

Baal? Since Baal was unquestionably the chief rival of the Israelite god, would it not make sense that the writers of the Hebrew Bible would want His special priestesses to share in His shame and degradation?

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WOMEN AND TORAH

Wife Of

Noah's wife can be seen as a metaphor

for the thousands of women

who are nameless

receive no wordly recognition

whose stories need to be told.

As they entered the ark, Noah looked unto his wife

and they knew that life could continue.

She trusted

she believed

she toiled.

She endured.

Her labour created the haven that kept the breath of life.

For forty days and nights the waters swelled

The floodgates subsided.

Forth they came out of the ark.

Generations remember the man who built the ark

And she who maintained life is faceless.

Let us render homage to this woman and celebrate her strength.

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