

~DAUGHTER (556)

[Hebrew, *bath*, Greek, *thy-ga'ter*]

.. Daughter, Not Always An Immediate Female Offspring

- A female offspring, in Hebrew, *bath*, and in Greek, *thy-ga'ter*.
- And the days of Adam after his fathering Seth came to be eight hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and **daughters**. (Genesis 5:4)
- But when Herod's birthday was being celebrated the **daughter** of Herodias danced at it and pleased Herod so much (Matthew 14:6)
- This man had four **daughters**, virgins, that prophesied. (Acts of Apostles 21:9)
- The birth of **daughters** in the household in Biblical times was not as great an occasion as was the arrival of sons, their position was less honored than that of boys, and their names have not been recorded as often.
- And Sheshan came to have no sons, but **daughters**. Now Sheshan had an Egyptian servant whose name was Jarha. (1 Chronicles 2:34)
- So Sheshan gave his **daughter** to Jarha his servant as a wife, who in time bore him Attai. (1 Chronicles 2:35)
- Yet most parents dearly loved their **daughters** and protected their interests. When grieving parents interceded, Jesus healed a Phoenician woman's daughter, and he raised the daughter of Jairus from the dead.
- And, look! A Phoenician woman from those regions came out and cried aloud, saying; Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David. My **daughter** is badly demonized. (Matthew 15:22)
- But he did not say a word in answer to her. So his disciples came up and began to request him; Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us. (Matthew 15:23)

- In answer he said; I was not sent forth to any but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (**Matthew 15:24**)
- When the woman came she began doing obeisance to him, saying; Lord, help me! (**Matthew 15:25**)
- In answer he said; It is not right to take the bread of the children and throw it to little dogs. (**Matthew 15:26**)
- She said; Yes, Lord, but really the little dogs do eat of the crumbs falling from the table of their masters. (**Matthew 15:27**)
- Then Jesus said in reply to her; O woman, great is your faith, let it happen to you as you wish. And her **daughter** was healed from that hour on. (**Matthew 15:28**)
- But, look! A man named Jairus came, and this man was a presiding officer of the synagogue. And he fell at the feet of Jesus and began to entreat him to enter into his house. (**Luke 8:41**)
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- And a woman, subject to a flow of blood for twelve years, who had not been able to get a cure from anyone. (**Luke 8:43**)
- Approached from behind and touched the fringe of his outer garment, and instantly her flow of blood stopped. (**Luke 8:44**)
- So Jesus said; Who was it that touched me? When they were all denying it, Peter said; Instructor, the crowds are hemming you in and closely pressing you. (**Luke 8:45**)
- Yet Jesus said; Someone touched me, for I perceived that power went out of me. (**Luke 8:46**)
- Seeing that she had not escaped notice, the woman came trembling and fell down before him and disclosed before all the

people the cause for which she touched him and how she was healed instantly. (Luke 8:47)

- But he said to her; **Daughter**, your faith has made you well. Go your way in peace. (Luke 8:48)
- While he was yet speaking, a certain representative of the presiding officer of the synagogue came, saying; Your **daughter** has died. Do not bother the teacher any longer. (Luke 8:49)
- In the patriarchal society, **daughters** had certain rights, responsibilities, and also limitations. They were assigned various chores. Priests **daughters** ate from the priestly portions of sacrifices.
- Now the young woman was very attractive in appearance, a virgin, and no man had had sexual intercourse with her, and she made her way down to the fountain and began to fill her water jar and then came up. (Genesis 24:16)
- When she was finished giving him a drink, then she said; For your camels too I shall draw water until they are done drinking. (Genesis 24:19)
- So she quickly emptied her jar into the drinking trough and ran yet again and again to the well to draw water, and kept drawing for all his camels. (Genesis 24:20)
- At this he said to them, Is it all right with him? In turn they said, It is all right. And here is Rachel his **daughter** coming with the sheep! (Genesis 29:6)
- And he went on to say; Why, it is yet full day. It is not the time for gathering the herds. Water the sheep, then go feed them. (Genesis 29:7)
- To this they said; We are not allowed to do so until all the droves are gathered and they actually roll away the stone from off the mouth of the well. Then we must water the sheep. (Genesis 29:8)
- While he was yet speaking with them, Rachel came with the sheep that belonged to her father, for she was a shepherdess. (Genesis 29:9)

- 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**)
- A **daughter** was the property of her father until he gave her in marriage.
- And Caleb proceeded to say; Whoever strikes Kiriath-sepher and does capture it, I shall certainly give him Achsah my **daughter** as a wife. (**Joshua 15:16**)
- At that Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's brother, captured it. Accordingly he gave him Achsah his **daughter** as a wife. (**Joshua 15:17**)
- Finally Saul said to David; Here is my oldest **daughter** Merab. She is the one that I shall give you as a wife. Only prove yourself a valiant person to me and fight the wars of Yehowah. But as for Saul, he said to himself; Do not let my hand come to be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines come to be upon him. (**1 Samuel 18:17**)
- However, it came about that at the time for giving Merab, Saul's **daughter**, to David, she herself had already been given to Adriel the Meholahite as a wife. (**1 Samuel 18:19**)
- So David rose and he and his men went and struck down among the Philistines two hundred men, and David came bringing their foreskins and giving them in full number to the king, to form a marriage alliance with the king. In turn Saul gave him Michal his **daughter** as a wife. (**1 Samuel 18:27**)
- And as such she could even be used as security or sold into slavery, though not to a foreigner.
- And in case a man should sell his **daughter** as a slave girl, she will not go out in the way that the slave men go out. (**Exodus 21:7**)
- If she is displeasing in the eyes of her master so that he does not designate her as a concubine but causes her to be redeemed, he will not be entitled to sell her to a foreign people in his

treacherously dealing with her. (**Exodus 21:8**)

- And if it should be to his son that he designates her, he is to do to her according to the due right of **daughters**. (**Exodus 21:9**)
- If he should take another wife for himself, her sustenance, her clothing and her marriage due are not to be diminished. (**Exodus 21:10**)
- And there were those who were saying; Our sons and our **daughters** we are giving as security that we may get grain and eat and keep alive. (**Nehemiah 5:2**)
- And there were those who were saying; Our fields and our vineyards and our houses we are giving as security that we may get grain during the food shortage. (**Nehemiah 5:3**)
- And there were those who were saying; We have borrowed money for the king's tribute on our fields and our vineyards. (**Nehemiah 5:4**)
- And now our flesh is the same as the flesh of our brothers, our sons are the same as their sons, but here we are reducing our sons and our **daughters** to slaves, and there are some of our daughters already reduced, and there is no power in our hands while our fields and our vineyards belong to others. (**Nehemiah 5:5**)
- Until she was married, her vows were subject to her father's annulment.
- And in case a woman makes a vow to Yehowah or she does bind herself with a vow of abstinence in the house of her father in her youth. (**Numbers 30:3**)
- And her father actually hears her vow or her abstinence vow that she has bound upon her soul and her father does keep silent toward her, all her vows must also stand, and every abstinence vow that she has bound upon her soul will stand. (**Numbers 30:4**)
- But if her father has forbidden her on the day of his hearing all her vows or her abstinence vows that she has bound upon her soul, it will not stand, but Yehowah will forgive her, because her father forbade her. (**Numbers 30:5**)

- **A father could not lawfully make her a prostitute, and if she were violated, he could collect damages.**
- **Now in case a man seduces a virgin who is not engaged, and he actually lies down with her, he is to obtain her without fail as his wife for the purchase price. (Exodus 22:16)**
- **If her father flatly refuses to give her to him, he is to pay over the money at the rate of purchase money for virgins. (Exodus 22:17)**
- **Do not profane your **daughter** by making her a prostitute, in order, that the land may not commit prostitution and the land actually be filled with loose morals. (Leviticus 19:29)**
- **In case a man finds a girl, a virgin who has not been engaged, and he actually seizes her and lies down with her, and they have been found out. (Deuteronomy 22:28)**
- **The man who lay down with her must also give the girl's father fifty silver shekels, and she will become his wife due to the fact that he humiliated her. He will not be allowed to divorce her all his days. (Deuteronomy 22:29)**
- **There are instances where fathers offered their virgin **daughters** to depraved mobs in order to protect their guests.**
- **Finally Lot went out to them to the entrance, but he shut the door behind him. (Genesis 19:6)**
- **Then he said; Please, my brothers, do not act badly. (Genesis 19:7)**
- **Please, here I have two **daughters** who have never had intercourse with a man. Please, let me bring them out to you. Then do to them as is good in your eyes. Only to these men do not do a thing, because that is why they have come under the shadow of my roof. (Genesis 19:8)**
- **While they were making their hearts feel good, look! The men of the city, mere good-for-nothing men, surrounded the house, shoving one another against the door, and they kept saying to the old man, the owner of the house; Bring out the man that**

came into your house, that we may have intercourse with him.
(Judges 19:22)

- At that the owner of the house went on out to them and said to them; No, my brothers, do not do anything wrong, please, since this man has come into my house. Do not commit this disgraceful folly. (Judges 19:23)
- Here are my virgin daughter and his concubine. Let me bring them out, please, and you rape them and do to them what is good in your eyes. But to this man you must not do this disgraceful, foolish thing. (Judges 19:24)
- Daughters were sometimes given an inheritance along with their brothers, but in the case of the five daughters of Zelophehad whose father died without sons, they received the entire inheritance of their forefathers, on the condition that they marry sons of Manasseh so that the property would remain in the same tribe.
- And the heads of the fathers of the family of the sons of Gilead the son of Machir the son of Manasseh of the families of the sons of Joseph proceeded to come near and speak before Moses and the chieftains, the heads of the fathers of the sons of Israel.
(Numbers 36:1)
- And say; Yehowah commanded my lord to give the land in inheritance by lot to the sons of Israel, and my lord was commanded by Yehowah to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother to his daughters. (Numbers 36:2)
- If any of the sons of the other tribes of the sons of Israel happened to get them as wives, the women's inheritance must also be withdrawn from the inheritance of our fathers and must be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they may come to belong, so that it would be withdrawn from the lot of our inheritance. (Numbers 36:3)
- Now if the Jubilee takes place for the sons of Israel, the women's inheritance must also be added to the inheritance of the tribe to which they may come to belong, so that their inheritance would be withdrawn from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.
(Numbers 36:4)
- Then Moses commanded the sons of Israel at the order of

Yehowah, saying; The tribe of the sons of Joseph is speaking right. (**Numbers 36:5**)

- This is the word that Yehowah has commanded for the **daughters** of Zelophehad, saying; To whom it is good in their eyes they may become wives. Only it is to the family of the tribe of their fathers that they should become wives. (**Numbers 36:6**)
- And no inheritance of the sons of Israel should circulate from tribe to tribe, because the sons of Israel should cleave each one to the inheritance of the tribe of his forefathers. (**Numbers 36:7**)
- And every **daughter** getting possession of an inheritance out of the tribes of the sons of Israel, to one of the family of the tribe of her father she should become a wife, in order, that the sons of Israel may get possession each one of the inheritance of his forefathers. (**Numbers 36:8**)
- And no inheritance should circulate from one tribe to another tribe, because the tribes of the sons of Israel should cleave each to its own inheritance. (**Numbers 36:9**)
- Just as Yehowah had commanded Moses, that is the way the **daughters** of Zelophehad did. (**Numbers 36:10**)
- Accordingly Mahlah, Tirzah and Hoglah and Milcah and Noah, the **daughters** of Zelophehad, became the wives of the sons of their father's brothers. (**Numbers 36:11**)
- To some of the families of the sons of Manasseh the son of Joseph they became wives, that their inheritance might continue together with the tribe of the family of their father. (**Numbers 36:12**)
- So she said; Do give me a blessing, for it is a piece of land to the south you have given me, and you must give me Gulloth-maim. Accordingly he gave her Upper Gulloth and Lower Gulloth. (**Joshua 15:19**)
- And no women were found as pretty as Job's **daughters** in all the land, and their father proceeded to give them an inheritance in among their brothers. (**Job 42:15**)

- If a **daughter** was divorced or widowed, she could come back into her father's household.
- So Judah said to Tamar his **daughter**-in-law. Dwell as a widow in the house of your father until Shelah my son grows up. For he said to himself; He too may die like his brothers. Accordingly Tamar went and continued to dwell at her own father's house. (**Genesis 38:11**)
- But in case the **daughter** of a priest should become a widow or divorced when she has no offspring, and she must return to her father's house as in her youth, she may eat some of her father's bread, but no stranger at all may feed on it. (**Leviticus 22:13**)

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- The term **daughter** was applied to relationships other than ones next-generation progeny. For example, under certain circumstances the term referred to a **sister**.
- And Hamor proceeded to speak with them, saying; As for Shechem my son, his soul is attached to your **daughter**. Give her, please, to him as a wife. (**Genesis 34:8**)
- But if you do not listen to us to get circumcised, then we will take our **daughter** and go. (**Genesis 34:17**)
- An adopted **daughter**,
- And he came to be the caretaker of Hadassah, that is, Esther, the **daughter** of his father's brother, for she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was pretty in form and beautiful in appearance, and at the death of her father and her mother Mordecai took her as his daughter. (**Esther 2:7**)
- And when the turn of Esther the **daughter** of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, whom he had taken as his daughter, arrived to come in to the king, she did not request anything except what Hegai the king's eunuch, the guardian of the women, proceeded to mention, all the while Esther was continually gaining favor in the eyes of everyone seeing her. (**Esther 2:15**)
- **Daughter-in-law**,

- And he came to have thirty sons and thirty **daughters**. He sent outside and brought in thirty daughters for his sons from outside. And he continued to judge Israel for seven years. (**Judges 12:9**)
- But Naomi said; Return, my **daughters**. Why should you go with me? Do I still have sons in my inward parts, and will they have to become your husband's? (**Ruth 1:11**)
- Return, my **daughters**, go, for I have grown too old to get to belong to a husband. If I had said I had hope also that I should certainly become a husband tonight and also should certainly bear sons. (**Ruth 1:12**)
- Would you keep waiting for them until they could grow up? Would you keep yourselves secluded for them so as not to become a husband? No, my **daughters**, for it is very bitter to me because of you, that the hand of Yehowah has gone out against me. (**Ruth 1:13**)
- A **granddaughter**,
- Three years he reigned in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Maacah the **granddaughter** of Abishalom. (**1 Kings 15:2**)
- And forty-one years he reigned in Jerusalem, and his grandmother's name was Maacah the **granddaughter** of Abishalom. (**1 Kings 15:10**)
- Where the **Hebrew** word for **daughter**, *bath*, is rendered **granddaughter** in **Mo, NW**
- In the eighteenth year of King Jeroboam it was that Abijah began to reign over Judah. (**2 Chronicles 13:1**)
- Three years he reigned in Jerusalem, and his mother's name was Micaiah the **daughter** of Uriel of Gibeah. And war itself took place between Abijah and Jeroboam. (**2 Chronicles 13:2**)
- A descendant,
- After that Rebekah kept saying to Isaac; I have come to abhor this life of mine because of the **daughters** of Heth. If Jacob ever takes a wife from the **daughters** of Heth like these from the **daughters** of the land, of what good is life to me? (**Genesis**

27:46)

- In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there happened to be a certain priest named Zechariah of the division of Abijah, and he had a wife from the **daughters** of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. (**Luke 1:5**)
- Was it not due, then, for this woman who is a **daughter** of Abraham, and whom Satan held bound, look! Eighteen years, to be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day? (**Luke 13:16**)
- Aside from these direct relatives, the term **daughter** was applied to women in general.
- Then the sons of the true God began to notice the **daughters** of men, that they were good-looking, and they went taking wives for themselves, namely, all whom they chose. (**Genesis 6:2**)
- The Nephilim proved to be in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of the true God continued to have relations with the **daughters** of men and they bore sons to them, they were the mighty ones who were of old, the men of fame. (**Genesis 6:4**)
- Then Leah said; With my happiness! For the **daughters** will certainly pronounce me happy. So she called his name Asher. (**Genesis 30:13**)
- There are many **daughters** that have shown capableness, but you, you have ascended above them all. (**Proverbs 31:29**)
- Women of a particular land, people or city;
- So my master made me swear, saying; You must not take a wife for my son from the **daughters** of the Canaanites in whose land I am dwelling. (**Genesis 24:37**)
- From year to year the **daughters** of Israel would go to give commendation to the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite, four days in the year. (**Judges 11:40**)
- And you must look, and, there now, when the **daughters** of Shiloh come on out to dance in circle dances, you must also come out from the vineyards and carry off for yourselves by force each one

his wife from the **daughters** of Shiloh, and you must go to the land of Benjamin. (**Judges 21:21**)

- **And female worshipers of false gods,**
- **Judah has dealt treacherously, and a detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem, for Judah has profaned the holiness of Yehowah, which He has loved, and he has taken possession of the **daughter** of a foreign god as a bride. (**Malachi 2:11**)**
- **It was used as a general address of kindness by one with authority or by an **older person to a younger woman**.**
- **At that he said; Blessed may you be of Yehowah, my **daughter**. You have expressed your loving-kindness better in the last instance than in the first instance, in not going after the young fellows whether lowly or rich. (**Ruth 3:10**)**
- **And now, my **daughter**, do not be afraid. All that you say I shall do for you, for everyone in the gate of my people is aware that you are an excellent woman. (**Ruth 3:11**)**
- **He said to her; **Daughter**, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be in good health from your grievous sickness. (**Mark 5:34**)**
- **Forms of the **Hebrew** word *bath* are also used when referring to **branches** of a tree.**
- **Offshoot of a **fruit bearing tree**, Joseph is the **offshoot** of a fruit bearing tree by the fountain, that propels its **branches** up over a wall. (**Genesis 49:22**)**
- **Dependent towns of a larger city.**
- **So Israel took all these cities, and Israel began dwelling in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon and all its **dependent towns**. (**Numbers 21:25**)**
- **And there came to belong to Manasseh in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its **dependent towns** and Ibleam and its dependent towns and the inhabitants of Dor and its **dependent towns** and the inhabitants of En-dor and its **dependent towns** and**

the inhabitants of Taanach and its **dependent towns** and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its **dependent towns**, three of the heights. (**Joshua 17:11**)

- Therefore, look! There are days coming, is the utterance of Yehowah, and I will cause the alarm signal of war to be heard even against Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and she will certainly become a mound of a desolate waste, and her dependent towns themselves will be set aflame in the very fire. And Israel will actually take possession of those in possession of him, Yehowah has said. (**Jeremiah 49:2**)
- The term for **daughter**, in its many senses, occurs over 600 times in the Bible.