



“The Marriage of the Lamb”

Part 2

Rev. 19:7,8

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Quiz

1. Name the 7 metaphors used in the Bible to describe Christ's relationship to His Church.

7 metaphors God uses to help us understand our relationship to Him.

- *A king with a kingdom (Col. 1:13)*
- *A vine with branches (John 15:5)*
- *A cornerstone with a building (Eph. 2:20-22)*
- *A head with a body (Col. 1:18)*
- *A bridegroom with a bride (Rev. 19:7)*
- *A father with a family (Rom. 8:15)*
- *A shepherd with a flock (John 10:11)*

2. The name of the contract that is signed at the beginning of the betrothal period.

Ketubbah

3. What is its purpose?

To state the intentions of the bridegroom to provide for and to protect the bride and her family.

4. What is the “Bride's Price”?

The price paid by the bridegroom to the father of the bride for the bride.

5. Why was it paid?

1. **To compensate the bride's family.**
2. **In the event he divorced her for no cause.**
3. **In the event he was guilty of adultery.**
4. **In the event he takes on a second wife.**

6. What and how long is the betrothal period?

The contractual engagement period.

1-2 years.

7. What does the bride do during the betrothal period?

Sews her wedding gown.

8. What does the groom do during the betrothal period?

Prepares a place for them to live after the wedding.

9. Who determines when it is time for the bridegroom to return for his bride?

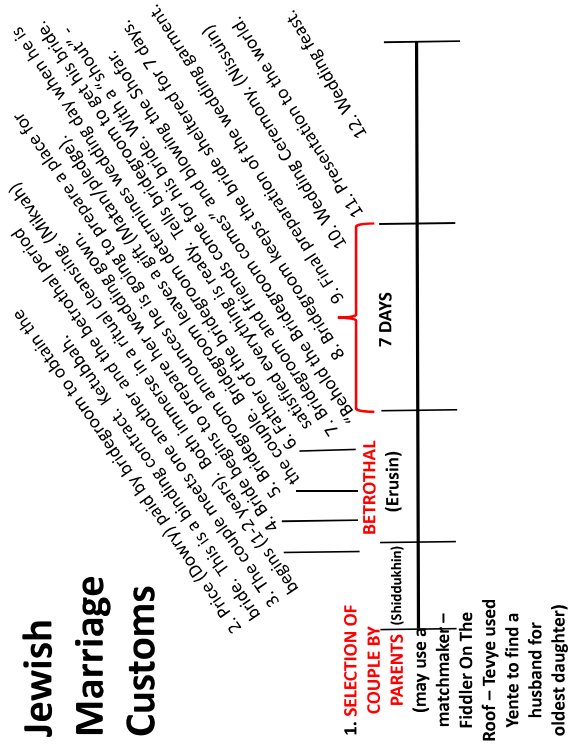
Father of the bridegroom.

10. Why do both the Bride and the Bridegroom wear white and what act by the Bride and Bridegroom signifies the white that they wear?

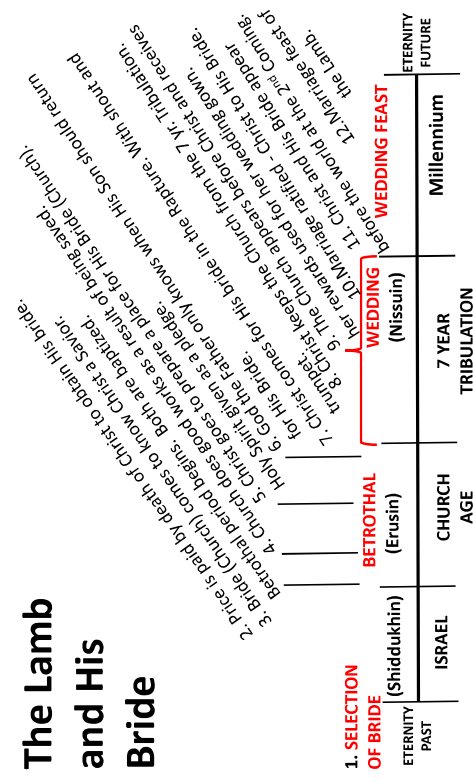
White stands for purity. Immersion in water as a ritual cleansing.



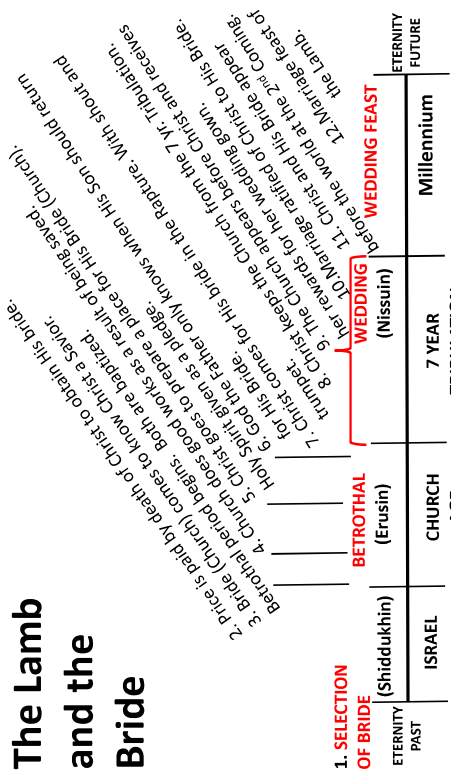
Jewish Marriage Customs



The Lamb and His Bride



The Lamb and the Bride



1. SELECTION OF BRIDE (Shiddukhin) ISRAEL CHURCH AGE ETERNITY PAST
 2. Price is paid by death of Christ to obtain His Bride
 3. Bride (Church) comes to know Christ a Savior
 4. Church does good works as a result of being saved
 5. Christ gives a pledge
 6. Holy Spirit comes for His bride in the Rapture. With shout and trumpet
 7. Christ keeps the Church from the 7 yr. Tribulation
 8. Christ gives a pledge
 9. The Church appears before Christ to His Bride
 10. Marriage of Christ and His Bride
 11. Christ and His Bride appear before the world at the 2nd Coming
 12. Marriage feast of the Lamb

ETERNITY FUTURE
 Millennium
 7 YEAR TRIBULATION
 WEDDING FEAST
 WEDDING (Nissuin)

3. Bride (Church) comes into a relationship with her Bridegroom (Christ) and the betrothal period begins. Both are baptized.

Eph 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,

The three stages of Isaac's marriage to Rebekah: Gen 24	
Contract (stage 1)	Gen 24:33 An offer of marriage is proposed. The offer is accepted and Rebekah is married by contract. Gifts and money are given both to the bride and the parents of the bride. Notice that Rebekah was asked if she consented to the marriage.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 24:64-67 Rebekah and Isaac go to the tent
Celebration (stage 3)	- No mention of wedding feast, but one likely happened.
The three stages of Jacob's marriage to Leah: Gen 29	
Contract (stage 1)	Gen 29:15-20 Jacob contracts to work for 7 in advance before he gets the girl.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 29:21-26 Jacob pays the dowry price of 7 years and takes Leah into the tent.
Celebration (stage 3)	Gen 29:27-28 He completed the 7 day wedding feast with Leah
The three stages of Jacob's marriage to Rachel: Gen 29	
Contract (stage 1)	Gen 29:27 Jacob contracts to work for 7 MORE years but gets to consummate the wedding at the before he pays the full dowry.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 29:30 He took Leah into the tent at the beginning of the 7 day feast, then at the end of the 7 day feast he took Rachel into the tent.
Celebration (stage 3)	Gen 29:27-28 The 7 day wedding feast was for both girls.

1. Selection of the Bride (Church) by the Father (God).

Eph 1:3-4

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,
 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him.

John 15:16

16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you,

1 John 4:19

19 We love, because He first loved us.

2. Price paid by the Bridegroom (Christ) to acquire His Bride (Church). Down payment was given.

Eph 5:25

25 just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

1 Cor 6:19-20

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
 20 For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

Eph 1:13-14

13 you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,
 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,

50 Things Christ Does For His Bride at Salvation

- The Bride is:**
1. Elect (Chosen) (Eph. 1:4)
 2. Foreknown (1 Pet. 1:2)
 3. Predestined (Rom. 8:29-30)
 4. Called (1 Thes. 5:24)
 5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
 6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
 7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
 8. Forgiven all sin (Eph. 1:7)
 9. Joined to Christ (Rom. 6:1-10)
 10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:1-6)
 11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
 12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15, 23)
 13. Made acceptable to God through Christ (Eph. 1:6, Col. 1:12)
 14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)
 15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
 16. Persevered forever (Heb. 10:14)
 17. Justified (Rom. 5:1)
 18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
 19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col. 1:13)
 20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
 21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
 22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6, 11, 12, 20)
 23. Circumcised in Christ (Col. 2:11)
 24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5-9)
 25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)
 26. A heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20)
 27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
 28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:11, 21, 23)
 29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)
 30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
 31. Within the care of God (Rom. 8:8-10)
 32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
 33. An object of God's grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
 34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
 35. An object of God's faithfulness (Phil. 1:6)
 36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
 37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16, 17)
 38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
 39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
 40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
 41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
 42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1:1)
 43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
 44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
 45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
 46. Inebriated by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
 47. Sealed by the Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22)
 48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9, 10)
 49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
 50. glorified (Rom. 8:18)

Joseph had two choices:		
Choice	Whose reputation was harmed?	Who got the bride's dowry?
Choice 1: divorce Mary for cause	Mary's reputation harmed	Joseph kept the dowry for himself
Choice 2: divorce Mary for no cause secretly	Joseph's reputation harmed	Joseph gave the dowry back to Mary
		Joseph pays 50 shekel fine? Joseph doesn't have to pay. Joseph must pay 50 shekels.

Both are baptized.

Matt 3:15-16

15 But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him.

16 After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water;

1 Cor 12:13

For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Eph 5:26

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

4. Bride (Church) does good works as a result of being saved, therefore preparing her wedding gown.

Eph 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

5. Bridegroom (Christ) goes to prepare a place to live for His Bride (Church). Sends Holy Spirit to be a pledge.

John 14:2-3

2 "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also.

Eph 1:13-14

13 having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance,

6. The Father (God) knows when preparations are complete and tells His Son to get His Bride (Church).

1 Thess 5:2

2 For yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.

Matt 24:36

36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.

9. The Bride (Church) makes herself ready by her final preparations of her wedding gown.

Rev 19:7-8

7 and His bride has made herself ready."

8 It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

2 Cor 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

1 Cor 3:12-15

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

7. The Bridegroom (Christ) returns for His Bride.

1 Thess 4:16-17

6 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.

1 Cor 15:51-52

51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

8. The Bridegroom (Christ) shelters His Bride (Church) from the world for 7 Years (Tribulation) in the place He has prepared.

Rev 3:7

10 "Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

1 Thess 5:9

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

***If the Church goes through the Tribulation, you have to ask: "Why would the bride of Christ receive the wrath of her groom just before the wedding?"**

10. Final ratification of the marriage of Bridegroom(Christ) to His Bride (Church).

Rev 19:7

7 "Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come . . ."

2 Cor 11:2

2 For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin.

Eph 5:26-27

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.



11. Bridegroom (Christ) and the Bride (Church) appear before the world.

Col 3:4

4 When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.

Rev 19:11-14

- 11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.
- 12 His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself.
- 13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.
- 14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses.

12. The Marriage Feast of the Lamb.

Rev 19:9

9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'"

Deut 22:13-21

- 13 "If any man takes a wife and goes in to her and then turns against her, 14 and charges her with shameful deeds and publicly defames her, and says, 'I took this woman, but when I came near her, I did not find her a virgin,' 15 then the girl's father and her mother shall take and bring out the evidence of the girl's virginity to the elders of the city at the gate. 16 "The girl's father shall say to the elders, 'I gave my daughter to this man for a wife, but he turned against her; 17 and behold, he has charged her with shameful deeds, saying, "I did not find your daughter a virgin." But this is the evidence of my daughter's virginity.' And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city. 18 "So the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him, 19 and they shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver and give it to the girl's father, because he publicly defamed a virgin of Israel. And she shall remain his wife; he cannot divorce her all his days. 20 "But if this charge is true, that the girl was not found a virgin, 21 then they shall bring out the girl to the doorway of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death because she has committed an act of folly in Israel by playing the harlot in her father's house; thus you shall purge the evil from among you.

Rev 19:7-10

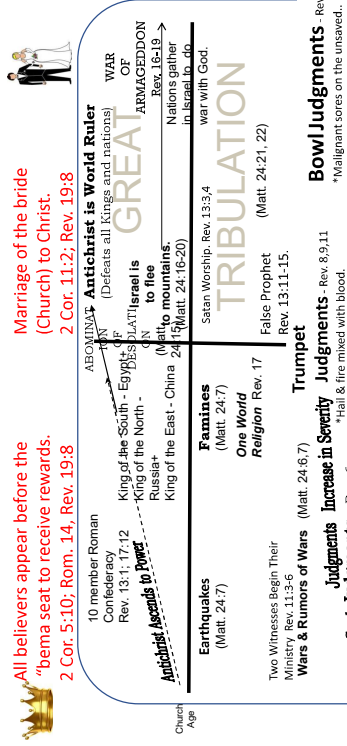
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9 Then he said to me, "Write, 'Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.'" And he said to me, "These are true words of God."

10 Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

7 Year Tribulation



All believers appear before the "bema seat" to receive rewards.
2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14; Rev. 19:8

Marriage of the bride (Church) to Christ.
2 Cor. 11:2; Rev. 19:8



WAR OF ARMAGEDDON
Rev. 16:19
Nations gather in Israel to do war with God.

ABOMINABLE
Satan Worship, Rev. 13:3,4

ANTICHRIST
Antichrist is World Ruler (Defeats all Kings and nations)

TO FLEE
to flee to mountains (Matt. 24:16-20)

FALSE PROPHET
False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22)

TRUMPET
Trumpet Judgments - Rev. 8,9,11

BOWL JUDGMENTS
Bowl Judgments - Rev. 16

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WAR
WAR OF ARMAGEDDON

Next week we will look at who the guests are that were invited to this wedding.



Sir Robert Grant
(1779-1838)

Robert accepted a high position in the East India company. One thing led to another. He was asked to be governor of Bombay and accepted. He took over his new duties in 1834. As governor, he had opportunity to put his social concerns into practice, for the poverty and spiritual condition of the common people were appalling. Among his accomplishments were the opening of several new roads, an inducement to commerce. Through his persistent efforts a bill was eventually passed which emancipated England's Jews. He fought for other minority groups as well. In the meantime, he was a strong supporter of world missions and influential among evangelicals in the Church of England.

He held the governorship only four years, dying on July 9, 1838 at the young age of 59. In that time, the people came to love him.

O WORSHIP THE KING

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.



Sir Robert Grant
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Sir Robert Grant was a busy man of the world--too busy to concern himself with hymns, you might think. He had been born in India in 1779, the son of the East India Company's director, Charles Grant. Charles was a leader in the evangelical wing of the Church of England and also played an active civic role with William Wilberforce in the emancipation of African slaves in the British Empire. Robert was born in India when his father went there to negotiate an end to barriers set up against missions by the British East India Company. It was at the University of Oxford that Robert completed his higher education. He was admitted to the bar in 1807--which meant he could practice law. The following year, the 29-year-old won a seat in Parliament. He remained in Parliament for many years. Like his father, he was deeply concerned with social issues.



Sir Robert Grant
(1779-1838)

Yet somehow with all of his involvement in so many endeavors, he found time to write hymns.

In fact, he wrote this hymn which is considered one of the greatest in the English language.

The year after Robert's death in 1838, his brother Charles printed Sir Robert's twelve hymns in a slender volume called *Sacred Poems*. The only one which is still sung by many people is this hymn we are looking at tonight.

Psalm 104 is the Psalm that prompted Robert to write this hymn. The name of the hymn is . . .