

וְאֶהְיֶה אֵצֶל אֹמֶן וְאֶהְיֶה יֹשֵׁעַ יוֹם  
 יוֹם מִשְׂחֶקֶת לְפָנָיו בְּכָל-עֵת:

30. Then I was by him [at his side], as an artisan [craftsman].  
 I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always before him.

[When the Word became flesh, he became the craftsman at Joseph's side . . . Joseph the carpenter from Nazareth, Joseph the son of David; likewise, the Word in the beginning was the craftsman at the side of God. The feminine metaphor with which this chapter began has changed to a masculine one. אֹמֶן is a masculine noun meaning artisan or craftsman. Another possible meaning is foster-child. In any case, as Keil and Delitzsch have shown, at this point in the chapter the feminine determination disappears. See how the word is used in Jeremiah 52:15. To be filled with the Spirit of God like Bezaleel meant to be filled with wisdom to build creatively as a craftsman—see Exodus 31:3. Thus Wisdom is pictured as a craftsman WITH God, even as John 1:1 says, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was WITH God." In Proverbs 30:4 more light is thrown on this passage: Wisdom is like a SON, a SON working creatively at his father's side. See note #61. However, Hosea 11:1-4 shows that the divine fatherhood is moral and spiritual, in contrast to the sexual or physical ideas of the Baal cults, or in contrast to the ignorant scoffers at the Biblical doctrine of God the Father of His Word Yeshua. These critics show the same ignorant tendency to create a non-Biblical strawman "trinity" and then burn it down with ill-informed polemics, like the ignorant railings of certain Muslims against the Quranic version of the "trinity."]