# Is Gen2:24 a Narrative or Speech of Adam? The Origin of the Family and Sonship of Jesus

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#### Introduction

# 1. Understanding the Problem

- Ancient Scripture had no punctuation marks
- First Quotation Marks Began in German in 1516.

# 2. Types of Theories:

(a) Narrative (b) Adam (c) Uncertainty

## 3. Objective

ויודיאחריקותמשתעכו היאמר. העונעגעיה. היאמר הענועגאליי יומשהתמשהי

לדירותיכבון לבני וה יוריו שיונוד ואחריות ויוני רי את שילת פטוד וחודיה ובי ואחר חעילו דוואו פקשור ושוכטו לפנו את שעור חעזום לראושונה וחי עשה לעולת ודלווום דבו לפובוו בפורק וער יטו באתבעו על ארבעקרנות מיצות חשלה ועל ארבע בטת עזרת חבוכח וזרק אתרט עלוםו וטות חשטו ועשה שלתבניוםף עזרת המוכח סבוב ואת חלכן וקטור המוכח זוחלב המנסדאת את עולת ראובן לבר חקרב ואת אשר על חקרבום ואת וותרת הכבד עם הכליות ועשה עולת וששפר וסורנודואת החלב אשר שלוחבה ואת אשר על חנם לום ווקטר יפשוד שלת גף לפיו חטל על בובח עם מנחונו ונסנו אשו רוח נוחוח לוהוה ואת Dead Sea Roll Sample

# Genesis 2:23-25 (NIV)

[2:23] The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, ' for she was taken out of man."

וַיֹאמֶר ״הָאָדָם זָאת הַפַּּעַם עָצֶם מִץְצָצָמֵי וּבָשָׂר מִבְּשָׂרִי לְזֹאת יִקָּרָא אִשְּׁה כִּי מֵאָישׁ לְקָחָה־זְאת:

[2:24] For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

ַצַל־כֵּן יְצַזָב־אִׁישׁ אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אִמֻוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתֹוֹ וְהָיָוּ לְבָעָׂר אֶחְד:

[2:25] The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

וִיְהְיָוּ שְׁנֵיהֶם עֲרוּמִּׁים הָאָדָם וְאִשְׁתִּוֹ וְלָא יִתְבּשְׁשׁוּ:

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24	For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.
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25	וַיְּהְיָר שְׁנֵיהֶם עֲרוּמִּׁים הְאָדָם וְאִשְׁתִּוֹ וְלָא יִתְבּעְשׁוּ:

## **Narrative Theory**

- 1. Adam's Parents
- 2. Jesus's Quotation
- 3. The word 'therefore' (עַל־כֵּן)
- 4. Structural analysis

23	The man said,  A: This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; B: she shall be called 'woman, ' A': for she was taken out of man.
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## Gen2:23 A-B-A Configuration

#### [Gen2:23] Adam said:

A: This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; (woman from man)

**B:** she shall be called 'woman, ' (name of woman)

A': for she was taken out of man. (woman from man)

#### [Gen2:24]

**X:** For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

#### [Gen2:25]

**Y:** The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

## Adam Theory

- 1. 'Father' and 'Mother' as Names for God.
- 2. Jesus Quotation
- 3. Jesus Family View

#### Jesus' Quotation

when Jesus quotes the Gen 2:24, He linkes to Gen 1:27. He stated that at the beginning of creation, God 'made them male and female' (Mak10:6 NIV, Mat19:4). Jesus stressed that husband and wife are no longer two, but one, therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate (Mat19:6, Mak10:8-9).