

Scriptures on Divine Feminine

God cares for God's people like a midwife that cares for the child she just delivered (Ps 22:9-10, Ps 71:6, Isa 66:9)

God is like a mother eagle hovering over her young (Deuteronomy 32:11)

Like a woman would never forget her nursing child, God will not forget her children (Isaiah 49:15)

God experiences the fury of a mother bear robbed of her cubs (Hosea 13:8)

Jesus longed for the people of Jerusalem, like a mother hen longs to gather her chicks under her wings (Luke 13:34)

God seeks the lost like a housekeeper, trying to find her lost coin (Luke 15:8-10)

Sophia - First nine chapters of Proverbs focus on Wisdom

- Proverbs 4:13 she is your life, giver of life
- Proverbs 8:35 whoever finds me finds life
- Proverbs 8:15 decrees what is right
- Proverbs 8: 22 – 31 like Wisdom herself, before the foundation of the earth I was there. Wisdom comes from God, was created by God
- Wisdom 7:22 – 8:1 She is the fashioner of all things; 21 attributes which is the product of two perfect numbers 3 & 7. Wisdom is perfection multiplied by perfection. Intelligent, holy, unique, manifold, subtle, mobile, clear, unpolluted, distinct, invulnerable, loving good, keen, irresistible, beneficent, humane, steadfast, sure, free from anxiety, all powerful. Overseeing all, penetrating through all other intelligent spirits
- Wisdom 8:1 She orders all things
- Wisdom 7: 24 She pervades and penetrates all things
- Wisdom 7:27 She renews all things – renewable energy
- Wisdom 9:10 She shares the throne of God
- Wisdom 7:10 – 14 She's the source of all things new
- Sirach 1:1 – 8 It is God who knows wisdom and pours her forth upon the world
- Sirach 24: 1 – 27 Hymn of self-praise sung by Wisdom in which she describes herself, her origins, her relationship to God and the good things she does for human beings. She came from the mouth of God, she is God's word, breath, Spirit; as the spirit/wind that hovered over the waters of creation and as mist / steam that covered the earth at the beginning; she is universal, everywhere. Her image as a tree echoes Proverbs 8 – she strikes root among God's people. She feeds all who long for her. Her food is sweeter than honey. Her food is herself. All who eat of her will hunger still, who drink of her will thirst for more. One will never be able to get enough of what she offers. What she offers is life. She concludes her song with a promise similar to Proverbs 8:35 – 34 – those who obey her will not be shamed. Those who serve her will not fall short. I believe she is the personification of God's wisdom as the feminine archetype.

Birthing God – Womb

- Genesis 7:1 – Breasts illuminate a feminine image of God
- Deuteronomy 32:18 “You forget the rock who begot you, unmindful of the God who gave birth to you”
- Job 38:8 “Who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?”
- Job 38: 28-29 God's fathering of rain and giving birth to ice from her womb
- Isaiah 42:14 “I groan like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant”
- Isaiah 46: 3-4: “You who have been carried since birth, whom I have carried since time you were born” –

incubating in God's womb

- John 1:12: Those who believe in God are born of God
- John 4:7: Everyone who loves is born of God
- John 16:21: God is bringing forth a new humanity like the pangs of a woman in labor; her hour has come
- Acts 17: In God we live and move and have our being
- Galatians 4:19: God's womb is in pain
- Romans 8:22 From the beginning to now the entire creation has been groaning in one great act of giving birth (creation)

Creator God of Israel is also imaged as the shaper, maker and mother God who formed Israel in the womb and birthed Israel with labor pains:

- (Deut. 32:18; Psalm 90:2; Proverbs 8:24 – 25; Isaiah 43:1,7,15; 44:2, 24; 45:9, 11; 51:13; 54:5 From the word "womb" (rehem) comes the verb "to have compassion" (raham), and the phrase "Yahweh's compassionate (raham) and gracious" repeatedly appears in the Hebrew scripture to describe the merciful and saving acts of God in history. (Deut. 4:31; 2 Chronicles 30:9; Nehemiah 9:17; Ps 78:38; 86:16; 103:8; 111:4; 112:4; 145:8; John 4:7 These verses show images of God who demonstrates "womb – like compassion" for her child Israel.
- God creator is sometimes depicted as woman giving birth and sometimes a reproductive image of God as both male and female: Deut 32:18; Job 38:28 – 29; Is 42:14; Acts 17; John 16:21; Gal 4:19; Rom 8:22; John 1:12

Nursing Mother:

- Isaiah 49:15 does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son (daughter) of her womb
- Numbers 11:12 was it I who conceived all this people, was it I who gave them birth that you should say to me, carry them in your bosom like a nurse with a baby at the breast
- Psalm 131:2 – 3 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul within me is like a weaned child.
- John 7: 38 From his breast shall flow the fountains of living water
- 1 Peter 2:2 – 3 You are newborn and like babies you should be hungry for nothing but milk – now that you have tasted the goodness of Christ

Scriptures on Christ or the Spirit Within You:

- John 14:17 "You can recognize the Spirit, because the Spirit **remains with you** and will be **within you.**"
- John 14:20 "On that day you'll know that **I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you.**"
- John 15:5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who **live in me and I in them** will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."
- John 15:12 "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 - "Or do you not realize about yourselves that **Jesus Christ is in you?**"
- Romans 8:10 - "But if **Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of **righteousness.**"
- 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 - "Because the God who said, Out of darkness light shall shine, is the One who shined in our hearts to illuminate the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not out of us.”

- Galatians 1:15-16 - “But when it pleased God, who set me apart from my mother’s womb and called by His grace, to reveal His Son in me.”
- Galatians 2:20 - “I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.”
- Galatians 4:19 - “My children, with whom I travail again in birth until Christ is formed in you.”
- Ephesians 3:17 - “That Christ may make His home in your hearts through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love.”
- Colossians 1:27 - “To whom God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.”
- 2 Thessalonians 1:10 - “When He comes to be glorified in His saints and to be marveled at in all those who have believed.”