

~BREAST, BOSOM (426)

[Hebrew, *shadh*, *shodh*, Greek, *ma-stos'*, *ste'thos*]

.. Bosom

- The breast is a **mammary gland**, frequently, however, the term is used with reference simply to the **forepart of the human body, male or female, between the neck and the abdomen**. Two Hebrew words that denote human breast are *shadh* and *shodh*.
- O that you were like a brother of mine, sucking the **breasts** of my mother! Should I find you outside, I would kiss you. People would not even despise me. (**Song of Solomon 8:1**)
- They snatch away a fatherless boy even from the **breast**, and what is on the afflicted one they take as a pledge. (**Job 24:9**)
- Greek words for breast are *ma-stos'*.
- Now as he was saying these things a certain woman out of the crowd raised her voice and said to him; Happy is the womb that carried you and the **breasts** that you sucked! (**Luke 11:27**)
- And *ste'thos*.
- And the seven angels with the seven plagues emerged from the sanctuary, clothed with clean, bright linen and girded about their **breasts** with golden girdles. (**Revelation 15:6**)
- The human **breast** is used in the Scriptures to denote closeness, intimacy, and favor.
- As a bag of myrrh my dear one is to me, between my **breasts** he will spend the night. (**Song of Solomon 1:13**)
- So the latter leaned back upon the **breast** of Jesus and said to him; Lord, who is it? (**John 13:25**)
- Upon turning about Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus used to love following, the one who at the evening meal had also leaned back upon his **breast** and said; Lord, who is the one betraying you? (**John 21:20**)

- **Maturity**
- We have a little sister that **does not have any breasts**. What shall we do for our sister on the day that she will be spoken for? (**Song of Solomon 8:8**)
- I am a wall, and my **breasts** are like towers. In this case I have become in his eyes like her that is finding peace. (**Song of Solomon 8:10**)
- A very big multitude like the sprouting of the field is what I made you so that you would grow big and become great and come in with the finest ornament. The two **breasts** themselves were firmly developed, and your own hair grew luxuriantly, when you had been naked and nude. (**Ezekiel 16:7**)
- **Beauty**
- Your two **breasts** are like two young ones, the twins of a female gazelle, that are feeding among the lilies. (**Song of Solomon 4:5**)
- Your two **breasts** are like two young ones, the twins of a female gazelle. (**Song of Solomon 7:3**)
- This stature of yours does resemble a palm tree, and your **breasts**, date clusters. (**Song of Solomon 7:7**)
- I have said; I shall go up on the palm tree, that I may take hold of its fruit stalks of dates. And, please, may your **breasts** become like clusters of the vine, and the fragrance of your nose like apples. (**Song of Solomon 7:8**)
- **Sexual intercourse, between her breasts.**
- Carry on a legal case with your mother, carry on a legal case, for she is not my wife and I am not her husband. And she should put away her fornication from before herself and her acts of adultery from **between her breasts**. (**Hosea 2:2**)
- **Breasts were squeezed, bosoms pressed.**
- And they began to prostitute themselves in Egypt. In their youth they committed prostitution. There their **breasts were squeezed**, and there they **pressed the bosoms of their virginity**. (**Ezekiel**

23:3)

- And you continued calling attention to the loose conduct of your youth by the **pressing of your bosoms** from Egypt onward, for the sake of the **breasts of your youth**. (Ezekiel 23:21)
- **Fertility**
- He is from the God of your father, and he will help you, and he is with the Almighty, and he will bless you with the blessings of the heavens above, with the blessings of the watery deep lying down below, with the **blessings of the breasts** and womb. (Genesis 49:25)
- Give to them, O Yehowah, what you should give. Give them a miscarrying womb and **breasts shriveling up**. (Hosea 9:14)
- **Exultation and prosperity,**
- And you will actually **suck the milk of nations, and the breast of kings you will suck**, and you will be certain to know that I, Yehowah, am your Savior, and the Powerful One of Jacob is your Repurchaser. (Isaiah 60:16)
- For the reason that you will suck and certainly get **satisfaction from the breast of full consolation by her**, for the reason that you will **sip and experience exquisite delight from the teat of her glory**. (Isaiah 66:11)
- **Beating the breasts** or **tearing out the breasts** signified extreme humiliation, distress, and grief.
- **Beat** yourselves upon the **breasts** in lamentation over the desirable fields, over the fruit-bearing vine. (Isaiah 32:12)
- And you will have to drink it and drain it out, and its earthenware fragments you will gnaw, and your **breasts** you will **tear out**. For I myself have spoken, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (Ezekiel 23:34)
- But the tax collector standing at a distance was not willing even to raise his eyes heavenward, but kept **beating his breast**, saying; O God, be gracious to me a sinner. (Luke 18:13)

- And all the crowds that were gathered together there for this spectacle, when they beheld the things that occurred, began to return, **beating their breasts**. (Luke 23:48)
- A woman hearing Jesus speak cried out; Happy is the womb that carried you and the **breasts** that you sucked! Since it was every woman's desire to have a worthy son, and Jewish women desired the privilege of being the mother of a prophet and particularly the Messiah, it is understandable that this Jewish woman made such a remark.
- But Jesus answer; No, rather, Happy are those hearing the word of God and keeping it! Showed that it was not being close to Jesus in a fleshly way that counted, spirituality was the important thing. This principle precludes any veneration of Mary as the mother of our Lord.
- Now as he was saying these things a certain woman out of the crowd raised her voice and said to him; Happy is the womb that carried you and the **breasts** that you sucked! (Luke 11:27)
- But he said; No, rather, happy are those hearing the word of God and keeping it! (Luke 11:28)
- Because of the nearness of Jerusalem's destruction, to be accompanied by the appalling slaughter of its inhabitants, Jesus said; Look! days are coming in which people will say; Happy are the barren women, and the wombs that did not give birth and the **breasts** that did not nurse!
- Because, look! Days are coming in which people will say; Happy are the barren women, and the wombs that did not give birth and the **breasts** that did not nurse! (Luke 23:29)
- And the word of Yehowah continued to occur to me, saying; (Jeremiah 16:1)
- You must not take for yourself a wife, and you must not come to have sons and daughters in this place. (Jeremiah 16:2)
- For this is what Yehowah has said concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who are giving them birth and concerning their fathers who are causing their birth in this land. (Jeremiah 16:3)

- With deaths from maladies they will die. They will not be bewailed, neither will they be buried. As manure upon the surface of the ground they will become, and by the sword and by famine they will come to an end, and their dead bodies will actually serve as food for the flying creatures of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth. (**Jeremiah 16:4**)

- The Hebrew Scriptures, by using a different term, make a distinction between the human **breast** and the **breast** of animals, which is anatomically different.

- In communion sacrifices made by the Israelites the **breast** Hebrew, *cha-zeh'* of a sacrificial animal was the portion that became the **priests** for his food.

- Speak to the sons of Israel, saying; He who presents his communion sacrifice to Yehowah will bring his offering to Yehowah from his communion sacrifice. (**Leviticus 7:29**)

- His hands will bring as Yehowah's offerings made by fire the fat upon the breast. He will bring it with the **breast** to wave it to and fro as a wave offering before Yehowah. (**Leviticus 7:30**)

- And the priest must make the fat smoke upon the altar, but the **breast** must become Aaron's and his sons. (**Leviticus 7:31**)

- And you will give the right leg as a sacred portion to the priest from your communion sacrifices. (**Leviticus 7:32**)

- That one of Aaron's sons who presents the blood of the communion sacrifices and the fat, the right leg will become his as a portion. (**Leviticus 7:33**)

- For the **breast** of the wave offering and the leg of the sacred portion I do take from the sons of Israel from their communion sacrifices, and I shall give them to Aaron the priest and his sons, as a regulation to time indefinite, from the sons of Israel. (**Leviticus 7:34**)

- This was the priestly share of Aaron and the priestly share of his sons from Yehowah's offerings made by fire, on the day that he presented them to act as priests to Yehowah. (**Leviticus 7:35**)

- And you will eat the **breast** of the wave offering and the leg of

the sacred portion in a clean place, you and your sons and your daughters with you, because they have been given as your allowance and the allowance of your sons from the communion sacrifices of the sons of Israel. (**Leviticus 10:14**)

- They will bring the leg of the sacred portion and the breast of the wave offering along with the offerings made by fire, of the fatty pieces, in order to wave the wave offering to and fro before Yehowah, and it must serve as an allowance to time indefinite for you and your sons with you, just as Yehowah has commanded. (**Leviticus 10:15**)

••**Bosom**

- The word is used in a manner very similar to the usage of **breast**, although it often has reference to the fold in the upper part of the robe, rather than to the **breast** itself. The **bosom** was designated in **Hebrew** by *ch ehq*.

- So his servants said to him; Let them look for a girl, a virgin, for my lord the king, and she will have to attend upon the king, that she may become his nurse, and she must lie in your **bosom**, and my lord the king will certainly feel warm. (**1 Kings 1:2**)

- *Cho'tsen*

- Also, my **bosom** I shook out and then said; In this manner may the true God shake out from his house and from his acquired property every man that does not carry out this word, and in this manner may he become shaken out and empty. To this all the congregation said; Amen! And they began to praise Yehowah. And the people proceeded to do according to this word. (**Nehemiah 5:13**)

- And the dual form of *dadh*.

- And they began to prostitute themselves in Egypt. In their youth they committed prostitution. There their **breasts** were squeezed, and there they pressed the bosoms of their virginity. (**Ezekiel 23:3**)

- In **Greek**, *kol'pos*.

- There was reclining in front of Jesus **bosom** one of his disciples,

and Jesus loved him. (John 13:23)

- A dearly beloved or cherished one would be held close to one's bosom **Hebrew, *chehq***, the way Naomi held Ruth's baby Obed, in acknowledging him as the legal heir of Naomi's dead husband Elimelech.
- And Naomi proceeded to take the child and to put it in her **bosom**, and she came to be its nurse. (Ruth 4:16)
- In the custom of reclining at meals, the one in front of the **bosom** of another was in a position of intimacy with him, generally the favored position.
- There was reclining in front of Jesus **bosom** one of his disciples, and Jesus loved him. (John 13:23)
- Jesus employed this well-known custom in illustrating Lazarus as being in **the bosom position of Abraham**, signifying **favor with God**.
- Now in course of time the beggar died and he was carried off by the angels **to the bosom position of Abraham**. Also, the rich man died and was buried. (Luke 16:22)
- And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, he existing in torments, and he saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in the **bosom position with him**. (Luke 16:23)
- The apostle John described Jesus as being in the **bosom position** with the Father, as **the intimate of Yehowah**, the one person who could explain God to a fuller and more thorough extent than any other.
- No man has seen God at any time, the only-begotten god who is in the **bosom position with the Father, is the one that has explained him**. (John 1:18)

See Also BOSOM POSITION

- The garment worn by Israelites in Bible times was quite voluminous over the chest, so that in its folds a person could place his hands, money, or other articles and could even carry a baby or a young lamb.
- Then Yehowah said to him once more; Stick your hand, please,

into the **upper fold of your garment**. So he stuck his hand into the upper fold of his garment. When he drew it out, why, here his hand was stricken with leprosy like snow! (**Exodus 4:6**)

- After that he said; Return your hand into **the upper fold** of your garment. So he returned his hand into the **upper fold** of his garment. When he drew it out of the **upper fold** of his garment, why, here it was restored like the rest of his flesh! (**Exodus 4:7**)
- Have I myself conceived all this people? Is it I who have given them birth, so that you should say to me, Carry them in **your bosom**, just as the male nurse carries the suckling, to the soil about which you swore to their forefathers? (**Numbers 11:12**)
- But the man of little means had nothing but one female lamb, a small one, that he had bought. And he was preserving it alive, and it was growing up with him and with his sons, all together. From his morsel it would eat, and from his cup it would drink, and in his **bosom** it would lie, and it came to be as a daughter to him. (**2 Samuel 12:3**)
- Yehowah says he will carry his lambs in his **bosom**, an illustration of his tender love and care for them.
- Like a shepherd he will shepherd his own drove. With his arm he will collect together the lambs, and in his **bosom** he will carry them. Those giving suck he will conduct with care. (**Isaiah 40:11**)
- The expression **wife of one's bosom**, as in some translations, **KJ, Ro, RS, AT**, is given clearer meaning when rendered, **wife thou dost cherish in thy bosom Kx, your cherished wife. NW**
- In case your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or your **cherished wife** or your companion who is like your own soul, should try to allure you in secrecy, saying; Let us go and serve other gods, whom you have not known, neither you nor your forefathers. (**Deuteronomy 13:6**)
- As for the very delicate and dainty man among you, his eye will be evil-inclined toward his brother and his **cherished wife** and the remainder of his sons whom he has remaining. (**Deuteronomy 28:54**)

- Intercourse is sometimes referred to.
- At this Sarai said to Abram; The violence done me be upon you. I myself gave my maidservant over to your **bosom**, and she became aware that she was pregnant, and I began to be despised in her eyes. May Yehowah judge between me and you. (**Genesis 16:5**)
- And I was willing to give you the house of your lord and the wives of your lord into your **bosom**, and to give you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if it were not enough, I was willing to add to you things like these as well as other things. (**2 Samuel 12:8**)
- To render the reward into their own **bosom** or to measure out their wages into their own **bosom** are understandable expressions when we appreciate that the pockets of garments were not in one's skirts or the lower part of the garment as today.
- Look! It is written before me. I shall not keep still, but I will render a reward. I will even render the reward into their own **bosom**. (**Isaiah 65:6**)
- For their own errors and for the errors of their forefathers at the same time, Yehowah has said. Because they have made sacrificial smoke upon the mountains, and upon the hills they have reproached me, I will also measure out their wages first of all into their own **bosom**. (**Isaiah 65:7**)
- And repay to our neighbors seven times into their **bosom** their reproach with which they have reproached you, O Yehowah. (**Psalms 79:12**)
- The One exercising loving-kindness toward thousands, and repaying the error of the fathers into the bosom of their sons after them, the true God, the great One, the mighty One, Yehowah of armies being his name. (**Jeremiah 32:18**)
- Similarly, the expressions **carrying reproach in one's bosom**, **raking fire together into his bosom**, **taking a bribe from the bosom** and **a bribe in the bosom** have reference to the use of the upper folds of the garment.
- Remember, O Yehowah, the reproach upon your servants, my

carrying in my **bosom the reproach** of all the many peoples.
(**Psalms 89:50**)

- Can a man rake together **fire into his bosom** and yet his very garments not be burned? (**Proverbs 6:27**)
- One who is wicked will take even a **bribe from the bosom** to bend the paths of judgment. (**Proverbs 17:23**)
- A gift made in secrecy subdues anger, and a **bribe in the bosom**, strong rage. (**Proverbs 21:14**)