

Revelation 19 – 27 June 2019

The 2nd Coming:

The Wedding Couple Unveiled

Introduction – (Eph 5:31-32 – Rom 7:4)

What has the Church been up to?

Whole focus of Trib on earth has been Israel and unbelievers. What's been happening w/ church?

You need good Ecclesiology to have good Eschatology!

God institutes earthly customs to give them greater importance in Jesus Christ.

Passover meal part; used as Communion Service.

Circumcision of the flesh used to picture our purification from sin.

Jewish tradition of **Baptism** (purifying from the old and identification with the new) was used as IDing with Christ.

Jewish Traditional **Marriage** is used to symbolize Christ and the Church. (Ruth & Boaz)

**Today we'll see 4 parts of the Jewish Wedding w/
final part being Revelation 19!**

1st part is the Ketubah or Betrothal

1. Groom took initiative, negotiated the price he must pay to purchase her. (**I Cor 6:19-20**)
2. Agreement took place in front of two unrelated male witnesses. (Moses & Elijah)
3. Groom gives betrothal contract w/ his promises to the Bride written on it. (**Eph 1:13-14**)
4. Once he paid price; marriage covenant was established. (Man & wife)
 - a. **People that will go into the bridechamber (the bride) are glad for he is with them.** (**Matt 9:15**)
5. Bride & groom drank of cup of wine. (**I Cor 11:25**)
6. Bride now sanctified/set apart. (**II Cor 11:2**)

2nd part is the separation & coming together again

1. Groom prepares dwelling place in his father's house; to later bring his bride. (**John 14:2**)
2. Groom & his men; torch-lit procession to home of the bride usually at night.
 - a. John Baptist=friend of Groom (**John 3:29**)
(see Matt 11:11, 13)
3. Bride expected him; but didn't know when.
(Matt 24:36, 44 & 25:10-13)
4. Groom arrival announced by a shout indicating her imminent departure. (Rapture)

3rd part is the Consummation of the Marriage

1. Groom takes bride to father's house; wedding guests have assembled.
2. Bride remains veiled.
3. Escorted by wedding party to bridal chamber for the 1st physical union.
4. Wedding guests remain in groom's father's house for 7 days celebrating while bride & groom remain hidden in bridal chamber. (**Gen 29:21-23, 27-28**)

4th part is the Bride & Groom presented together

1. Groom comes out and reveals his unveiled bride. (**Eph 5:25-27, Jud 14, Zec 14:5**)
2. They all feast together

Read 19:1-3

1. Jesus has judged Babylon and the accusers of his bride, the Church. He defends our honor.
2. Praise our groom, Jesus, for his power over our enemies.

Read 19:4-6

1. Heaven calling each other to praise God for his power and reign.
2. We should be compelling each other to a life-style of praising God for His goodness and true.

Read 19:7-9

1. The final marriage supper is coming.

2. *The bride is ready & pure to come out unveiling for the first time.*
 - a. Where does this purity come from?
 - b. II Pet 1:1 & Rom 5:17
3. *Praise our groom, Jesus, that we're not just called to come...but WE ARE the bride.*
 - a. Who is it that's blessed to come?
 - b. The remnant that's alive that hasn't taken the Mark of the Beast or his loyalty.

Read 19:10

1. The danger of leadership is that people will worship the messenger rather than God.
 - a. Foolish to worship the violin, not the player
2. “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”
 - a. To have witness of Jesus in your life, is to have the ability to talk from divine inspiration.

Read 19:11-16

1. Vs 11
 - a. Wedding chamber opened; we're coming with our groom leading the way.
 - b. Jude 14-15 – Behold He comes w/ 10,000...
2. Vs 12
 - a. Eyes of fire – seeing where to judge.
 - b. Many crowns – all authority
 - c. A name that only He knows - ???
3. Vs 13
 - a. Vesture of blood – Isa 63:1-4
 - b. Name is the Word of God
 - i. John 1 – Beginning word & became flesh
 - ii. Forever O Lord thy Word is settled in...
4. Vs 14 – No longer veiled in heaven but unveiled to the Tribulation believers & others!!
 - a. Animals in heaven? – Here's horses.
 - i. ...and cats! Where else would they get the strings for the harps!! ha

5. Vs 15-16

- a. John 1:17 – The law was given by Moses but grace & truth came by Jesus Christ.
- b. Once offering grace, now delivers judgement to those that rejected Him.

Read 19:17-19

1. All gathered together at Armageddon (Psm 2)
2. They believe they're right and they'll win
 - a. Muslim Prophecy
 - b. Heathen think they're right til last minute.

Read 19:20-21

1. The great battle that is no battle. It's a victory!
2. Cast into Lake of Fire – Important for later.

Why come back to earth if he made a home for Himself and His bride in Heaven?

1. Fulfill prophecy; sit on throne of David (Luke 1:31-33, Act 15:13-18)
2. Zec 14:1-5 – Mt Olives split - earthquakes

Conclusion – Read and do Psalm 45!!!!

Today we've seen 4 parts of the Jewish Wedding

1. The Ketubah or Betrothal

a. Christ paid the price to be engagement in a relationship with YOU!

b. Do you see high value He places in YOU?

2. The separation & coming together again

a. Christ is preparing eternity for YOU!

b. Do you see how devoted He is to YOU?

3. The Consummation of the Marriage

a. Christ will conform us fully to His image!

b. Are you preparing to be fully emerged as the spouse of Christ!

4. The Bride & Groom presented together

a. Christ will defeat all that threatens His love.

b. Are you thankful the He loves you with an everlasting love?