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Genesis 1:1-2:3 paints a large-scale picture...

...of God's establishment of cosmic order...

...with His divine images who represent His rule...

**...so that the world becomes sacred space
for His presence to dwell.**



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A When the woman saw that **the tree** was good for food,
 B and that it was a delight to **the eyes**,
 and that the tree was desirable to make one **wise**,
 C she took some of its fruit and ate;
 C' and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate.
 B' Then **the eyes** of both of them were opened,
 and they knew that they were **naked**;
 A' and they sewed leaves of a **fig tree** together
 and made themselves waist coverings.

2:4-17	Humanity is Created and Placed in the Garden <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the human <i>Setting:</i> From outside the garden to inside the garden.	
2:18-25	Man and Woman Created and Unified <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the human, animals, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:1-5	Dialogue Between the Snake and the Woman <i>Characters:</i> Snake, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:6-7	←	The Woman and Man Eat from the Forbidden Tree <i>Characters:</i> Snake, woman, man <i>Setting:</i> The center of the garden
3:8-13	Dialogue Between God and the Humans <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, man, woman <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:14-21	Consequences for the Snake, Man and Woman Divided <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh, the man, woman, snake <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden	
3:22-24	Humanity is Banished from the Garden <i>Characters:</i> Yahweh (active), the human (passive) <i>Setting:</i> Inside the garden, moves to the land outside the garden	



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Genesis 2 *NASB*

20 The man gave names to all the livestock,
and to the birds of the sky,
and to every animal of the field,
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a helper suitable for him.



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Genesis 2 *NASB*

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PROBLEM
A lone human+
No helper

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Yahweh acts

Animals are
brought

Human names



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Human names

PROBLEM NOT SOLVED



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Yahweh acts

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Woman brought



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Counterpart!

Human names

24 For this reason a man shall leave his father and his
mother, and be joined to his wife;
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PROBLEM SOLVED

Lone human is
now two

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◀ Genesis 2:18 ▶

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Verse (Click for Chapter)

New International Version

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

New Living Translation

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

English Standard Version

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Berean Study Bible

The LORD God also said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper."

King James Bible

And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

New King James Version

And the LORD God said, "*It is* not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

New American Standard Bible

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

NASB 1995

Context

Man and Woman in the Garden

...¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day that you eat of it, you will surely die." ¹⁸The LORD God also said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make for him a suitable helper." ¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and He brought them to the man to see what he would name each one. And whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name....

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Cross References

1 Corinthians 11:9

Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

Genesis 2:20

The man gave names to all the livestock, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found.

Proverbs 18:22

He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.

New American Standard Bible

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Christian Standard Bible

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make **a helper corresponding to him.**"

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make **a helper as his complement.**"

New King James Version

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2:18 וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהִים לֹא-טוֹב הָיְתָה הָאָדָם לְבַדּוֹ
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Septuagint Forward Reverse Fwd Inline Rev Inline

English (NASB) [?]	Strong's	Root & Transliterated	Parsing
Then the LORD PHRASE	H3068	יהוה Yehōvâ	
God	H430	אלהים 'ēlōhîm	
said	H559	אמר 'āmar	
It is not good PHRASE	H2896	טוב tôb	

Recently Popular Media

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- Philippians 2 (1982-85 Audio) (Chuck Smith)
- Prattice What You Preach (Tony Clark)
- From Failure to Success (Tony Clark)
- Life after Its Own Kind (Chuck Missler)
- Daniel Chapter 7 [1990s] (Chuck Missler)
- Exodus 11-12 (Chuck Missler)
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Lexicon :: Strong's H5828 - 'ezer

עֵזֶר

Transliteration	Pronunciation
'ezer	ay'-zer

Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
masculine noun	From עֵזֶר (H5826)

Dictionary Aids

TWOT Reference: 1598a

KJV Translation Count — Total: 21x

The KJV translates Strong's H5828 in the following manner: help (19x), help meet (2x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I. help, succour
 - A. help, succour
 - B. one who helps

Strong's Definitions [?] (Strong's Definitions Legend)

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📖 Gen 2:18

Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper ^{H5828} [fn]suitable for him.”

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📖 Gen 2:20

The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field, but for [fn]Adam there was not found a helper ^{H5828} [fn]suitable for him.

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📖 Exo 18:4

And [fn]the other was named [fn]Eliezer, for *he said*, “The God of my father was my help ^{H5828}, and saved me from the sword of Pharaoh.”

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📖 Deu 33:7

And this was regarding Judah; so he said:
“Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah,
And bring him to his people.
With his hands he contended for [fn]them,
And may You be a help ^{H5828} against his adversaries.”



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📄 Deu 33:26

“There is no one like the God of ^[fn]Jeshurun,
Who rides the heavens ^[fn]to your help H5828,
And the clouds in His majesty.

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📄 Deu 33:29

“Blessed are you, Israel;
Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD,
The shield of your help H5828,
And He who is the sword of your majesty!
So your enemies will cringe before you,
And you will trample on their high places.”

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📄 Psa 20:2

May He send you help H5828 from the sanctuary,
And support you from Zion!

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📄 Psa 33:20

Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help H5828 and our shield.



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📄 Psa 70:5

But I am afflicted and needy;
Hurry to me, God!
You are my help **H5828** and my savior;
LORD, do not delay.

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📄 Psa 89:19

^[fn]Once You spoke in vision to Your godly ^[fn]ones,
And said, “I have ^[fn]given help **H5828** to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.

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📄 Psa 115:9

Israel, trust in the LORD;
He is their help **H5828** and their shield.

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📄 Psa 115:10

House of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He is their help **H5828** and their shield.



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Psa 115:11

You who ^[fn]fear the LORD, trust in the LORD;
He is their help **H5828** and their shield.

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Psa 121:1

A Song of Ascents.
I will raise my eyes to the mountains;
From where will my help **H5828** come?

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Psa 121:2

My help **H5828** comes from the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

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Psa 124:8

Our help **H5828** is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

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Psa 146:5

Blessed is he whose help **H5828** is the God of Jacob,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God,

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Hos 13:9

^[fn]It is to your own destruction, Israel,
That *you are* against Me, against your help **H5828**.



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**It is not good for the human to be alone.
The story cannot move forward
without this indispensable help.**

NASB

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‘ezer kenegdo

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This is a compound word **ke-** (כ) “like, as, according to”
+ **neged** (נגד) “in front of, before, opposite.”



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“The last part of v. 18 reads literally, “I will make him for him a helper as in front of him (or according to what is in front of him).” This last phrase, “as in front of him (or according to what is in front of him)” (keneġdô), occurs only here and in v. 20. It suggests that what God creates for Adam will correspond to him. Thus the new creation will be neither a superior nor an inferior, but an equal. The creation of this helper will form one-half of a polarity, and will be to man as the south pole is to the north pole.”

**– VICTOR P. HAMILTON, THE BOOK OF
GENESIS**



In Genesis 2, you have one who, if they remain alone, cannot bring about the thing that God called them to. So God causes them to pass out, and God, as ezer, provides an ezer through which the divine promise can come into existence.

21 So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the **human**, and he slept; then He took one of his **ribs** and closed up the flesh at that place.

Tsela' (צלע)

22 And the LORD God fashioned into a woman the **rib** which He had taken from the **human**, and brought her to the **human**



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Genesis 2 *NASB*



The word [tsela'] is used about forty times in the Hebrew Bible but is not an anatomical term in any other passage.

Outside of Genesis 2, with the exception of 2 Samuel 16:13 (referring to the other side of the hill), the word is only used architecturally in the tabernacle/temple passages (Ex 25–38; 1 Kings 6–7; Ezek 41). It can refer to planks or beams in these passages, but more often it refers to one side or the other, typically when there are two sides (rings along two sides of the ark; rooms on two sides of the temple, the north or south side; etc.). On the basis of Adam's statement, combined with these data on usage, we would have to conclude that God took one of Adam's sides—likely meaning he cut Adam in half and from one side built the woman.

— JOHN H. WALTON, THE LOST WORLD OF ADAM AND EVE

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Genesis 2 *NASB*

- Genesis 2-3: Fracturing the unity between a man and a woman (**marriage**)
- Genesis 4a: Fracturing the unity between two siblings (**family**)
- Genesis 4b: Fracturing the unity of a city (**community**)
- Genesis 6:1-4: Distorting the unity of Heaven and Earth (**cosmos**)
- Genesis 9:18-27: Fracturing the unity of the extended family (**tribes**)
- Genesis 11: Distorting the unity of the human family (**nations**)



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→ Covenant Commitment

1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 being diligent to keep the **unity** of the Spirit in the bond of **peace**. 4 There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you also were called in **one** hope of your calling; 5 **one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism, 6 **one** God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.



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Ephesians 4 NASB

**30 for we are members of his body. 31 “For this reason
a man will leave his father and mother
and be united to his wife,
and the two will become one flesh.”
32 This is a profound mystery—
but I am talking about Christ and the church**



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Ephesians 5 *NIV*



**When you get those many,
who realize that they are also one,
not in spite of their difference
but because of their difference,
their oneness images God in a way much
more richly than one could do alone.**