

# The Hebrews and their God

When the Hebrews came before God they had certain feelings, assumptions and expectations...

1. God created Israel—they were “married” to one another.
2. Idolatry was equated to adultery.
3. The “Silence of God” was a problem for Israel.
4. They had the belief that God wanted to be motivated to change—the Hebrews had high expectations of God.
5. The pain of Israel was the pain of God—God could and did grieve.
6. Questioning God can be the greatest act of faith.
7. Sin, for the Hebrews, was a secondary condition and/or problem—relationship with God was primary.
8. When Israel prayed the “Laments” they were not certain how God would answer—but as a faithful lover He would answer.
9. Israel viewed their relationship with God as one of community.

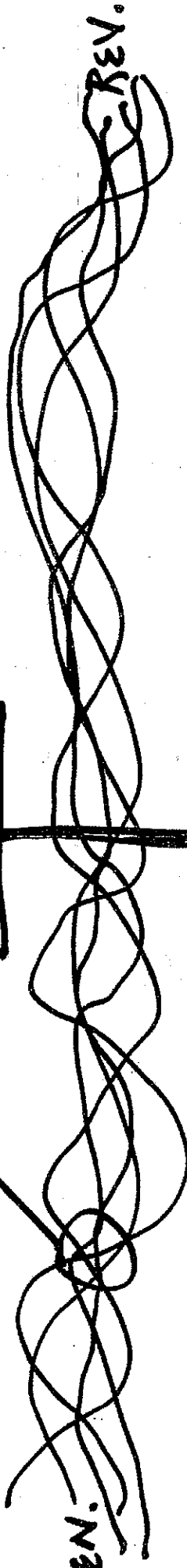
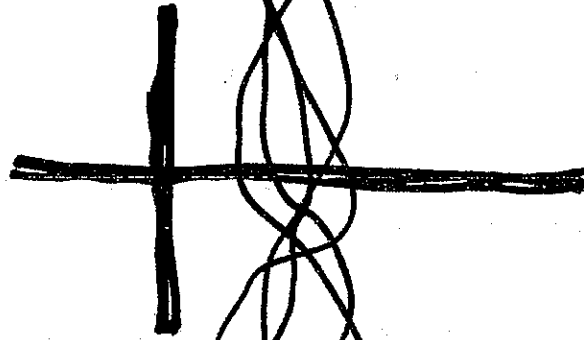
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“to know”

God	→	Man/Creation
Male	→	Female
Husband	→	Wife
LORD	→	Israel
Bridegroom	→	Bride
Christ	→	Church
Pastor	→	Congregation

