

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

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Genesis 2:23-25 (NIV)

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וַיֹּאמֶר הָאָדָם זֹאת הִפָּעַם עֲצָם מִעֲצָמִי וּבָשָׂר מִבָּשָׂרִי לְזֹאת יִקְרָא אִשָּׁה כִּי מֵאִישׁ לְקָחָהּ זֹאת:

[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.

עַל־כֵּן יַעֲזֹב־אִישׁ אֶת־אָבִיו וְאֶת־אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ לְבָשָׂר אֶחָד:

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

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Gen 2:23-25

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24	<p>עַל-כֵּן יַעֲזֹב אִישׁ אֶת-אָבִיו וְאֶת- אִמּוֹ וְדָבַק בְּאִשְׁתּוֹ וְהָיוּ לְבָשָׂר אֶחָד:</p>
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Narrative Theory

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

23	<p>The man said, “</p> <p>A: This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh;</p> <p>B: she shall be called 'woman, '</p> <p>A': for she was taken out of man.”</p>
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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 links 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).