingled her wine; she has also furnished her shulchan. <sup>3</sup> She has sent forth her young women: she utters upon the highest places of the city,**

The LXX and the Hebrew words are fully feminine, the English isn't.

- “*Sophia*”, in the biblical creation was the breath or ruach of YHWH.
- She serves at the heart of the creative process, as Wisdom and as Teacher who was sent by YHWH to draw humanity to יהוה like a mother.
- The book of Wisdom speaks to Her divinity (7:25-26).
- She's the breath of YHWHs power & a stream of pure glory of יהוה. This is why nothing polluted enters Her.

- She mirrors YHWHs energy completely, and She images YHWHs goodness."
- Creation: Chava/Eve was taken out of Adam following the image of יְהוָה; just as The Holy Spirit/Chocmah was taken out of The Father in heaven.
- If we were made in YHWHs image, then man was made in the Image of the Son; and woman was made in the image of who? .....*The Holy Spirit!*
- YHWH created the family unit (Bet first letter/house) and the family unit is a reflection of Him Male, Female bringing forth a Son who begets many children!
- How could Adam leave his parents and cleave to his wife if he was created from a single parent structure?
- Let us make man in our own image  
**Ephesians 5:30 *For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones.* <sup>31</sup> *For this cause shall a man leave his abba and eema, and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be basar-echad.* <sup>32</sup> *This is a great sod: but I speak concerning the Moshiach and the Yisraelite congregation.* A mystery!**
- We must be born of water and The Spirit; we must enter into the womb of The Holy Spirit and be born again!
- To call on Moshiach causes us to receive her - The Holy Spirit and to be sealed in her womb where YHWH plants His seed in us, the seed is then germinated by the washing of the word: we're conceived of the water and the Ruach (John 5: 25)

The mysteries of Messiah, He left his Father and Mother to cleave to His wife - which is His priesthood.