

## Revelation 19 – 27 June 2019

The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

## **2<sup>nd</sup> 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)

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

## **4<sup>th</sup> 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 lifestyle 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?