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¹ The word of the LORD came again to me saying,

² Son of man, there were two women / did we hear that?

there were two women / could you repeat that with me?
Together? there were two women / thank you! How many?

TWO.

Now, for the church world, this is a meaningless chapter... for many reasons; starting with: the LORD GOD said it! And preachers either don't believe it... or they don't understand it. Well, they understand it -- just not its relevance... which is why most congregations will never hear it. The LORD is going to tell us a story. Actually, He will tell Ezekiel and we are able to listen; and this story the LORD is going to tell... if we heard kids tell it, we would also hear some folks yelling, Toilet mouth! Get the soap! So hopefully, you are ready to hear this chapter in the Word of God. If you need to get a beer... hurry!

Remember: **there were two women** / the Lord GOD is telling this story about these women to the prophet Ezekiel.

² Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother.

³ And they committed ___ / whoa! Umm?! Let's go on...

⁴ And the names of them were A-HO' / notice in the King James... the accent is on the HO. It is not: A'-ho ... it is A-HO'

And their names were A-HO-lah the elder / literally, the greater,

and Aholibah her sister

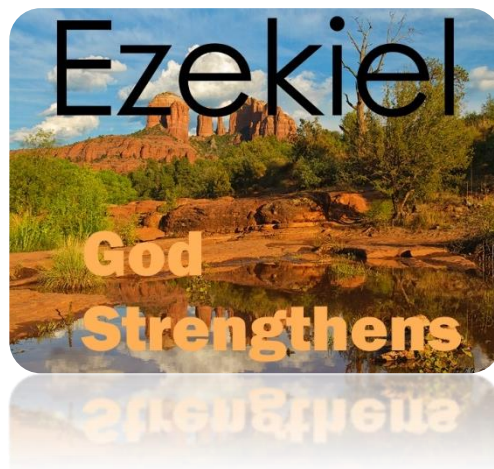
So, there is the greater: she is A-HO-lah. Can we all say her name? A-HO-lah. These old Hebrew names are hard to pronounce. She is A-HO-lah. And her younger sister is Aholibah... that is so lovely!

and their names were AHOLah the greater, and Aholibah her sister.

And the Lord says...

and they were Mine / and what does that mean? Why is the LORD hanging out with TWO women?

and they bare sons and daughters / oh? that's why. So, the LORD tells Ezekiel about His TWO wives. Well, since they are His wives; then the LORD also tells Ezekiel about His kids! Apparently, they weren't just window dressing, Right?



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Thus were their names; **Samaria** is **Aholah**, and **Jerusalem** **Aholibah** / strange names ain't they? But they are the Lord's! So, let's suck it up, and go back to the verse we passed over. You may have to cover one eye, but keep one open... you know, to read along of course;

Are you ready? Here we go...

³ **And they committed whoredoms** / actually it is one word, a verb: honestly, a lot of bible translation teams spent a lot of time on this verse...

they fornicated / the sisters... not the bible translators...

they were prostitutes... / now days, we would say **they bleeped around... in Egypt.**

But let's read on; the Lord says...

they whored in their youth / did you get that? Because the Lord is repeating himself; apparently somebody in the class isn't listening correctly;

they whored in Egypt... they whored in their youth... when they were young,

they first fornicated / aren't you glad for all these scholarly nuances? It really clarifies the translation, doesn't it?

there in Egypt were their breasts pressed...

there in Egypt they first allowed their breasts to be handled...

there in Egypt were their bosoms touched / and see, it is so clear now! **pressed... handled... touched...** woo!

and there in Egypt they bruised the teats of their virginity / which almost sounds like one of those NFL sports cheers, doesn't it?

They bruised... the teats... of their virginity! Yeah! Don't you love the King James?

And one translator so scholarly clarified this particular phrase when he wrote... **they fondled their virgin bosoms...**

Another said... **they handled their virgin bosoms** / adding a footnote: rightly dividing the Word, stating: the Hebrew word is: **nipples**. Thank you for that valuable information! So, let's be accurate with the Hebrew... and go with...**fondling the nipples** / okay?! We got through that verse.

⁴ **And the names of them were** **Aholah the greater**, and **Aholibah her sister:**

and they were Mine,

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and they bare sons and daughters.

Thus were their names; **Samaria** is **Aholah**, and **Jerusalem** **Aholibah**.

⁵ And **Aholah** ~~played the harlot~~ was **bleeping** / doing what whores do best,

when she was Mine;

and she doted on her lovers, on the **Assyrians** her neighbors,

⁶ who were clothed with **blue**, captains and rulers,

all of them desirable young men riding on horses/ all were handsome.

⁷ Thus **she** exchanged her fornicating with them, with all the chosen men of **Assyria**, and with all on whom she doted: and with all their idols she defiled herself / this is Aholah... Samaria

⁸ and her whoring in Egypt she did not leave there / she still had fond memories of Egypt -- fond though faulty memories: they were slaves; they were hated,

for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the breasts of her virginity / they fondled her virgin nipples, and she was titillated,

and poured on their whoring with her / Moffat says, they were freely fornicating... which is too close to that other F-ing word.... So, let's just say: bleeping!

⁹ Wherefore I delivered **her** into the hand of her lovers / remember the LORD is telling this story,

into the hand of the **Assyrians**, on whom she doted.

¹⁰ These discovered her nakedness / now, were they going excavating? The word is: **uncovered**

These exposed her nakedness, remember: we are learning about **Samaria**... **Aholah**

they took her sons and her daughters / and they did not go on a field trip or family outing,

The Assyrians...took her sons and daughters captive,

and slew her with the sword / **Samaria**... **Aholah**... **was dead**; but her children weren't:

and she became famous among women / clearly with her reputation, **she became a by-word**, for some a joke, and for others a warning;

for they / **the Assyrians**... executed judgment on **her** / but remember: her children went into Assyrian captivity.

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¹¹ And when her sister **Aholibah** saw this / remember she is **Jerusalem**,

she was more depraved in her lust than she / than her older sister Samaria,

and **Jerusalem** in her whoring... more than her sister in her bleeping around.

¹² She doted on her neighbors the Assyrians captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding on horses, all of them desirable young men / **Jerusalem** lavished excessive attention, or fondness or affection, who executed judgment on her older sister; real studs!

¹³ Then I / remember the LORD is talking to the prophet Ezekiel;

Then I saw that she defiled herself, that they **both** took one way / these 2 women took the same way... which was not HIS way!

¹⁴ And that she / **Jerusalem**... increased her faithless bleeping around:

for when **she** saw men portrayed on the wall / all the announcements got her excited: now, they didn't have big screens and cinema; or billboards; but she started believing all the advertisements;

the images of the **Chaldeans** / the ancient Babylonians portrayed with **vermilion** / woo! Can you imagine?! Tall... dark... well I don't know about tall; but dark and handsome! And bedecked in that exotic red... ALL the way from China! Woo!

And all these studly captains and rulers...

¹⁵ Girded with girdles on their loins / hmm?! I'll have to think about that one; I don't think it means they were cross dressers; I think it means: their wrapped belts; so, let's keep going,

exceeding in dyed attire on their heads / the colorful turbans they wore, all of them princes to look at / fine fellows; you know, the Hollywood crowd; after the manner of the **Babylonians of Chaldea**, the land of their nativity:

¹⁶ And as soon as **she** / **Jerusalem**... saw them with her eyes, she doted on them / ooh! fawning all over them; she started smacking her lips, and sent messengers to them of Chaldea / we gotta hook up; how about lunch?

¹⁷ And the **Babylonians** came to her to the bed of love, and they defiled **her** / this Hebrew word is: **tame**... meaning: **contaminated**, polluted and unclean. We first learn the word in Genesis 34 when Jacob's daughter Dinah is raped; and 86 times in Leviticus when people were declared unclean. Ezekiel uses this word 30 times.

they defiled her... with their bleeping, and she was contaminated... with them, and her mind was alienated / this Hebrew word is: **yaqa**; we read Jacob's thigh was out of joint... **Genesis 32**, now we would say: her mind was dislocated... bent out of shape.

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18 So uncovering her whorings, and uncovering her nakedness / this woman exposed herself; she publicly displayed herself:

then My mind was alienated from her like My mind was alienated with her sister / remember: the LORD is speaking; the Lord's mind was out of sorts with her too.

19 Yet she / Jerusalem... multiplied her whorings, remembering the days of her youth / fantasizing about her past golden era; where **she** was bleeping in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted on their lovers, whose flesh is as the flesh of wild asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses / okay, okay LORD, we get the picture.

21 Thus remembering the lewdness of your youth, Egyptians fondling the nipples of your virgin breasts.

22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus says **the Lord GOD**; Indeed, I will raise up your lovers against you / **Jerusalem**, from whom your mind is alienated, and I will bring them against you on every side;

23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans....

And I hate to interrupt the Lord, but this chapter about His **two women** who came out of Egypt... is only about 1/3rd over...

And the question is: Couldn't God have just told us that two peoples came out of Egypt?

The **House of Israel** -- the **10 tribes of the northern kingdom**, whose capital was **Samaria**... who divorced God and went to **Assyrian captivity** -- lost to history, but not to the LORD God; the commonwealth and the great nation... still carry **the nationalistic birthright promises of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob**.

...and the **House of Judah**, the **2 tribes**, whose capital was **Jerusalem**... the Jewish people; they weren't divorced, but they were sent to **Babylonian captivity**.

I mean, this is a fiction; it is invented; ALL of it; all that excessive detail about fondling breasts and bleeping around. I mean, I'm sort of shocked the LORD God would even talk like that! Aren't you?! Especially since you and I know... every one of those: bleeping words; every one of those harlot and whoredom words... could have been translated with: the F-ing word!

Couldn't The LORD God just say, My people were unfaithful? Unfaithful in their commitments and agreements; making sexy sounding deals and alliances on any terms... with all the neighboring countries, as if the Lord GOD was not sufficient to be depended on. But what do we also learn?

Moreover, this is the story of a faithful GOD and Father... looking through the rubble of time... for the man or woman, young or old... a son or a daughter who will depend on Him. And if the LORD values faithfulness to Him in time... then, just imagine what our faith in Him... will purchase for all eternity... because we trust HIM! **You Can Depend on Jesus**.