

Wise Women of Exodus 35:25-26

Shemot 35:25-26 Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB)

²⁵ And every isha (**woman**) that was chachmat lev (**wise heart**) spun with her hands, and brought the spun yarn, both of turquoise, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

²⁶ And all the nashim (**women**) whose lev (**heart**) stirred them up in chochmah (**Powerhouse**) spun goat hair.

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²⁵ All the ^[a]skilled women spun with their hands, and brought what they had spun, *in* ^[b]blue and purple *and* scarlet *material* and *in* fine linen.²⁶ All the women whose heart ^[c]stirred with a skill spun the goats' *hair*.

Footnotes:

- Exodus 35:25** Lit *women wise of heart*
- Exodus 35:25** Or *violet*
- Exodus 35:26** Lit *lifted them up in wisdom*



Chachmat = wisdom



Chochmah = powerhouse

Isn't it interesting that a heart lifted up in wisdom is a word that relates to power?

What is the dictionary definition of Wisdom or being wise?

Wisdom - the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgment; the quality of being wise.

Wise

- having the power of discerning and judging properly as to what is true or right; possessing discernment, judgment, or discretion.
- characterized by or showing such power; judicious or prudent:
- possessed of or characterized by scholarly knowledge or learning

What is God's Biblical definition? Is it different from the dictionary definition?

Why in a chapter where two men are shown to have the Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) and wisdom to build the tabernacle are these **two verses** dedicated to discussing these Wise hearted Women?

What do the verses tell us about them?

- They were skilled, or wise, Their hearts were stirred
- They spun blue, purple and scarlet threads (Yarn) Blue meaning Heaven, Holy Spirit and authority, Purple meaning Priesthood, Kingship, Royalty, mediator, wealth, Scarlet or red meaning love of God, blood of the lamb, atonement and salvation
- and also fine linen – The most laborious of fabrics to make. Known for the sparkling whiteness. Symbolize the truths of the Divine because they were of the purest white. The light from the Lord and truth itself. It also signifies the righteousness of the saints as in Rev. 19:7,8.
- They spun goats hair

What were they used for?

- They created the threads and fabrics to go over the Holy of Holies and the Holy place and for the Curtains to house it, the Veil and screen.
- Threads are the building blocks for much of the Tabernacle. (Dwelling place of God among the people.)
- Threads become a whole when united. They are not individually recognized but necessary and when woven into cloth become a useful and often beautiful covering.
- Exodus Chapters 36- 38 – A lot of these materials were needed and the Tabernacle could not have been made without these contributions.

Women in the Jewish culture

- Usher in the light of God, Are seen as the primary builder of God's presence and life in the home

No work of God or Man since creation comes into being without a woman's involvement

Some are raised up like Deborah, Esther or Ruth to visual obvious works.

Many nurture, start, protect the work God wants to do.

What does the bible tell us about wisdom or being wise?

- Wise Woman of Exodus 25 – used their skills and abilities to do God's work
- 10 Virgins Matthew 25:1-13
 - Were prepared, Think ahead, alertness and prepared for action
- Proverbs 1:5 – Willing to listen to instruction (Psalm 19:7)
- Proverbs 1:7 – wisdom begins with the fear (reverence) of the Lord
- Proverbs 2:1-6 – Wisdom needs to be treasured and sought
- Proverbs 3:1-3 – Keeping God's commandments is key and wisdom has a reward of long life and peace.
- James 1:5 – We can ask for Wisdom
- James 3:13-18 – good behavior, not arrogant, peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy.

Ephesians 4:14-16 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

¹⁴As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

Points to Ponder in discussion:

Part of Wisdom is knowing the skills and gifts that God has given you to use to help yourself and others grow to their full potential. What are your skills and talents? How can they be used to bring the light of Christ into the World you work in? What areas do you need to work on to gain the wisdom you need to represent God to your family and those around you?