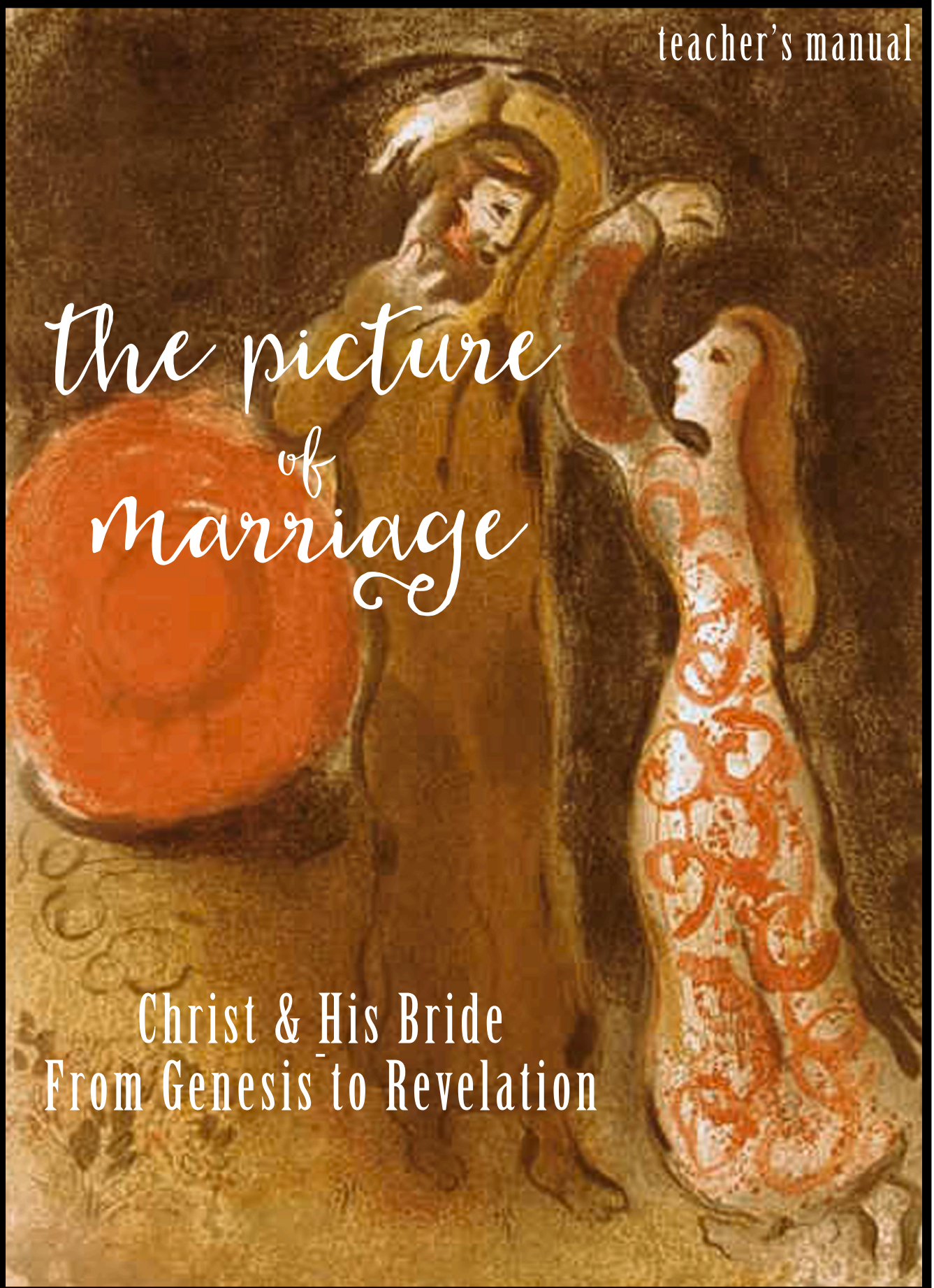


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## Session 1: The Bride Taken from the Body A Helper for the Man

Introduction: Declaring the End from the Beginning

**Isa 46:9** Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,  
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'

**Lu 24:25** Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!  
27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

**Am 3:7** Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, Unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets.

### 1). Context and the Purpose for the Man's Creation

(a) Context: Restoration of the ruined creation caused by Lucifer's rebellion

- Gen.1:1 A perfect creation **Ge 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
- Is.45:18 It was not created in vain  
**Isa 45:18** For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who has established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I am the LORD, and there is no other.

- Ez.28:13-18 Lucifer created perfectly until iniquity was found in him

**Eze 28:12** "Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say to him, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

13 You were in **Eden, the garden of God**; Every precious stone was your covering: The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes Was prepared for you on the day you were created.

God had appointed a specifically created angelic being to rule over this original perfect creation in His Universe

**Prov. 25:2** It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

Pattern of sin entering a perfect creation

Where is this?

What does 'created' tell us?

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v.15  
however  
iniquity was  
found in him  
and he  
sinned

Where were the  
defiled sanctuaries?  
[This is future  
despite past tense  
(Rev. 12:7-9)]

This reveals  
what the  
iniquity was  
in Ez.28:17  
when his  
heart was  
lifted up

14 "You were the anointed cherub who covers; I established you; You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked back and forth in the midst of fiery stones.

15 You **were perfect** in your ways from the day you were created. Till iniquity was found in you.

16 "By the abundance of your trading You became filled with violence within, And you sinned; Therefore I cast you as a profane thing Out of the mountain of God; And I destroyed you, O covering cherub, From the midst of the fiery stones.

17 "Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor; I cast you to the ground, I laid you before kings, That they might gaze at you.

18 "You defiled your sanctuaries By the multitude of your iniquities, By the iniquity of your trading; Therefore I brought fire from your midst; It devoured you, And I turned you to ashes upon the earth In the sight of all who saw you.

- Is.14:12-14 Lucifer exalts his throne

**Isa 14:12** "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations!

13 For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;

14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.'

And so, we see that as a result of Satan's sin the perfect creation became ruined:

- Gen.1:2a The earth **became** formless and void

**Ge 1:2** The earth **was** without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep.

Now there would be a restoration of that ruined creation over 6 days followed by a 7<sup>th</sup> Day of Rest.

(b) Purpose: "Let them have dominion"

- Gen.1:26-28 The creation of the Man and his purpose

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**Ge 1:26** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female He created them.**

28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; **have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

We see there is a specifically created **purpose** for the Man – what is it?

- Gen.2:7-8 Commentary on the Man’s creation and his placement in the garden for Rulership

**Ge 2:7** And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

8 The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed.

Leave = loosen, depart, abandon (process)

- Gen.2:24-25 Marriage and Rulership established at the beginning of scripture

**Ge 2:24** Therefore a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and they shall become **one flesh**.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

Eph.5:22-32

Joined/cleave = to pursue, joined together, keep fast together like a welding  
Welded together we are stronger than the individual parts

### 2). A Helper for the Man for the Purpose of Rulership

- Gen.2:18-20 “It is not good...”

**Ge 2:18** And the LORD God said, "It is **not good** that man should be alone; I will make him **a helper comparable to him.**"

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.



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*20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found **a helper comparable** to him.*

**Comparable** means: to be in balance with, or opposite facing each other; counterpart, e.g. dovetail joint, or 2 perfectly balanced individuals on a seesaw

- Adam names the animals
- A Helper **comparable** to him

See image of Dovetail joint in Appendix

In 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter of Scripture we see introduction of a Marriage Relationship in connection with Rulership

- Gen.2:24 Marriage: “leave, cleave, one flesh”  
*Ge 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

The man had to have a Helper and without one the Man could not rule Because the Scripture says, “let them have dominion”. And for that to be possible they also had to be in the “image and likeness” of God. They had to be **comparable** – very important – especially with regards to what it reveals about the antitype.

(“Unequally yoked”  
2 Cor.6:14)

**Qu:** What connection can you see between having a Helper who is ‘comparable’ and being ‘one flesh’?

**Ans:** It would have to be one and the same thing really, as the Woman was already ‘one flesh’ with the Man because she came from the Man’s body. So why do you think we have these instructions in 2:24?

**Naked** = 06174.  
`arowm, from 6191 (in its original sense); nude, either partially or totally: --naked.

- Gen.2:25 Naked and not ashamed  
*Ge 2:25 And they were both **naked**, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.*

They had a covering of glory and their lack of shame comes from being present before the Lord in a condition whereby His purpose for creating them could be fulfilled.

**Qu:** How do we know they had a covering of glory?

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**Ans:** Because they are in the ‘image and likeness of God’. Whereas their progeny after the fall are in the image and likeness of Adam (Gen.5:1-3), talking of Seth but the same would be true for Cain and Abel.

### 3). The Woman’s Creation and Formation

- She was created in Adam (1:26-28)  
*Ge 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.  
22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He **made** into a woman, and He brought her to the man.  
23 And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."*
  
- Gen.2:21-23 The formation **process** for the building of the Woman:
  - (i) Adam is put into a deep sleep
  - (ii) Whilst in a deep sleep God opens Adam’s side takes out a rib and closes the flesh back up
  - (iii) God builds a Woman from the Man’s rib
  - (iv) God brings the Woman to the Man, so the Man is now complete again!

Let’s note some things of significance:

The Woman was already ‘created’ in the Man at the time of the Man’s creation and was then at a later point removed from his body and **fashioned** into a Woman.

She was taken from the Man’s body **therefore** she was made entirely from his body.

**But** she was made from only a part of his body, not all his body.

It was God who removed a part of Adam’s body and built Adam’s wife for him and it was **all for the purpose of rulership in the 7<sup>th</sup> Day** and with a marriage in view.

**Qu:** Why was the Woman built/made and not created in v.22?

**“Made”** = to build, to make, fashion, obtain children, repair, set (up)



### 4). 2 Trees in the Garden Gen.2:9

- The Tree of Life – first and last mention (Rev.2:7; 22:1-2, 14)

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**Ge 2:9** *And out of the ground the LORD God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The **tree of life** was also in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**.*

**Qu:** What was the purpose for placing **the tree of life** in the garden? Was it for providing eternal life as is sometimes thought?

**Qu:** When did death enter into the Man and Woman’s experience?

**Ans:** Not until after the fall. Apart from sin they were already created as eternal beings.

Given what we see in the various other mentions of the tree we would have to conclude it is **connected to the process of ruling**. Once the Man and Woman are no longer in a position to take up rulership the way to **the tree of life** is barred.

However, the way to **the tree of life** reappears (apart from some mentions in Proverbs) in the Book of Revelation and again in connection with Rulership:

(Underlined sections show **how** we know rulership is in view)

**Re 2:7** *“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the **tree of life**, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.”*

**Re 22:1** *And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.*

*2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the **tree of life**, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.*

**Re 22:14** *Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the **tree of life**, and may enter through the gates into the city.*

NASB says: “Blessed are those who **wash their robes**”

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- The Tree of Life in Proverbs (3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:2-4)  
**Pr 3:18** *She [wisdom] is a tree of life to those who take hold of her, And happy are all who retain her.*  
**Pr 11:30** *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise.*  
**Pr 13:12** *Hope deferred makes the heart sick, But when the desire comes, it is a tree of life.*  
**Pr 15:4** *A wholesome tongue is a tree of life, But perverseness in it breaks the spirit.*

- Relate the Tree of Life to the Purpose for our Creation  
Being one of the overcomers’ promises it must, of necessity, have to do with ruling in the Millennial Kingdom of Christ  
– which is what overcomers will do.

Eating from this tree is given to those who have overcome and those who have overcome will already have received *incorruptible bodies* at the time of the rapture/resurrection – so we are clearly not dealing with the provision of eternal life.

In fact, Eternal life is already ours as a free gift through the sacrifice of Christ - **Joh 3:16** *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

- #2 = witness; division, separation (Days 1-6)
- Gen.2:15-17 What was the purpose of the command ‘not to eat...’? **Ans: Testing**

**Ge 2:15** *Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.*

*16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;*

*17 "but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

**1Co 15:51** *Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall 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 incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*  
*53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

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**Qu:** What was the function or purpose of the garden of Eden?

**Ans:** It was there to sustain them **but also** it was the place from which **rulership** was to take place as evidenced by the man placed there to tend and keep it which is a picture of stewardship leading to rulership.

### 5). The Fall of Man Genesis Chapter 3

- Gen.3:1-6 Serpent deceives the Woman and the Man also eats - 1Tim.2:14

*Ge 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*

*2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;*

*3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"*

*4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

*5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

*6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

Woman was clearly deceived **but not Adam**

**1Ti 2:14** And Adam was **not deceived**, but the woman being **deceived**, fell into transgression.

- Gen.3:7 The result – ‘naked’ a different Hebrew word from 2:25

*Ge 3:7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were **naked**; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

**Naked** = 05903.  
`eyrom, from 6191;  
nudity: --naked  
(ness). This word means totally naked

**Qu:** What has changed?

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**Ans:** Glory covering has gone because having sinned they can no longer be in the image and likeness of God (as obviously God does not sin!).

- Well as we know, the Woman was deceived and ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and
- her husband became a part of her sin by eating the fruit of the tree also.
- This action disqualified the Man and the Woman from rulership.
- It separated them from the purpose for their creation

- **Gen.3:14-15 Judgment upon the Serpent**

***Ge 3:14** So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.*

*15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

- **Gen.3:16 Judgment upon the Woman**

***Ge 3:16** To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."*

*She was obviously able to conceive prior to the fall although now it is going to be painful*

- **Gen.3:17-19 Judgment upon the Man**

***Ge 3:17** Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.*

*18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, And you shall eat the herb of the field.*

*19 In the sweat of your face you shall **eat bread** Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return."*

**Qu:** What has changed for the Man?

*The Man is to work and eat of the very ground from which he was taken  
**Phip.2:12** work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

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If Man was ever to regain the position for which he was created and prove himself worthy to rule there would need to be redemption for all 3 parts of Man:

Symbol of  
authority

- Gen.3:15 The Promise of a Redeemer (*Said to the Serpent!*)  
**Ge 3:15** *And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

Qu: Who is the seed of the Serpent?

Qu: Who is the Seed of the Woman?

- Gen.3:21 Tunics of skin = Death and shed blood. Sovereign Act of God – (a picture of Redemption)

**Ge 3:21** *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

Qu: How is this verse a picture of Redemption provided by God?

Ans: Death and shed blood ('the wages of sin will always be death' Rom.6:23)

## 6). Consequences of the Fall for the Man and his wife

- Judgments seen in Gen.3:16-19
- Gen.3:22-24 Driven out of the garden the place from which Rulership was to take place

**Ge 3:22** *Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" -*

*23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken.*

*24 So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.*

*Gen.2:17* the day you eat you shall die – Adam physically died aged 930 (less than 'a day' of 1000 years 2Pet.3:8)

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### 7). Parallels with the Bride of Christ – The Antitype

- Rom.5:14b Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.  
**Ro 5:14** *Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.*  
**Qu:** What do we see here? (*Adam is a TYPE of Christ*)
- The Type always provides truth in relation to the Antitype and vice versa. This is Key to understanding Scripture!

Due to the loss of the glory emanating from within, but it was restored (not as a covering for man) during Moses' day and is associated with God's Divine presence– See ALC



In the Type there is a specific process that takes place in respect of the Woman who will be Adam's wife – the same must be true for the 'Last Adam' and His Wife (*1Cor.15:45*). Let's look at it:

#### (a) God put Adam into a deep sleep – what about Christ?

- Sleep = death *1Thes.4:13*  
**1Th 4:13** *But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope.*
- Joh.19:30; Col.1:21-22;  
**Joh 19:30** *So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.*  
**Col 1:21** *And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight—*
- 1Cor.15:3 Christ died according to which Scriptures?  
**1Co 15:3** *For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.*  
**The Scriptures concerning Adam as a type** and him finding his wife in sin and therefore choosing to enter into the sin of his wife etc. Also, the Lamb **was** slain from the foundation of the world (*Rev.13:8b*)

e.g. Psalm 18;  
Isaiah 53



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(There are also very specific prophecies fulfilled concerning the manner of His death as we shall see.)

(b) God opened Adam’s side and removed a rib – what about Christ?

**De 21:23**

*"his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance; for he who is hanged is accursed of God."*

Christ was taken down, so He would not be hanging on the cross until morning and He gave up His Spirit before His bones could be broken!

- Joh.19:32-37; (Ex.12:46; Num.9:12) Ps.34:20 side pierced; no bones broken, Scripture fulfilled

**Joh 19:32** *Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him.*

*33 But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs.*

*34 But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood** and **water** came out.*

*35 And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.*

*36 For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, "Not one of His bones shall be broken."*

*37 And again another Scripture says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced."*

**Ex 12:46** *"In one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside the house, nor shall you break one of its bones."*

**Nu 9:12** *'They shall leave none of it until morning, nor break one of its bones. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it.*

**Ps 34:20** *He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken.*

(c) God built the Woman from Adam’s rib – what about Christ’s Bride?

- Joh.19:34 Blood and Water for the ‘Building’ of the Bride through the cleansing and transformation process:

**19:34** *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately **blood** and **water** came out.*

Christ’s death and shed blood made possible the formation of the Church through the free-gift of Eternal life. What we see with

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regards to the blood and water has to do with the building of the Bride from His Body, not with salvation by grace although it is the same blood that makes both possible!

- Blood & Water - Night of the Last Supper: Joh.13:5-8; 1Cor.11:25

**Joh 13:5** *After that, He poured **water** into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.*

*6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You washing my feet?"*

*7 Jesus answered and said to him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this."*

*8 Peter said to Him, "You shall never wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "**If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.**" (In My Kingdom)*

Water

The water from Christ's side has to do with the Word of God that is to bring about an inward transformation in the eternally saved.

**1Co 11:25** *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "**This cup is the new covenant in My blood.** This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

Blood

- Blood: 1Joh.1:7-9

**1Jo 1:7** *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

*8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

*9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

- Water: Eph.5:25-32

**Eph 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*

*26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word.*

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This Scripture clearly presents to us the marriage relationship with v.31 taking us back to Gen.2

27 that **He might present her to Himself** a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

32 **This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

(d) God presented the Woman back to Adam – what about Christ and His Bride?

The purpose of the water, the Word of God, is to cleanse and transform us so that we will be presented back to Christ not having spot or wrinkle, as His Bride.

- **Eph.5:27** that **He might present her to Himself** a glorious church,
- Col.1:21-22 – presented holy and blameless, beyond reproach

**Col 1:21** And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled

22 in the body of His flesh through death, to **present you holy, and blameless**, and above reproach in His sight—

- Rev.19:6-9 Marriage Supper of the Lamb – righteous acts  
**Re 19:6** And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns!  
7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."

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*8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is **the righteous acts of the saints.***

*9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

**Qu:** We can see here that it is the Bride who has made herself ready and, yet it is God Who will build a Helper from a part of the Man's Body – how do we reconcile these 2 statements?

*We will return to this Scripture in future sessions.*

8). So then, we have seen in our study that a **marriage** is at the very heart of God's revelation to us. That it is the marriage of a Man and His Helper who God will build from a part of the Man's body. We see that this relationship exists in order to perfectly fulfill God's plans and purposes for the rulership of this earth.

We have seen that which is given to us in Genesis concerning Adam and his wife is a picture (a type) of Christ and His Future Bride and that this picture shows us the process by which the Bride of Christ will be formed **and** that she will be a part of Christ's Body, the church, **but not** all of His body. Right at the very beginning of all Scripture, **Genesis** reveals the end of the matter – as seen in the **Book of Revelation**. God does indeed 'declare the end from the beginning'!

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### Session 2: The Bride Taken from the Family The Search Made for the Bride

#### **Introduction to Session 2: Scriptures are Given Line upon Line, Precept upon Precept**

*Isaiah 28:9* "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little."

And then there is the small but powerful statement found in Psalms:

*Psalms 11:3* *If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?*

So, as we have seen the Bride taken from the Body, we will now add to this by seeing the Bride taken from the Family. And the place we need to go for this is once again back into Genesis – the foundation.

We will start by looking at the big picture given to us in the events of **Genesis Chapters 21 – 25** and then come back to concentrate on **Chapter 24** in particular. There is a panoramic picture, a series of scenes if you will, here in these chapters that POINT TO the present dispensation in which we live. So...

#### **1). Building upon the Foundation for the Bride of Christ is a Panorama of Events in Gen. 21-25**

(a) **The miraculous birth of a son.** *Ge 21:1* *And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said, and the LORD did for Sarah as He had spoken. 2 For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him-whom Sarah bore to him-Isaac.*

- This was a miraculous birth
- Son born at the set time, and as we know from Scripture
- Isaac is the son of promise

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**(b) The offering of that son as a sacrifice.** *Ge 22:1* Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 2 Then He said, "Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."

- The father was to offer his only son, the son whom he loved at a specified place. And seeing this line upon line, we can see that...
- The father “received him back”. *Heb 11:17* By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Next in our panorama we see...

**(c) The death of Sarah.** *Ge 23:1* Sarah lived one hundred and twenty-seven years; these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 So Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and to weep for her.

- It was after the offering of Isaac on Mt. Moriah that Sarah died.
- Abraham mourned and wept for the death of Sarah.

**(d) A search is made for a bride for the son.** *Ge 24:1* Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."

- Following the death of Sarah, Abraham sends his eldest servant to Mesopotamia to find a wife for his son from amongst his family.

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(e) **Abraham marries Keturah.** *Ge 25:1 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah*

- Following a wife being found for Isaac, Abraham marries again and has 6 sons with Keturah. (The name ‘*Keturah*’ is taken from a word in the Hebrew language that means ‘a sweet-smelling aroma such as you would get from a burnt offering for sin’.)

Before we look at the details of **Ch. 24** which is where we want to go today. Let’s go to the chart in the *Appendix on pg. 35 of your books (pg. 95 in this manual)* and look at the type/antitype picture of this panorama. Let’s fill in the first part of the chart now, then you can fill in the bottom half in your own time, when you review what you learn. *(Then we will continue here.)*

And so here in this broad picture we have presented to us a complete overview of the events that have and will yet take place during the approximate 2000 years from the birth of Christ to the beginning of the Millennial Kingdom.

The picture in our overview shows us quite plainly the taking of a wife by God’s Son **before** the restoration of the nation of Israel.

**Qu:** What do you think this would be showing us?

**Ans:** A pre-tribulation resurrection/rapture of the Church.

**Enoch** the 7<sup>th</sup> generation, beginning with Adam, is ‘raptured’ before **Noah**, who is the 10<sup>th</sup> generation beginning with Adam, and is a type of Israel, goes through the Tribulation.

So, let’s now return to **Genesis Chapter 24**, as it is the present search for the Bride amongst the family of God that is our major concern. As we begin to look at this in detail keep in mind **the Types**, the pictures we have identified on the chart.

We have seen at the beginning of **Chapter 24** how Abraham commissions his oldest servant to go to his family to find a wife for his son Isaac.



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**Qu:** If the servant is a Type of the Holy Spirit, what do you think the Holy Spirit is doing within the Church today?

**Ans:** Searching out a Bride for the Son of God.

Right now, we'll just look at the details given in this chapter. Then we shall have a look at what the picture points to.

2). **The details of the search made for a Bride Genesis 24.** Eldest servant sent to family to search for a bride for the son. *Ge 24:5 And the servant said to him, "Perhaps the woman will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I take your son back to the land from which you came?" 6 But Abraham said to him, "Beware that you do not take my son back there. 7 "The LORD God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my family, and who spoke to me and swore to me, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land,' He will send His angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. 8 "And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be released from this oath; only do not take my son back there." 9 So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning this matter.*

**Qu:** So, will the woman have a choice to make? Can she be forced to go? Will her choice affect her standing within the family? What will her choice affect?

- If woman refuses, servant is released from oath, regardless, Regardless of the woman's willingness to go, the son is not to be taken back to Mesopotamia. And so...
- the son is not to be taken back to Mesopotamia

(a) **Servant leaves with a representation of the father's goods.** *Ge 24:10 Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, for all his master's goods were in his hand. And he arose and went to Mesopotamia, to the city of Nahor.*

**Qu:** What would the number 10 represent here?

- 10 is a number of completion pointing to the taking of all the master's goods.

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- The servant would show the prospective bride all that would be hers in marriage.
- (b) **The servant went to the well of water and prayed to find the prospective bride and he meets Rebekah *Ge 24:13***  
*"Behold, here I stand by the well of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water.*
- As we will see, both Jacob and Moses, who are Types of Christ, also meet their prospective brides by a well of water as they came to draw from it.
- (c) **Servant gives gifts to entire family. *Ge 24:53*** *Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.*

**Qu:** What does the silver and gold and clothing bring to mind?

- The entire family receives blessings from Abraham, but the prospective bride even more so.

- (d) **Servant is ready for Rebekah to follow him as he leads her to her prospective groom. *Ge 24:55*** *But her brother and her mother said, "Let the young woman stay with us a few days, at least ten; after that she may go." 56 And he said to them, "Do not hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way; send me away so that I may go to my master." 57 So they said, "We will call the young woman and ask her personally." 58 Then they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" And she said, "**I will go.**"*

- We see here that members within the family tried to delay her going with the servant for 10 days.

**Qu:** What would that tell us?

- Finally, *she* was asked, and her response was "**I will go.**"

**Qu:** Again, could she have chosen not to go?

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If she chose not to go, would that have changed her standing within the family?

But would she have become the wife of Isaac? And would she have received an inheritance with Isaac?

And so, the servant and Rebekah and 9 of her maidens leave (10 in all = all the maidens), to make the journey to Abraham’s home, which is where the son lives, as well.

**Qu:** How do we know it was Rebekah and 9 of her maidens?

**Ans:** There were 10 camels. 10 is also a number of ordinal completion.

*(e) When Rebekah sees Isaac from afar, she covers herself with a veil. Ge 24:61 Then Rebekah and her maids arose, and they rode on the camels and followed the man. So the servant took Rebekah and departed. 62 Now Isaac came from the way of Beer Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the South. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field in the evening; and he lifted his eyes and looked, and there, the camels were coming. 64 Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel; 65 for she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took a veil and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.*

### **Things to note here:**

- The meeting takes place between Rebekah’s home and Isaac’s home in the south country.
- Rebekah’s maids, other virgins from the family are with her, but only Rebekah covered herself with a veil.
- Isaac takes her to Sarah’s tent – that which should have been his mother’s, but his mother was now dead.
- This is his comfort after his mother’s death.

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### 3). Panoramic Parallels with the Bride of Christ – The Antitype:

#### (a) The miraculous birth of The Son. *Gal. 4:4*

**Qu:** In Genesis chapter 21 we saw the birth of Isaac, the son of promise. What do you think the Antitype of this chapter is?

*Ga 4:4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,*

- Jesus is the Seed of the woman promised in *Gen. 3:15* and is the One through whom the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be realized. Jesus is the Promised One, who was even promised way back in Genesis 3:15

**Qu:** How would you put the “just as...even so” phrases in a sentence for this Type/Antitype picture?

**Ans:** *Just as* Isaac was the son of promise for his father Abraham in his old age, *even so* Christ is the Son of Promise sent by God the Father in His ‘old age’.

#### (b) The offering of The Son as a Sacrifice; then received back from the dead. *Heb. 11:17-19*

**Qu:** In Genesis chapter 22 we saw the offering of the son Isaac as a sacrifice. What do you think the Antitype of this chapter is?

*Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, 18 of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," 19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.*

- Jesus was literally raised from the dead. **Heb 13:20** *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead,*

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**Qu:** How would you put the “just as...even so” phrases in a sentence for this Type/Antitype picture?

**Ans:** *Just as* Isaac was offered as a sacrifice, *even so* Christ was also offered as a sacrifice by His Father. And *just as* Abraham received his son back from the dead, *even so* God the Father raised His Son Christ from the dead.

### **(c) After the offering of the son, Sarah dies.**

**Qu:** In Genesis chapter 23 we saw the death of Sarah. What do you think the Antitype of this chapter pictures?

**Ans:** After the offering of Jesus, the Son of God, as a sacrifice, Israel was set aside for a complete period of time. We can see this in the OT verse: *Jer. 3:8b ...I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;*

The setting aside of Israel had been announced by the Lord in:

*Mt 21:43 "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.*

(Please add this passage to your notes.)

- So once the Kingdom of the Heavens had been fully withdrawn from Israel, even in the withdrawing of the reoffer of the Kingdom at the end of the Book of Acts in *Acts 28:28*, Israel finds herself in the ‘place of death’ (separation) while God deals with a new group of household servants.

**Qu:** How would you put the “just as...even so” phrases in a sentence for this Type/Antitype picture?

**Ans:** *Just as* Sarah dies after the offering of her son Isaac, *even so* Israel is set aside after the offering of Christ.

(Please remember once again that *death* as portrayed in foundation is seen as separation from the purposes of God.)

And then we see...

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**(d) The Servant sent to the Family of God to search for a Bride for The Son.** *John 14:26; John 16:12-15*

**Qu:** In Genesis chapter 24 we saw the oldest servant sent to find a bride for the son Isaac from Abraham’s family. What do you think the Antitype of this chapter is?

*Joh 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. 15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*

**Qu:** How would you put the “just as...even so” phrases in a sentence for this Type/Antitype picture?

**Ans:** *Just as* the oldest servant was sent to search for a bride for the son Isaac from his family, *even so* the Holy Spirit has been sent to search for a Bride for the Son from the Family of God.

In the Antitype of the picture that scripture gives to us here in Genesis we are looking at God’s dealings with the Church during this present dispensation. So *again*, we can say, “**Just as** Abraham sent his eldest servant back to his family to search for a bride for his son, **even so** God the Father has sent the Holy Spirit to search amongst the eternally saved – those who are God’s family, for individuals who would be the Bride for God’s Son. But we shall come back to the details of this shortly.

**(e) Once the wife is found for the son, Abraham marries Keturah** *Hos. 2:19-20; Rev. 19:3*

**Qu:** In Genesis chapter 25 we saw that once the wife for Isaac was found God married Keturah and they had 6 sons. What do you think the Antitype of this chapter is?

This points to the restoration of the nation of Israel following their national repentance at the end of the 7 years of the Tribulation. Israel once again becomes God’s wife and this time

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Israel becomes fruitful, whereas before she had been only barren  
- **Ho 2:19** *"I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;  
20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the LORD.*

And in - **Re 19:3** *Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!"*

Do you remember the name **Keturah** comes from the Hebrew word *Qatar*, which means a sweet-smelling savor (of a burnt offering)? This indicates Israel has finally repented, and as a result of her repentance, God reestablishes her as His wife, and she becomes very fruitful.

And so here in this broad panoramic picture we have presented to us a complete overview of the events that have and will yet take place during the approximate 2000 years from the birth of Christ into the Millennial Kingdom.

**Qu:** How would you put the “just as...even so” phrases in a sentence for this Type/Antitype picture?

**Ans:** *Just as* Abraham took a wife after a wife was found for the son, *even so* God the Father will remarry repentant Israel and she will be fruitful after a Bride for the Son Christ, has been revealed.

So now let's go into the detail of the ANTITYPE of the Search for the bride for the son as seen in Genesis 24.

THIS PANORAMIC PICTURE PUTS THE SEARCH FOR THE BRIDE AND ALL THE ATTENDING EVENTS INTO A TIMELINE FOR US. The Church will be resurrected/raptured *prior to* the coming Tribulation of Israel.

4). **The Antitype of the Search made for the Bride.** Just as Abraham sent his eldest servant to his family to procure a bride for his son, even so the...

(a) **Holy Spirit is sent with all the Father's goods, to reveal to prospective Bride what would be her inheritance.** *John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7, 13;* The verses listed there on your outline simply reveal the work of the Holy Spirit within the Church today,

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a work that is unique to this dispensation. (Not to say that He does not continue to do the work He has done from Genesis ch.1 – breathing life into that which has no life...)

Just as Rebekah was not forced to go with the servant, even so, the prospective bride of Christ is not to be forced to follow the Holy Spirit; she must come of her own free-will. It must be a choice she makes (and not making the choice is a choice made).

- The prospective bride is not to be forced to follow the servant; she must come of her own free will.

Just as Rebekah was not forced to go with the servant, even so, the prospective bride of Christ is not to be forced to follow the Holy Spirit; she must come of her own free-will. It must be a choice she makes (and not making the choice is a choice made).

- The Son, Jesus Christ, will not come back to the earth to fetch a bride; she will be brought to Him, as she willingly follows the Servant. *Heb. 9:27-28; I Thess. 4:16-17*

The Son, Jesus Christ, will not come back to the earth to fetch a bride (***Ge 24:8*** “*And if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be released from this oath; only do not take my son back there.*”); she will be brought to Him, as she willingly follows the Servant/Holy Spirit.

***Heb 9:27*** *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.* (But there will be those Christians who will be caught unawares – Jesus will come to them as a thief in the night, just as the 5 foolish virgins were as we shall see in our final session.)

- The Holy Spirit will reveal to the prospective Bride all that will be hers as a co-heir with the Son. ***Joh 16:15*** “*All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.*”



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The **“all things”** have to do with rulership over the earth, therefore these “all things” have to do with things connected to being a joint heir with Christ. **Hebrews 1:2b** says that Jesus has been *“appointed heir of all things”*. And then we read in **1Co 2:9** *But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” 10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

The nature and content of this offer *must be* revealed to us as it is not possible for us to imagine it within our finite thinking. **Ephesians 1:13-14** speaks of the Holy Spirit of Promise, Who is given to us as a guarantee of our inheritance. And this is the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church today.

Then do you remember the servant finding Rebekah at the well of water...Just as...even so...

**(b) Holy Spirit will find the Bride at the Well of Water.**

- Water is a picture of both the Holy Spirit and Word of God, which convicts us of sin, and cleanses us as we confess that sin, so that He can *present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.* (See: *II Tim. 3:16; Eph. 5:24-27*)

**(c) Holy Spirit gives gifts to family members, but more to the prospective Bride.** *Rom. 8:16-18; II Cor. 1:22;*

**Ro 8:16** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. 18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.*

And this is what we must consider for ourselves, as well.

**(d) Family tries to prevent the prospective Bride from following the Holy Spirit.** *II Thess. 1:3-7* (Say 10 days! Really for a complete period of time.) The others from the family noticeably

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have a negative response to her going. What might the Antitype to that be?

- She is determined to go, making a declarative statement when asked: “I will go.” **Ro 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

**Ro 13:14** *But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

And **Ro 8:4** *that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.*

**Or can we say, “who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Servant sent by the Father...”?**

**Ga 5:16** *I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.*

Just as...

- Rebekah and the other virgins within the house begin a journey with the Servant to His Master’s House, even so we must choose to “go with Him”. Everything is at stake here! **2Co 5:10** *For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*

**Col 3:24** *knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. 25 But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.*

**(e) The Son meets the Bride part way between her house and His in the Negev – South Country.** **Heb 9:28** *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

**1Th 4:16** *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and*

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*remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.*

The meeting the Lord in the air is the Antitype to the servant taking Rebekah and the maidens to meet Isaac in the South Country, somewhere between the Father's house and the land of our birth. Again...just as, even so... And then we see that

- She is the only one who covers herself. **Re 19:7** *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*
- The Groom takes the Bride into his mother's tent. **Mt 21:43** *"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.*

**Joh 14:13** *"And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*

**Joh 17:24** *"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world.*

**And Jesus will be comforted after the setting aside of Israel.**

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### Session 3: The Bride Taken from the Gentiles Joseph & Moses Take Gentile Brides

1). Introduction *From the beginning of God’s dealings with His people His focus was on one particular group of people – the physical descendants of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob and Jacob’s 12 sons – the Nation of Israel.*

*And the promises of God in respect to both the earthly and the heavenly parts of God’s Kingdom are given exclusively to those who are of this lineage –*

- *hence the **Bride from the Body of Christ**, Christ being a Jew by birth,*
  - *and the **Bride from the Family** – Abraham’s family alone.*
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- Gen.17:7 Covenant with Abraham and his descendants  
***Ge 17:7** "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.*
  - Gen.21:12b In Isaac your seed... Heb.11:17-18  
*...for in Isaac your seed shall be called.*  
***Heb 11:17** By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,  
18 of whom it was said, "**In Isaac your seed shall be called,**"*
  - Act.13:23 God raised up for Israel a Savior  
***Ac 13:23** "From this man's seed, [David’s seed] according to the promise, **God raised up for Israel a Savior--Jesus—***  
*Now because Israel refused the offer of the Heavenly part of the Kingdom at Christ’s first coming –*

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**Mt 4:17** *From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

**Mt 21:43** *"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.*

The Kingdom of the Heavens would now be given to a new nation, but this nation could only be of the seed of Abraham through Isaac and Jacob.

Christ of course is of the seed of Abraham by birth and anyone who puts faith in Christ's finished work on the cross receiving eternal salvation has a positional standing 'in Christ' – we become part of Christ's Body - and Christ, through birth is a Jew –

**Ga 3:29** *And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

- Act.13:46 To the Jews first then the Gentiles  
**Ac 13:46** *Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to **you first**; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, **we turn to the Gentiles.***

As the Church began, as seen in the Book of Acts, it was drawn predominately from the Jews. As time went on however, more and more of the Church was drawn from the Gentile nations, until today **the Church is predominately Gentile** in its makeup. And so, the Bride of Christ, taken from the Body and taken from the Family will be **predominately those who were born Gentile.**

And with that in mind we are now going to look at 2 Types of Christ – Joseph and Moses – who took Gentile Brides

- Joseph & Moses are both Types of Christ and both take a Gentile Bride

There is not a huge amount of detail concerning the wives of these two men but Joseph's & Moses' lives, as **Types of Christ**, prove very informative to the overall picture we are studying.

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## 2). Joseph’s Family Life

- Gen.37:1-4 Jacob loves Joseph more than his brothers, so they hated him

*Ge 37:1 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.*

*2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father.*

*3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors.*

*4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.*

- Gen.37:5-11 Joseph has 2 dreams:

(i) Sheaves in the field – earthly

(ii) Sun, Moon & Stars – heavenly

*Ge 37:5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and **they hated him** even more.*

*6 So he said to them, "Please hear this dream which I have dreamed:*

*7 "There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and also stood upright; and indeed your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf."*

*8 And his brothers said to him, "**Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?**" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.*

*9 Then he dreamed still another dream and told it to his brothers, and said, "Look, I have dreamed another dream. And this time, the sun, the moon, and the eleven stars bowed down to me."*

*10 So he told it to his father and his brothers; and his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? **Shall your mother and I and your***



1st Dream  
Earthly



2nd Dream  
Heavenly

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**brothers indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”**

*11 And his brothers **envied him**, but his father kept the matter in mind.*

**Qu:** What are Joseph’s 2 dreams all about? (See boxes to the right of Scripture)

**Qu:** What was the situation between Joseph & his brothers? (They hated and envied him)

- Gen.37:12-17 Father sends the son: “I will go” He finds his brothers in ‘Dothan’ = the Law

**Ge 37:12** Then his brothers went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. (= ridge)

*13 And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers feeding the flock in Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." So he said to him, "Here I am." (NASB “I will go”)*

*14 Then he said to him, "Please go and see if it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks, and bring back word to me." So he sent him out of the Valley of Hebron, and he went to Shechem.*

*15 Now a certain man found him, and there he was, wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, "What are you seeking?"*

*16 So he said, "I am seeking my brothers. Please tell me where they are feeding their flocks."*

*17 And the man said, "They have departed from here, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to **Dothan**.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them in Dothan.*

**Qu:** What was the purpose for the father sending his son Joseph?

**Qu:** If Dothan means ‘the law’ and Joseph is a Type of Christ what can we infer from v.17b? (Christ will find Israel in bondage to the Law)

- Gen.37:18-28 Joseph is seen from afar and his brothers plot to kill him but instead he is sold into slavery

**Ge 37:18** Now when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him.

**Ex 3:14** And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Dothan =  
The Law

**How** could Israel also have seen Christ their Brother from afar off?

**What** is the brothers’ response?

**How** do Cain & Abel also fit with this picture?

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19 Then they said to one another, "Look, this dreamer is coming!

20 "Come therefore, let us now kill him and cast him into some pit; and we shall say, 'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We shall see what will become of his dreams!"

21 But Reuben heard it, and he delivered him out of their hands, and said, "Let us not kill him."

22 And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him" -that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

23 So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that *they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors that was on him.*

24 Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it.

25 And they sat down to eat a meal. Then they lifted their eyes and looked, and there was a company of Ishmaelites, coming from Gilead with their camels, *bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on their way to carry them down to Egypt.*

26 So *Judah* said to his brothers, "What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood?

Judah =  
Judas in  
Gk.

27 "Come and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him, for he is our brother and our flesh." And his brothers listened.

28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for *twenty shekels of silver*. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Christ also was stripped naked prior to His death = Joseph being thrown into the pit - after which He goes to a far country - heaven

There would have been a large market for spices in Egypt as used in **embalming**.

c.f. **Gen.43:11** when Jacob sends the brothers to Egypt to buy grain

### 3). Joseph is exalted in Egypt where he takes a Gentile Bride

- Gen.41:40-45 Joseph is made ruler over all Egypt, 2<sup>nd</sup> in command only to Pharaoh

**Ge 41:40** "You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word; only in regard to the throne will I be greater than you."

41 And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt."



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42 Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off his hand and put it on Joseph's hand; and he **clothed him in garments of fine linen** and put a gold chain around his neck.

43 And he had him ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried out before him, "**Bow the knee!**" So he set him over all the land of Egypt.

44 Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, and without your consent no man may lift his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt." **Qu:** What Scripture comes to mind when reading v.43?

**Php 2:9** Therefore God also has **highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name,

10 that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Also, Jacob's comment in **Gen.37:10** after Joseph's 2<sup>nd</sup> dream (page 38)

45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name **Zaphnath-Paaneah**. And he gave him as a wife **Asenath**, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

**Qu:** When Joseph came out of the hole in the ground where did he go? (Egypt – a far country)

**Qu:** When Christ came out of the tomb where did He go? (A far country – heaven)

**Qu:** Through a series of events Joseph became 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over all the land of Egypt, what about Christ? (Seated at the right hand of the Father – 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over the Universe. Again, see **Php.2:9-10**)

- Joseph → Zaphenath-Paaneah =
  - = savior of the world
  - = creator or preserver of life
  - = the man to whom secrets are revealed
  - = one who discovers hidden things
  - = treasury of the glorious rest!

**Asenath** = gift of the sun god/  
peril,  
misfortune

- **v.45** Joseph takes a Gentile Bride - **Asenath** – daughter of Potiphara, priest of On  
Having been elevated to 2<sup>nd</sup> in command over all Egypt Joseph is given a Gentile wife.
- Gen.41:50 2 sons born before the famine  
**Ge 41:50** And to Joseph were born two sons before the years of famine came, whom **Asenath**, the daughter of Poti-Pherah priest of On, bore to him.

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### 4). Joseph’s brothers reach out to him for deliverance from the famine

- Gen.42:1-20 First meeting: 10 brothers bow the knee to Joseph who they do not recognize. He tests them in prison 3 days

*Ge 42:6* Now Joseph was governor over the land; and it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

7 Joseph saw his brothers and recognized them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke roughly to them. Then he said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food."...

*Ge 42:9* Then Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them...

*Ge 42:17* So he put them all together in prison three days.

18 Then Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God:

**Qu:** If the 10 brothers (remember Benjamin was not with them) represent the nation of Israel what might them being in prison 3 days also reveal? (*Israel will be set aside for 2 days and delivered on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Day*)

- Gen.42:21-24 The brothers are repentant

*Ge 42:21* Then they said to one another, "**We are truly guilty concerning our brother, for we saw the anguish of his soul when he pleaded with us, and we would not hear; therefore, this distress has come upon us.**"

22 And Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, 'Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his blood is now required of us."

23 But they did not know that Joseph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

24 And he turned himself away from them and wept. Then he returned to them again, and talked with them. And he took Simeon from them and bound him before their eyes.

**Qu:** How can we relate **v.21** to Christ & Israel?

**Zec 12:10** "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then **they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.**"

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Now let's go to **Acts 7** and Stephen's address to the Sanhedrin to see the end of the matter. (You may also want to have your finger in the Appendix chart for session 3 at the same time to follow along.)

- Act.7:9-16 Commentary on Gen. ch.37-45  
*Ac 7:9 "And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was with him  
10 "and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house.  
11 "Now a famine and great trouble came over all the land of Egypt and Canaan, and our fathers found no sustenance.  
12 "But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers **first**.  
13 "And **the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers**, and Joseph's family became known to the Pharaoh.  
14 "Then Joseph sent and called his father Jacob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.  
15 "So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he died, he and our fathers.  
16 "And they were carried back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor, the father of Shechem.*
  
- At their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. Joseph's 2 dreams have been fulfilled. **Asenath** is not present. (v.13 – *This is not covered in Acts 7 but clearly is the case in Ge 45:1 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers.*)

### 5). Israel in Egypt – Joseph dead, Moses born

- Ex.1:1-13 Israel is fruitful and multiplies; v.8 'a new king' – a different kind of king - as a result Israel is afflicted (Acts 7:17-18)

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**Ex 1:1** Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came to Egypt.....

**5** All those who were descendants of Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph was in Egypt already).

**6** And Joseph died, all his brothers, and all that generation.

**7** But the children of Israel were fruitful and increased abundantly, multiplied and grew exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them.

**8** Now **there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph.**

**9** And he said to his people, "Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we;

**10** "come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land."

**11** Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses.

**12** But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel.

**13** So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor.

**Ac 7:17** "But when the time of the promise drew near which God had sworn to Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt

**18** "till **another king** arose who did not know Joseph.

'heteros' = a different, strange type

- Ex.2:11-14 'Who made you a prince and judge over us?' (Gen.37:8)

**Ex 2:11** Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

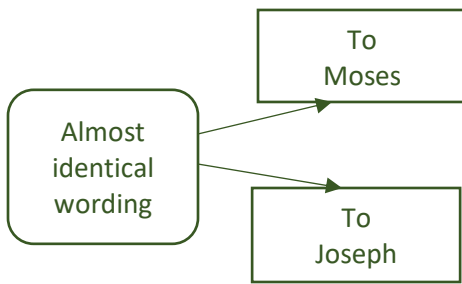
**12** So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

**13** And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"

Possibly Israel being set aside after 2 days?

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14 Then he said, "**Who made you a prince and a judge over us?** Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"

**Ge 37:8** And his [Joseph's] brothers said to him, "**Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have dominion over us?**" So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.

## 6). Moses flees and takes a Gentile Bride in a far country

- Ex.2:15-22 Moses meets **Zipporah** daughter of Reuel, priest of Midian

**Ex 2:15** When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and **he sat down by a well.**

16 Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock.

17 Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.

18 When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?"

19 And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."

20 So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."

21 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave **Zipporah** his daughter to Moses.

22 And she bore him a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

- Where was Isaac's bride (Rebekah) found?
- Where did Jacob meet Rachel?
- Where does Moses meet **Zipporah**?
- Where will Christ's Bride be found?

**Ans:** They were all found (and will be found) by a well of water

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## 7). The Samaritan Woman at the well

- Joh.4:4-14 Who are the Samaritans? What is Jesus offering her?

**Joh 4:4** *But He needed to go through Samaria.*

*5 So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.*

*6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour.*

*7 A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink."*

*8 For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.*

*9 Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.*

*10 Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and **He would have given you living water**."*

*11 The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and **the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?**"*

*12 "Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?"*

*13 Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again,*

*14 "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. **But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.**"*

**Samaritans** were part Jewish, part Gentile, due to the Assyrian captivity (Approx. 760 Samaritans still exist and continue to worship on Mt. Gerizim)

**Qu:** What do you think the implication is for a bride to be found at a well?

- Eph.5:25-27 'the washing of water by the word'  
**Eph 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,*  
*26 that **He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,***

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*27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

### 8). God sends Moses back to Egypt

- Act.7:23-29 Moses dwelling in Midian 40 years where he has 2 sons (v.25 Moses identified as Israel's deliverer)

*Ac 7:23 "Now when he was forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren, the children of Israel.*

*24 "And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended and avenged him who was oppressed, and struck down the Egyptian.*

*25 "For he supposed that his brethren would have understood that **God would deliver them by his hand**, but they did not understand.*

*26 "And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and tried to reconcile them, saying, 'Men, you are brethren; why do you wrong one another?'*

*27 "But he who did his neighbor wrong pushed him away, saying, '**Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?***

*28 'Do you want to kill me as you did the Egyptian yesterday?'*

*29 "Then, at this saying, Moses fled and became a dweller in the land of Midian, where he had two sons. (Having obviously taken a Gentile bride – Zipporah – in **Ex.2:21**)*

- Act.7:30-36 The Burning Bush; Moses delivers Israel from Egypt

*Ac 7:30 "And **when forty years had passed**, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.*

*31 "When Moses saw it, he marveled at the sight; and as he drew near to observe, the voice of the Lord came to him,*

*32 "saying, 'I am the God of your fathers--the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses trembled and dared not look.*

*33 "Then the LORD said to him, "Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.*

Moses is **exalted** at the Burning Bush as God speaks with him and as he stands on Holy Ground

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34 "I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt; **I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them.** And now come, I will send you to Egypt."

35 **"This Moses whom they rejected, saying, 'Who made you a ruler and a judge?' is the one God sent to be a ruler and a deliverer** by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush.

36 "He brought them out, after he had shown wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

This will be Moses  
**2<sup>nd</sup> time** of going  
to his brethren and  
this time they will  
hear him and allow  
God to deliver  
them through him

- Where is **Zipporah** whilst Moses is in Egypt delivering Israel? Ex.4:20; 18:1-6

**Ex 4:20** Then Moses took his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand.

**Ex 18:1** And Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel His people-that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt.

**2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her back,**

**3 with her two sons, of whom the name of one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land")**

**4 and the name of the other was Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh");**

**5 and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mountain of God.**

**6 Now he had said to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her."**

We have seen here something similar happening in Moses' life as we saw in Joseph's life – **his wife Zipporah not being present** when Moses fulfills his commission to deliver Israel. It is apparent from our Scriptures that Zipporah went back to Midian to her father's house, only



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to be reunited with Moses AFTER he was used by God to redeem the nation of Israel from bondage. *(She is absent after Ex.4:27 until Ex.18:2)*

9). Parallels with Christ & His Bride *(See also chart in the Appendix revealing other parallels)*

- Type: Both Joseph & Moses took Gentile Brides following their rejection by their brethren and prior to their being used by God to deliver them
- Antitype: Christ following His 1<sup>st</sup> Coming and rejection by His brethren Israel, will also take a Gentile Bride before returning to redeem Israel *for the second time*
- Type: Both **Asenath & Zipporah** are absent when their husbands return to deliver their brethren
- Antitype: Therefore, the Bride of Christ will also be absent when Christ returns to deliver Israel at His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming
- Type: At their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting Israel recognizes both Joseph & Moses as their deliverer on those 2 occasions
- Antitype: At Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming Israel will look on Him whom they pierced, and the nation will be born in a day (Zech.12:10/Joh.19:37; Isa.66:8)

***Zec 12:10** "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then **they will look on Me whom they pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*

***Joh 19:37** And again another Scripture says, "**They shall look on Him whom they pierced.**"*

***Isa 66:8** Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? **Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?** For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.*

Some teach that the Bride of Christ will be with Him when He returns to redeem Israel using **Jude 1:14**: *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, [saints = Gk. 'hagios' = holy, set apart]. It can be*

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used for the Spirit, angels, place, city, prophets, individuals' *holy* through faith.

**Mt 25:31** ¶ *"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory.*

10). Although our focus of study is on *The Picture of Marriage* with regards to the Bride of Christ we cannot separate that from God's dealings with Israel and their future deliverance by Christ.

Stephen's message to the Jewish leaders in **Acts 7** clearly focuses in on **Joseph & Moses** as **Types of Christ** but also to point out that Israel had a history of **rejecting** those God sent to deliver them from persecution, which they had just repeated by crucifying their King.

After each rejection both Joseph & Moses whom Stephen singled out were elevated to a position by God wherein He could later use them to deliver the Jews **from a much greater distress** which would come upon them as a result of their rejecting the individual in the first place.

**Qu:** What was Stephen implying awaited the nation for crucifying their Messiah if they did not repent? (*Ans: Much greater distress – lasting 2000 years and culminating in the Time of Jacob's Trouble*)

Stephen as a member of the early church was a Jew but as time went on, as evidenced by events in the Book of Acts, the church would eventually be comprised of **predominantly Gentiles** and it would be from them therefore that the Bride will also predominantly come.

In our next session, again dealing with 'The Bride Taken from the Gentiles', we will see from the **Book of Ruth** one of the clearest and complete pictures concerning those who will successfully make up the Bride of Christ!

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## Session 4: The Bride Taken from the Gentiles (Part II) The Bride’s Preparations

### **Introduction to Session 4: A Journey with a Goal**

In a practical sense, we must all see ourselves in the way of our being on a journey...a journey that has a goal in mind. The goal is to become part of the Bride of Christ, and to realize the inheritance that will be ours as a result of that goal being accomplished.

*Hebrews 3:1* Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling...

*Matthew 22:14* "For many are called, but few are chosen (Lit., called out)."

*II Timothy 2:15* Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

*2Co 5:10* For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

We have seen how Joseph and Moses both took Gentile Brides *prior* to God using them to deliver their brethren from sure destruction. Now we want to see that God added more lines, upon those lines, in order to lay out more of the picture for us to see.

#### 1). **The setting for the Book of Ruth.** *Ruth 1* (a) **No king in Israel; The Judges ruled.**

*Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25*

- There was a famine in the land. *Ru 1:1* Now it came to pass, in the days when the judges ruled, that there was a famine in the land.

So, this was during the times of the Judges. Well...what was going on during that time?

*Judges 17:6* In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes. This statement is made several times throughout the Book of the Judges.

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Due to the famine, Elimelech took family to Moab, a Gentile land. ***Ru. 1:1b***. *And a certain man of Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the country [literally – ‘fields’] of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons.*

The setting for the Book of Ruth is ‘*in the days when the judges rule*’ – this is a time in Israel’s history when the nation was at one moment in a place of repentance and the next in sin again. This resulted in a downward spiral of sin that had ultimately led the nation into captivity.

- Israel’s spiritual condition is described in ***Isa 1:5*** *Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. 6 From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; They have not been closed or bound up, Or soothed with ointment.*

*Let’s pause for a moment and notice a few interesting things about the meaning of the names here:*

- *Elimelech* means: God is King
- *Naomi (the wife of Elimelech)* means: Beautiful; agreeable

Then the two sons of Elimelech and Naomi are named:

- *Mahlon* means: sick, weak
- *Chilion* means: failing, pining

These names reflect the situation, with the name of Naomi reflecting God’s intention of the true nature of Israel (which is what we’ll see born out in the TYPE she represents); and the names of the sons representing the spiritual condition of Israel throughout her history thus far, really.

Then we see that...

- Elimelech dies while in Moab ***Ru 1:3*** *Then Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons.*

### (b) **Mahlon and Chilion take Gentile wives.**

- ***Ru 1:4*** *Now they took wives of the women of Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth. And they dwelt there about ten years. 5 Then both Mahlon and Chilion*

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*also died; so the woman survived her two sons and her husband.*

- Orpah = stiff necked
- Ruth = a female associate – one + another (as in a mate)

### (c) **Mahlon and Chilion die, leaving Naomi bereft in Moab**

So there had been about a ten-year period wherein Orpah and Ruth dwelt with their husbands prior to the deaths of the 2 men. Then the three women were left bereft.

- Women lose their right to an inheritance through husband’s death.

### 2). **Naomi begins journey back to Judah with both Daughters-in-law.**

***Ru 1:6** Then she arose with her daughters-in-law that she might return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had visited His people by giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went out from the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah.*

So, WHO began the journey to go to the land of Judah?

And, as we see in our outline...

#### (a) **Both Ruth and Orpah are given opportunities to turn back.**

***Ru 1:8** And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's house. The LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 "The LORD grant that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband." Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "Surely we will return with you to your people."*

QUESTIONS: What is it that Naomi desires for her daughters-in-law?

And where is it, that they would find that rest?

What was the response of both women to Naomi?

So, there is an initial commitment on the part of BOTH women, right?

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And then... What comes next in the verses that follow these is an explanation from Naomi concerning marriage, husbands and an inheritance.

(b) **Naomi explains their choices.** *Ru 1:11* But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Are there still sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? 12 "Turn back, my daughters, go for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, if I should have a husband tonight and should also bear sons, 13 "would you wait for them till they were grown? Would you restrain yourselves from having husbands? No, my daughters; for it grieves me very much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me!"

The essence of what is being spoken in these verses is that Orpah and Ruth could return to the way of life they had before being members of the family with the prospect of fulfilling their needs in the present, or they could follow Naomi to Bethlehem with the prospect of finding a husband, remaining yet future, with the ever-present possibility of that hope being realized – the hope of having the inheritance redeemed for them.

And so, they have a very serious decision placed before them. Even though they had BOTH made the initial decision to go on the journey – they both began the journey with Naomi – and even though when given the first opportunity to turn back on the journey – they BOTH decided to continue on with Naomi – something changed here.

- Orpah turns back. *Ru 1:14* Then they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law."
- Ruth – “I will go.” *Ru 1:16* But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me." 18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she stopped speaking to her.

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And so, at the end of chapter one, we see ...

(c) **Naomi returns with Ruth to Bethlehem.** *Ruth 1:22*

- Beginning of Barley harvest

***Ru 1:22** So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. Now they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.*

The significance of Barley cannot be overlooked! Barley points to resurrection, which we'll see in a moment.

Once they arrived, we see...

3). **Ruth began to Work.** (which is what the whole chapter of *Ruth 2* is about.)

(As we look at these points, I would like you to be thinking about the types and antitypes. I know we are going to take a close look at the antitype later today, but it really a good idea for you to be thinking about as we look at all these things God has laid out.)

(a) **Ruth meets Boaz**

- Receives instruction. ***Ru 2:8** Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to glean in another field, nor go from here, but stay close by my young women. 9 "Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men not to touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."*
- Receives commendation. ***Ru 2:11** And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.*

(b) **Boaz provides work and protection.** ***Ru 2:15** And when she rose up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, "Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not reproach her. 16 "Also let grain from the bundles fall purposely for her; leave it that she may glean, and do not rebuke her." 17 So she gleaned in the*



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*field until evening, and beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley.*

**(c) Ruth worked morning to evening, from beginning to end of:**

- Barley harvest – the grain waived on the Feast of First Fruits, which was the feast being celebrated the very day that Jesus rose from the dead. Barley points to Christ’s resurrection. And the
- Wheat harvest – which is the grain used in the teaching of Jesus about the grain of wheat that must fall into the ground and die, before it can produce MUCH fruit. (Keep this in mind as we move forward.)

And so, we see that

- (d) **Ruth continues to work *only* in Boaz’s field**, as she
- (e) **Stays with Boaz’ young women**, and in the end, she
- (f) **Beats out gleaned grain**

Do you have any thoughts about all this yet?

Can you see that all of this was done under the supervision of Naomi, and the protection and provision of Boaz?

And then in Ruth chapter three, we see that...

**4). Naomi seeks Rest for Ruth. *Ruth 3***

(a) **Naomi gives further instruction. *Ru 3:1*** *Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you? 2 "Now Boaz, whose young women you were with, is he not our relative? In fact, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.3 "Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself. put on your best garment and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. 4 "Then it shall be, when he lies down, that you shall notice the place where he lies; and you shall go in, uncover his feet, and lie down; and he will tell you what you should do." 5 And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."*

- Wash yourself
- Anoint yourself
- Put on your best clothes

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All these things Ruth did in preparation for meeting Boaz at the threshing floor. She did all that Naomi told her to do. (And remember, she had also beaten all the chaff out of the grain; she had done a complete work.)

(b) **Ruth meets Boaz at threshing floor. *Ru 3:6*** *So she went down to the threshing floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law instructed her. 7 And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was cheerful, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain; and she came softly, uncovered his feet, and lay down.*

- Laid down and uncovers his feet.  
Naomi had instructed Ruth as to the PURPOSE for her doing these things. The action is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy, a part of the Mosaic Law. (Deut. 25:5-10)  
*(c.f., De 25:5 "If brothers dwell together, and one of them dies and has no son, the widow of the dead man shall not be married to a stranger outside the family; her husband's brother shall go in to her, take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. 6 "And it shall be that the firstborn son which she bears will succeed to the name of his dead brother, that his name may not be blotted out of Israel. 7 "But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, 'My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name to his brother in Israel; he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother.' 8 "Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But if he stands firm and says, 'I do not want to take her,' 9 "then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of the elders, remove his sandal from his foot, spit in his face, and answer and say, 'So shall it be done to the man who will not build up his brother's house.' 10 "And his name shall be called in Israel, 'The house of him who had his sandal removed.')*

QUESTION: So why do you think Naomi is instructing her to do this? (Can you figure it out yet?)

Having performed this action, now Ruth verbalizes her desire:

- Ruth makes a request of Boaz. ***Ru. 3:7, 9*** (see YLT)  
***Ru 3:9*** *And he said, "Who are you?" So she answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant. Take your maidservant under your wing, for you are a close relative." (NKJV)*

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**Ru 3:9** [YLT] *And he saith, 'Who art thou?' and she saith, 'I am Ruth thy handmaid, and thou hast spread thy skirt over thy handmaid, for thou art a redeemer.'*

These two things show that marriage and the redemption of the inheritance is inseparable and the whole picture leads to rulership. We see something similar in

In your notes  
you may want to  
add 8-13 here in  
Ezek. 16

- *c.f., **Eze 16:8-13** "When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you [spread my skirt over you—YLT] and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD. 9 "Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. 10 "I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 "I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. 12 "And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, and succeeded to royalty.*

This is the picture of God entering into the marriage relationship with Israel. And to what end does it all come?

So we can see that Naomi had instructed Ruth to do these things in preparation for her to be married to her kinsman, one who could redeem the inheritance for her. And we see in Ezekiel that it all led to rulership, which is what we have seen in foundation, right?

So what is Boaz's response? (Remember to be thinking TYPE/ANTITYPE.)

- Boaz: "I will do for you all that you request". **Ru 3:10** *Then he said, "Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter! For you have shown more kindness at the end than at the beginning, in that you did not go after young men, whether poor or rich. 11 "And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you request, for all the people of my town know that you are a*

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*virtuous woman. 12 "Now it is true that I am a close relative; however, there is a relative closer than I.*

- Boaz departs from Ruth in order to take necessary action. *Ru. 3:15-4:1ff (c.f., Duet. 25:5-10)*
- Ruth returns to her mother-in-law and waits. ***Ru 3:18*** *Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn out; for the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter this day."*

### 5). **Boaz acts on Ruth's behalf.** *Ruth 4*

#### (a) **Boaz goes to gate of city**

- Presents situation to Nearer Kinsman before elders of city. ***Ru 4:1*** *Now Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there; and behold, the close relative of whom Boaz had spoken came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down. 2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here." So they sat down. 3 Then he said to the close relative, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, sold the piece of land which belonged to our brother Elimelech. 4 "And I thought to inform you, saying, 'Buy it back in the presence of the inhabitants and the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is no one but you to redeem it, and I am next after you.'" And he said, "I will redeem it." 5 Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must also buy it from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance."*

There are only TWO men who could redeem the inheritance for Ruth (and Naomi actually) —Boaz and the Nearer Kinsman. But, as it turns out...

- Nearer Kinsman **cannot** redeem inheritance. ***Ru 4:6*** *And the close relative said, "I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own inheritance. You redeem my right of redemption for yourself, for I cannot redeem it." 7 Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging,*

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*to confirm anything: one man took off his sandal and gave it to the other, and this was a confirmation in Israel.*

- *Nearer Kinsman takes off his sandal, gives it to Boaz. **Ru 4:8** Therefore the close relative said to Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off his sandal.*
- *Elders give blessing to Boaz. **Ru 4:11** And all the people who were at the gate, and the elders, said, "We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman who is coming to your house like Rachel and Leah, the two who built the house of Israel; and may you prosper in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem. 12 "May your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, because of the offspring which the LORD will give you from this young woman."*

So with the...

- *Inheritance redeemed, Ruth becomes Boaz's wife **Ru 4:9** And Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, from the hand of Naomi. 10 "Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead through his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brethren and from his position at the gate. You are witnesses this day."*
- *This marriage led to rulership – King David. **Ru 4:13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife; and when he went in to her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. 14 Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a close relative; and may his name be famous in Israel! 15 "And may he be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him." 16 Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her bosom, and became a nurse to him. 17 Also the neighbor women gave him a name, saying, "There is a son born to Naomi." And they called his name Obed. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.*

AKA King David.

QUESTION: To what did this marriage relationship lead? (Rulership.)

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### 6). The Antitype of Ruth and Boaz

#### (c) The setting is the same today

- There is no king in Israel.

Famine in the land – a famine for the Word. *Amos 8:11*  
*"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD"*

At the beginning of this dispensation, the spiritual condition of the nation of Israel is given to us through the names of Elimelech's two sons:

Mahlon = sick + weak

Chilion = failing + pining

For Israel, the situation had reached its lowest point some 30 years after the crucifixion of Christ in 70AD when the nation as a national entity ceased to exist until 1948. And even though the nation of Israel is in the land once again, since 1948, the nation is there in disobedience and not repentance and will be removed from the land again during the Tribulation. **And so we see that just as it was in the type, so is it in the antitype:**

- Every man is doing what is right in his own eyes. *Philippians 2:15* that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world... (c.f., Mt. 17:17; Lu. 9:41; Acts. 20:30)
- Israel is scattered among the Gentile nations. (70AD)

Except for a relative few, ever since 70AD, Jews have been scattered amongst the Gentile nations, separated from their land, without spiritual food (i.e., the famine in the land), which is exactly the situation as typified at the beginning of Ruth. Then, in the antitype of Elimelech's death, we see Jesus, the King of the Jews killed at the very hands of the nation itself. Now there is no king in Israel. This is when the nation was set aside as seen in Matt. 21:43, when the offer of the kingdom of the heavens was withdrawn from Israel.

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Then at the end of another (relatively short) complete period of time, we can see the deaths of Mahlon and Chilion, which left the two Gentile women with Naomi alone – Gentile women who were part of a Jewish family. The deaths of Mahlon and Chilion typify the final rejection of national repentance on the part of Israel with regards to the Kingdom as recorded in Acts Chapter 28 – leaving the church alone as the focus of God’s attention.

Be sure to remember that Naomi is a **type**, in one sense, a type of Israel (as married to the one who typifies God the Father; and in another sense, Naomi is a type of that which *was given to Israel* – **the word of God** – *Ro 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God.*

And so, with Naomi in place as the word of God and Orpah and Ruth as Christians on their pilgrim journey let’s continue.

And so we see the *purpose* for this journey...

(d) **A Gentile Bride is being called out for Jesus, our Near Kinsman.** Eph. 5:31-32—Remember this mystery is great – a mystery speaking of Christ and His Bride! And...

- As a member of the Family, we have been called to go on a journey. **Heb 3:1** *Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus... And I Cor. 9:24* reveals that we are in a race, a race from which we can become disqualified if we do not compete according to the rules. And *Heb. 12:1* reveals a *cloud of witnesses*, a group of people who are our examples of how we are to run with endurance this race, even as they did (cf., Heb. 11).

(e) And just as Ruth and Orpah had opportunity to turn back, even so we have opportunities to turn back. **Heb 11:13** *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country.*

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*Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.*

- (f) We need to make the decision. **Heb 6:11** *And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.*

But just as Rebekah made the choice to go with the servant, and just as Ruth and Orpah began the journey, and then had to make the choice again and again to *continue* the journey, even so we have the choices ever before us!

QUESTION: What do you think Orpah pictures for us today?

Orpah turned back, didn't she. Orpah – the stiff-necked one turns back – and so do the majority of Christians for exactly the same reason. Understanding what the scriptures really teach about Christ and His Bride is not a well-trodden (nor well-desired) path within Christendom; and the majority of Christians have turned back before their journey ever really began. I imagine we all know people who have turned back even once they came into and understanding of the goal out ahead. And for those who do walk this path, many will turn back as what is expected of them is too difficult.

It is not that what scripture expects is too difficult of itself, but many do not want to give up sin, because they enjoy it too much, and many do not want to face the issues in their life that need to be faced.

And it is at this point in the account in Ruth that Orpah disappears from the narrative. What follows in our narrative concentrates on Ruth, the one who has determined to continue the journey, because *what God wants to teach us in this picture* is the kind of fortitude it is going to take to be found worthy!

And although we do not see Orpah again, we need to realize that she still remains a part of the Jewish family – but she is not the one who finds a husband who is able to redeem an inheritance for her within a royal lineage, is she? (Can the picture really be any clearer? And as we already understand from our study of the word we would have to go elsewhere in scripture, ‘here a little and there a little’ to get the complete picture concerning the unfaithful Christian.)



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But what does it say of Ruth?

Ruth CLUNG to Naomi. What do you think that represents in the antitype?

And not surprisingly, the Hebrew word for “clung” is the same word used in Gen. 2:24 – a man should cleave to his wife.

What statement did Ruth make?

***Ru 1:16** But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, And there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, If anything but death parts you and me."*

And then there is a sweet commendation from Boaz to Ruth saying: **Ru 2:11** *And Boaz answered and said to her, "It has been fully reported to me, all that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before.*

What do you think the antitype of Boaz’s commendation might point to?

And so, the two of them journey onward and finally arrive in Bethlehem *at the beginning of the barley harvest*. Just as Ruth went to work immediately and worked for a complete period of time, even so...

(g) **We are to work for a complete period of time.** Just as Ruth continued to receive instructions from Naomi, even so are we to abide in the Word, always receiving instruction from God, through His word.

- All the while, receiving instruction from the Word.  
John 15:1-8 talks about abiding in Christ as He is the vine and we are the branches, and the only way that we are going to be able to bear any fruit at all is through this abiding. And therein is the Father glorified. **1 John 2:6** *He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.*

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Let's look for a minute on the significance of the Barley harvest and the Wheat harvest, at which we see Ruth working from beginning to end, and from morning to evening. Remember that barley points to the Resurrection of Christ.

In this we can see Ruth's work in Boaz's field as our work is to be done in Christ's field and must be apart from our flesh. Then, the wheat harvest at the end of Chapter 2 adds more detail as we understand that only in dying to our flesh can we produce works in the spirit acceptable to God - ***Joh 12:24*** *"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain. And in Ro 6:5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection..."*

Turn in your Bibles to Phil. 3:10-11. (Go to the board.)

And the duration of Ruth's work *in both harvests 'from morning until now'*, shows a complete period of time. Our work of dying to the flesh and walking in the Spirit is to be a continuous process from the moment of our eternal salvation until the end of our pilgrim journey *can only be done by that which is pictured in baptism* – our reckoning ourselves dead in Christ, buried with Him, and raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

And where does all of this lead us? (To the JSOC)

Just as Boaz provided the work AND the fruit for Ruth, even so...

- God provides the work/fruit for us. ***Eph 2:10*** *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

Work which should be done...

- Within His Field (***Heb. 12:2a*** *looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith...*) Our eyes are to be on Him and Him alone.
- Amongst like-minded people. ***Heb 10:24*** *And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

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- God provides protection for us as we work in His field. Speaking of angels here, *Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

Specifically, to whom are these angels ministering?

And what is the Inheritance?

### (h) **Definitive Preparations are to be made.**

Just as Naomi is fully away of the potential for Ruth if she were to marry Boaz, and continues to instruct here as to what she should do, even so we continue to receive instruction within the Word of God. The Word contains everything we need to know about how to be prepared to meet Christ on His threshing floor – the JSOC. Naomi says:

**2Pe 1:2** Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us...

- Wash yourself. Washing ourselves we have already looked at, it is the cleansing that is to take place in us through the washing of the word - *Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word...* It is the continual confessing of sin – being cleansed by the conviction of the Word...
- Anoint yourself. Anointing in the OT would be done with oil, and the oil was a type of the Holy Spirit. For us this would be a continual filling of the Holy Spirit that comes only from the word of God - *Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be [continually] filled with the Spirit,*  
Which is also seen in - *Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*
- Put your best garment on. Putting on our best garment takes us once again to the wedding garment to be worn by the Bride of Christ as she becomes His Wife *Re 19:7 "Let us*

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*be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.”*  
*8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.* But of course, we know that this reception of the fine linen, clean and bright is *at the JSOC*. So, how would this be in preparation for meeting Jesus at this threshing floor? Anybody? (It is the righteous acts of the saints that make up the garments, isn't it?)

Although these preparations are presented to us sequentially we would need to understand that they all happen at the same time and all happen continuously. In fact, although the events in Ruth are presented chronologically, in our experience, our journey, our work in Christ's field and our preparation to appear at His Judgment Seat are all simultaneous - and should continue uninterrupted throughout the course of our Christian life. Thankfully, simultaneous to these preparations, Jesus is acting as our High Priest, so that when these preparations are interrupted due to sin (and they will be), the interruption should be short-lived as we can confess our sin, and be on our way again...isn't that wonderful!!!

So then, just as Ruth meets Boaz at the threshing floor, even so we will meet Christ at the JSOC. The importance of being prepared for this cannot be overstated. And all of this preparation would have had to be done prior to meeting Him there. Now, let's look at our:

- (i) **Meeting Jesus at the Judgment Seat.** *2Co 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.*  
And, *Heb 4:13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.*

So what happens there? Both Ruth and Orpah will be there, right? So what happens with Ruth?

With Orpah?

Well, as for Ruth...

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Just as Naomi instructed her to uncover Boaz’ feet, which is the prescribed OT action of a widow within a family to ask a near kinsman to marry her and redeem the inheritance she lost due to the death of her first husband, even so, even so...

- Faithful Christians will ask Jesus to marry them and redeem inheritance.

And just as Boaz is happy to do all that she asks of him, even so Jesus says:

- “Whatever you ask in My Name, I will do.” *John 14:13; 15:7, 16*
- Jesus will give His Bride all that she needs during the “waiting time”.

Just as Boaz took leave of Ruth in order to take the necessary steps to transact the redemption of the inheritance, through which she becomes his wife, even so...

- Jesus leaves to take the necessary action. (*seen in the types of Joseph and Moses*)

This can be seen in the fact that Rev. 1-3 is the very picture of the JSOC. The first three chapters in Revelation is the Antitype of Ruth 3:3b-18, ending with Naomi making the declaration to Ruth that “*the man will not rest until he has concluded the matter.*” Then, all that is seen in the following two chapter in the Book of the Revelation (chs. 4-5) is the Antitype of what had taken place at the gate of the city in Ruth chapter four when Boaz asked the Nearer Kinsman to sit with him, and the elders of the city gathered to witness the transaction. Let’s look at it:

**(j) Jesus is the only One Who can redeem the inheritance of the earth.** *Rev. 4:1-5:14*

- Twenty-four elders surrounding the throne is the antitype of the elders of the city who witnessed Boaz and the Nearer Kinsman transaction. *Re 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.*
- The search made in heaven for one worthy to redeem inheritance is the antitype of the two realizing that the Nearer kinsman cannot marry Ruth as it would mar his own inheritance, leaving Christ as the only One worthy. *Rev. 5:1-5*

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- The Lion from the Tribe of Judah/the Lamb slain – takes the scroll (which is the deed to the earth) from the Father is the antitype of the Nearer kinsman handing his sandal to Boaz. **Re 5:6** *And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.*
- The scroll being given to Jesus by the Father IS with rulership in view and is the antitype of lineage of Boaz and Ruth producing King David. **Rev. 5:7** *Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne. 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.*
- The Elders giving the blessing to Christ is the antitype of the blessing given in chapter 4 of Ruth. You can read in **Rev. 5:9** *And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth." 11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, 12 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain To receive power and riches and wisdom, And strength and honor and glory and blessing!" 13 And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing and honor and glory and power Be to Him who sits on the throne, And to the Lamb, forever and ever!" 14 Then the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshiped Him who lives forever and ever.*

And then of course the 7-year tribulation transpires as the 7 seals of the scroll are opened by Christ, at the end of which Jesus comes back to the earth to redeem Israel, His brethren, in the antitype of Joseph and Moses. And in all

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of this, the redemption of the earth takes place, Jesus wrests the rulership of the earth from Satan and his angels, and is now married. The Bride of Christ, identified at the Judgment Seat now becomes His wife.

(k) **A marriage takes place with rulership in view.** *Re 19:6* *And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! 7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints....*

*Mt 25:21* *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'*

*1Co 3:13* *each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.*

*14* *If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

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

And so there it is. Really the end of the matter...or is it? It may be just the beginning...

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### Session 5: Will You Go? The Question will be Answered

#### **Introduction to Session 5: Are you a Ruth or an Orpah?**

***II Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God breathed, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

***Romans 8:14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

***James 1:21** Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.*

#### **1). Do this...Don't do that!** *Lev. 26; Duet 28*

These chapters depict what God told Israel of the blessings for obedience and warns His people about the curses for disobedience. Lev. 26 is spoken to the first generation of Israel who came out of Egypt. Deut. 28 is spoken to the second generation who are ready to go into the Promised Land, some 40 years later.

**2). Now, this gets Personal!** (And really, shouldn't it? It has to get personal!) In fact it may be akin to Naomi telling Orpah and Ruth to turn back, because it is going to be difficult.

The journey will be difficult, tiring, exhausting, exasperating. There will be moments (especially initially) where you will want to just give up and turn back to the old way! But don't!!!



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Jesus said: **Mt 11:12** *"And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.*

**2Co 4:16** *Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

But we know that there are...

(a) **Many are called, but few are chosen (Lit., called out).** *Mt. 22:14; Heb. 11:35b* speaks about the better resurrection.

(b) **Faith comes by hearing...** *Rom. 10:17*

(c) **Be filled with the Holy Spirit.** *Eph. 5:17-21; Col. 3:16-25*

(d) **Eat My Body, Drink My blood.** *Mt. 26:26-27*

This is a picture of eating and drinking His Word, He, Who is the Word made flesh.

Let's spend a few minutes looking at five major warnings in the Book of Hebrews.

3). **The Book of Hebrews: Five Major Warnings.** *I Cor. 10:6, 11* (These two verses tell us that the journey of the Children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land was recorded as TYPES so that we can learn from

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their mistakes. That first generation didn't make it into the Promised Land – they didn't receive their inheritance because they didn't mix faith with what they heard, and in their unbelief (in fact, as a result of their unbelief) they became disobedient.)

But before we look at these warnings in Hebrews, we must understand that all of these serious warnings are predicated on the information laid out in the first chapter of Hebrews. There, we find 7 OT passages that all point to some facet of the Coming Kingdom of Jesus Christ. In that sense, chapter one is the foundation of the Book of Hebrews. And apart from that foundation, the warnings would make no sense what-so-ever.

So, let's look at the warning given to us in Hebrews:

- **Warning #1: Give more earnest heed/not drift away.** Heb. 2:1-4

*Hebrews 2:1* Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

- **Warning #2: Be diligent to enter His Rest.** Heb. 3:16-4:1;11

*Hebrews 3:16* For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? 17 Now with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? 19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. 4:1 Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ... 11 Let us therefore

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*be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.*

- **Warning #3:** Leaving elemental things/Going on to Maturity.  
*Heb. 6:1-3*

***Hebrews 6:1** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits.*

- **Warning #4: No sacrifice for willful sin.** *Heb. 10:26-31*

***Hebrews 10:26** For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.*

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- **Warning #5: Rights of the Firstborn.** *Heb. 12:16-17*  
*Hebrews 12: 16* lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. *17* For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears.

#### 4). **The Book of James**

- **Count it all joy.** *Jas. 1:2-6a*  
*James 1:2* My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, *3* knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. *4* But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. *5* If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. *6* But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
  
- **Lay aside ... and receive with meekness the implanted Word.**  
*Jas. 1:21-22*  
*James 1:21* Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. *22* But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.
  
- **Faith without works is dead.** *Jas. 2*

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- **Bridle your tongue.** *Jas. 3*
  
- **So many more things...** *Jas. 4*
  
- **Be patient; establish your hearts; Do not grumble.** *Jas. 5:7-9*  
*James 5:7* Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. *8* You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. *9* Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!
  
- **Turning a sinner from his error.** *Jas. 5:19-20*  
*James 5: 19* Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, *20* let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

### 5). The Letter to the Philippians.

- **Selfish ambition.** *Phil. 2:3*

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**Philippians 2:3** *Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.*

- **Work out your own salvation.** *Phil. 2:12-16*

**Philippians 2:12** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. 14 Do all things without complaining and disputing, 15 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.*

- **Counting things as loss, that I may gain Him.** *Phil. 3:8-11*

**Philippians 3:8** *Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

- **Forget what is behind/Press forward.** *Phil. 3:12-14*

**Philippians 3:12** *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to*

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*have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

- **More things to do and know... Phil. 4:1, 4-8, 13, 19**

***Philippians 4:1** Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved.*

*...4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy--meditate on these things.*

*...13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

*...19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

6). **Do not be deceived...**

- **As Satan deceived Eve. II Cor. 11:1-3**

***2 Corinthians 11:1** Oh, that you would bear with me in a little folly--and indeed you do bear with me. 2 For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. 3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.*

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- **...shall not inherit.** *I Cor. 6:9; Eph. 5:5*  
**1 Corinthians 6:9** *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,*  
  
*Ephesians 5:5* *For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*
  
- **Evil company.** *I Cor. 15:33*  
**1 Corinthians 15:33** *NKJV 33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."*
  
- **Sowing and reaping.** *Gal. 6:7; II Cor. 9:6*  
**Galatians 6:7** *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.... ...:11 See with what large letters I have written to you with my own hand!*  
**2 Corinthians 9:6** *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*
  
- **Sin brings forth death.** *Jas. 1:15-16*  
**James 1:15-16** *NKJV 15 Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. 16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.*

**II Corinthians 7:8** *For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while. 9 Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. 10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*



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**Heb 10:37** *"For yet a little while, And He who is coming will come and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." 39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.*

So, again, the question is: 'Will you go?'

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## Session 6: The Fulfillment of the Picture Royal Marriage & Rulership

### Introduction: The Called-out from the Called

“Many are called...” “Blessed are those who are called...” “the hope of His calling”

- We have **all** been called (*Heb.3:1; Mat.22:14; Eph.1:18*)

*Heb 3:1 Therefore, holy brethren, **partakers of the heavenly calling**, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus,*

*Mt 22:14 "For **many are called**, but few are chosen."* ←

*Eph 1:18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is **the hope of His calling**, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,*

- **But...** Rev.19:7-9 '**Blessed** are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'

*Re 19:7 "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."*

*8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

*9 Then he said to me, "Write: '**Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!**'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

We will come back to this one when we look at the Parable of the Wedding Guest

### 1). Reviewing what we have discovered thus far:

#### (a) **Session 1: The Bride will be taken from the Body of Christ**

- It was not good that the Man was alone, he needed a Helper comparable to Him
- The Bride will be taken from Christ's Body, the Church, but will not be the whole body

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- The Bride of Christ will be ‘One flesh’ with Christ in a marriage relationship and they will rule together

(b) **1Cor.15:22** Complete the following “as” and “so” statements:  
**1Co 15:22** For **as** in Adam all die, even **so** in Christ all shall be made alive.

(i) **As** Adam was put into a deep sleep, **so** Christ was.... *Put into a deep sleep on the Cross*

(ii) **As** Adam was put into a deep sleep and his side was opened, **so** Christ died on the cross and His.... *Side was opened by a spear*

(iii) **As** a rib was taken out of the side of Adam’s body, **so** from Christ’s side flowed.... *Blood & water*

(iv) **As** Adam’s helper was built from a part of his body, **so** Christ’s Helper will.... *Be built, or taken out, from a part of His Body – His Church*

(v) **As** Adam’s helper, the Woman, was completed and presented back to him, **so** Christ’s Helper.... *Will be presented back to Him as seen in Revelation...*

(vi) **As** Adam and the Woman were covered in Glory before they sinned, **so** Christ and His Bride will.... *Be covered in glory in that future Day*

(vii) **As** Adam needed a helper to have dominion over the earth, **so** Christ.... *Must have a Helper to rule with Him*  
*(This exercise of ‘as’ and ‘so’ statements is one that can be repeated for the subsequent Types and Antitypes.)*

(c) **Session 2: The Bride will be taken from the Family of God**

- The Holy Spirit is currently searching for a Bride for God’s Son from amongst the Family of God. She will be found by ‘a well of water’ – those drawing deeply from the Word of God
- As part of the search for the Bride the Holy Spirit is revealing the inheritance on offer for those willing to follow His leading and to say, “I will go!”

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- The Woman was made from a part of Adam’s body but was totally of his body, so the Bride of Christ will be chosen from the Family of God but not the whole Family of God; just that part that will come from Christ’s Body – the Church (*not from Israel who are also part of God’s Family*)
- In the same way that Rebekah experienced opposition from her family when she said ‘yes, she would go’, so those who set their hearts on making the journey towards their inheritance, marriage and rulership will also experience opposition
- Of all those maidens who travelled with her, it was only Rebekah who covered herself with a veil and that Isaac then took into his Mother’s tent. (*We will look at the Parable of the Wedding Guest and the Parable of the 10 Virgins shortly that speak to this*)

### **(d) Session 3: The Bride from the Gentiles**

- Both Joseph and Moses experienced rejection from their brethren and whilst in a far country they took Gentile brides
- Before Christ returns to deal with His Brothers – Israel, a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, He will take a predominantly Gentile Bride
- In Christ’s absence from the earth and after the Bride has been revealed at His Judgment Seat, Israel will experience great hardship and tribulation for 7 years, known as the Time of Jacob’s Trouble
- The period of time known also as ‘The Tribulation’ corresponds to the redeeming of the inheritance for Christ’s Bride who will have been identified
- The Bride of Christ will not be with Him when following Christ’s return to the earth, He is recognized by Israel as their Messiah and Deliverer (*Zec.12:10; Joh.19:37; Rev.1:7*)  
*Re 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.*

*Re 19:11 Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war.*

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*12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself.*

*13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

*14 And **the armies in heaven**, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.*

### (e) **Session 4: The Bride from the Gentiles: Ruth**

- Ruth & Orpah - 2 Gentile women, who are members of a Jewish family through marriage and death begin a journey towards Bethlehem – the House of Bread – with Naomi – a Type of Israel and the Word of God given to Israel

*(Rom.3:1-2)*

***Ro 3:1** What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision?*

*2 Much in every way! Chiefly because **to them were committed the oracles of God.***

- Orpah turns back to the things of this world whilst Ruth clings to Naomi and continues her journey towards marriage, regality and an inheritance
- Only those believers who are willing to go on the journey to ‘Bethlehem’, achieved through clinging to the Word of God, will experience marriage, regality and receive their inheritance
- They will have worked/gleaned in Boaz’s field and beaten out ‘the grain’ – removing the chaff from their lives
- Who are continually being washed by the water of the Word; anointed/filled with the Holy Spirit through that same Word; whilst putting on their ‘best garment’ – those righteous acts that make up the wedding garment *(Rev.19:7-9) (Given in the Introduction also)*

***Re 19:7** "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."*

*8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

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*9 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'" And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God."*

- These various analogies all point to the same thing – that of ‘working out our own salvation with fear and trembling’ (*Php.2:12*)

***Php 2:12*** *Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;*

*13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.*

### **2). Rejecting the Purpose for one’s salvation.**

Christ and His Bride ruling from the heavens over the earth is God’s eternally stated purpose. It is the reason for creating Man and His reason for redeeming Man from the very beginning (*Rev.13:8b*). ***Re 13:8*** *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, [Antichrist] whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. (Christ was slain from before the foundation of the earth, before the Man was even created and needed a Redeemer – hence it is God’s eternally stated purpose for our creation and salvation!)*

To reject God’s purpose for our redemption is to reject God and Christians can do that and do. Let’s look at 2 Parables dealing with marriage that reveal just that.

#### **(a) The Parable of the 10 Virgins: Mat.25:1-13**

***Mt 25:1*** *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.*

*2 "Now **five of them were wise, and five were foolish.***

*3 "Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them,*

*4 "but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

*5 "But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.*

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6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

7 "Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps.  
*(Resurrection/Rapture)*

8 "And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

9 "But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.'

10 "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

11 "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!'

12 "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

13 "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

- 10 virgins all with lamps with oil in
- 5 are wise and 5 are foolish
- 5 have an extra supply of oil

Now it is obvious for us to see that what is taking place here in relation to the ten virgins is directly connected to the Kingdom of the Heavens (**v.1**). And given both the context and the content of the parable those in view, **described as virgins, can only be Christians**. All 10 have lamps, and all 10 have oil in their lamps.

**Qu:** What would you understand the Oil to be a picture of?

*(Oil in OT picture or type of Holy Spirit. So as all 10 virgins possess oil it must relate to the indwelling of H.S at their spiritual birth)*

Their going out to meet the Bridegroom has **echoes of Ruth**, and rightly so.

**Qu:** At midnight they all arose – what is that portraying? *(Ans: A cry concerning the Resurrection/Rapture. A more accurate translation of v.6 would reflect a cry has been heard concerning midnight which is an allusion to judgment. This cry from the Word of God has been going out for almost 2000 years!)*

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**Qu:** What is the only distinction that is made between the two groups? (*Ans: It is that **the wise have an extra supply of oil** and the foolish do not.*)

The fact that those without the extra oil are **foolish denotes that they too could have had the extra supply of oil**, but because of their foolishness they chose not to.

And just as we saw Ruth anointing herself, the extra supply of oil shows **proper preparedness** by those who possess it. Here in this parable is **a picture of the Judgment Seat of Christ** and we can clearly see the **division that takes place** based on preparedness, on faithful obedience, or lack of it.

***Mt 25:10** "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.*

- The wise = the Spirit-filled Christian (*Eph.5:17-20; Col.3:16-17; 2Tim.3:15-17*)

***Eph 5:17** Therefore **do not be unwise**, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

*18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,*

*19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,*

*20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

***Col 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in **all wisdom**, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

*17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Having an **extra supply of oil** - having an extra supply of the Holy Spirit so to speak is over and above that which we presently possess through our new birth.

It equates with instructions that we are to be *continually filled with the Spirit* as seen by **Eph.5:18** and corresponds to 'the word of Christ dwelling in us richly' in **Col.3:16** and the equipping of the man of God as seen in **2Tim.3:16-17**



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**2Ti 3:15** and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are **able to make you wise** for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Qu:** How do we get the extra supply of oil?  
(Through the Scriptures)

So, as we see what scripture says about the Word of God, and how the Word of God and the Spirit of God are One and the same we can conclude that **being filled with the Spirit** comes through receiving the Breath/Spirit of God, which is alive, through the Word of God.

**Heb 4:12a** For the word of God is living and powerful,

**All Christians** are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, but not all Christians are continually filled with the Spirit - **3** "Those who were **foolish** took their lamps and took no oil with them, **4** "but the **wise** took oil in their vessels with their lamps

**The foolish** would be the carnal Christian, the **Orpah** Christian. The Christian saved unto eternity but wholeheartedly enmeshed in the affairs, systems, values and mindsets of this world. Those who because of their actions will find themselves cut off from a position of rulership with Christ in His Coming Kingdom.

**Midnight** is a picture of **Judgment** however in v.6 this is a cry concerning midnight/judgment. In other words, it is a warning concerning impending judgment.

c.f. **Ru 3:8** Now it happened at midnight that the man was startled, and turned himself; and there, a woman was lying at his feet.

- The foolish = the carnal Christian (**Ga.5:19-21**)  
**Ga 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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- A picture of the JSOC (vv.6, 10)  
*Mt 25:6* "And at **midnight** a cry [lit. a cry concerning judgment] was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'  
*10* "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. *11* "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' *12* "But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

**The wise** would be the Spirit-led Christian, the **Ruth** Christian.

- The Christian who is saved unto eternity and then receives 'the word of Christ' (*Col.3:16*) and
- is obedient to the commands of Christ,
- whose focus is on the promise and the hope that is set before them,
- those who reject the things of this world
- those who have chosen to follow the Holy Spirit,
- those whose works remain who will receive the reward of the inheritance - **Ro 8:14** *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

So, we see that being filled with the Spirit is not a Charismatic experience, but rather a correct engagement with the Word of God.

We must receive on a continual basis the life of God, which is the Spirit of God, through the written word which is the breath of God.

In this way our eternally saved spirit is fed, and we grow from immaturity to maturity – from the milk to the meat, to the strong meat of the Word

And we will then have the extra supply of oil, being properly prepared to meet the Bridegroom.

Without that extra supply, there can only be exclusion.

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This **same picture** is presented from a **different perspective** in

## (b) The Parable of the Wedding Guest: Mat.22:1-14

vv.1-6 God's  
dealings  
with Israel

70 AD  
Roman General  
Titus sacked  
Jerusalem

God's dealings  
with the  
Church from  
the start of  
this  
dispensation  
to the JSOC

**Speechless**  
because he knew  
he should have a  
wedding garment  
but didn't bother  
to get one!

**Mt 22:1** And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

3 "and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

4 "Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.'"

5 "But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.

6 "And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.

7 "But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 "Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.'

9 "Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'

10 "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good**. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 "But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.

12 "So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was **speechless**.

13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For **many are called, but few are chosen.**"

- The same picture of the JSOC from a different perspective
- vv.1-6 God's dealings with Israel
- v.7 The events of 70 AD

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- vv.8-14 The dispensation of the Church
- v.10 Both bad and good – all Christians

**Qu:** How do we know they are all Christians?  
(v.12 Jesus calls him ‘friend’)

We see in **v10** that the King’s servants went into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, **both bad and good** – this would be us, Christians – those saved by grace through faith. And they/we are both bad and good.

**Qu:** How do we know this is again a picture of the foolish virgins?

**Ans:** We see all those gathered together, bad and good Christians, **in one place in connection with wedding festivities** – again we are at the JSOC and a division is about to take place.

One man, who is **representative of an unspecified number**, does not have on a wedding garment – remember - **Re 19:7** “*Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.*” **8** *And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.* And remember **Ruth putting on her best garment.**

**Speechless**  
because he knew **he should have a wedding garment** but didn’t bother to get one!  
  
The wife in Rev.19:7 has **made herself ready**

**Bad** = The Foolish – no wedding garment – no extra supply of oil

**Good** = The Wise – have on the ‘wedding garment’ having made the necessary preparations – have an extra supply of oil

**Qu:** What is the outcome for the man who does not have on the wedding garment?

**Ans:** v.13 “*Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’*” This is the same as the foolish virgins in *Mat.25:10* being shut out of the wedding festivities.

**Qu:** How does the parable conclude?

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**Ans:** The parable concludes with a simple statement that sums up all that the Lord has been talking about - *"For many are called, but few are chosen."* – literally – ***‘many are called, but few are called out of the called’***

**Qu:** In what ways have we seen this demonstrated throughout our study?

### **3). In Conclusion:**

We began our seminar with Is.46:9-10:

*Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old, For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,  
10 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure,'*

We have seen that there is a marriage at the beginning of Scripture for the purpose of Rulership ('Let them have dominion') and there is a marriage at the end of Scripture for the purpose of Rulership. The end was declared at the very beginning that which has yet to happen!

Those Christians who said, "I will go!" having worked faithfully in Christ's field and made the necessary preparations for meeting Him on His threshing floor will find themselves part of the very fulfillment of God's eternal plan from before time began – all will be fulfilled in Rulership and a Royal Marriage in the 7th Day.

That is God's counsel and that will be God's pleasure!

# *Appendix*



Session 1:  
*Dovetail Joint*



**Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper **comparable** to him."

Comparable = to be in balance with, or opposite facing each other;  
counterpart; like a dovetail joint





Session 1: The Bride Taken from the Body

As a result of your studies in this session now fill in the chart below giving Scripture references were applicable. Taking the time to do this now will be invaluable for you in the future.

The Type	The Antitype
Adam	<i>Christ (Rom.5:14b)</i>
God puts Adam into a deep sleep	<i>Christ was put into a 'deep sleep' on the Cross (John 19:30; Col.1:21-22; 1Thes.4:13; 1Cor.15:3)</i>
God opens Adam's side and removes a rib	<i>Christ's side was opened on the Cross (John 19:32-37; Ex.12:46; Num.9:12; Ps.34:20)</i>
God builds the Helper from Adam's rib	<i>Christ's Helper will be built from the Blood &amp; Water that flowed from His side (John 19:34; John 13:5-8; 1Cor.11:25; 1Jo.1:7-9; Eph.5:25-32)</i>
God presents the Helper back to Adam	<i>Christ's Helper having been found worthy will be presented back to Him (Eph.5:27; Col.1:21-22)</i>
Adam calls his Helper "Woman"	<i>Christ's Helper will be called out from His Body (John 15:14-15; Mat.22:14; Heb.3:1; Rev.19:9)</i>
Marriage: "Leave, cleave, one flesh"	<i>Christians who have chosen to leave the things of this world and cling to the Word becoming one flesh with Him (Ruth 1:16-17; Eph.5:31-32; Rom.8:16-17; Rev.19:6-9)</i>
"Let <b>them</b> have dominion"	<i>Christ and His Bride will rule together for one thousand years (Jam.1:12; Rev.2:10, 2:26; 3:21; 20:4-6)</i>



Session 2: The Bride Taken from the Family

The Type	The Antitype
Abraham	<i>God the Father</i>
Sarah	<i>Barren Israel</i>
Isaac	<i>Christ</i>
Eldest Servant	<i>Holy Spirit</i>
Rebekah	<i>Bride of Christ</i>
Keturah	<i>Fruitful Israel</i>
Gen. 21 The birth of Isaac	<i>The Miraculous Birth of Christ</i>
Gen. 22 The offering of Isaac	<i>The sacrifice of Christ along with His Resurrection</i>
Gen. 23 The death of Sarah	<i>Unfaithful Israel is set aside</i>
Gen. 24 The servant sent	<i>The Holy Spirit is searching for a Bride for Christ from amongst the family of God</i>
Gen. 25 Abraham marries Keturah	<i>God remarries repentant Israel at the end of the Tribulation and she becomes fruitful</i>



Session 3: The Bride Taken from the Gentiles

Fill in the missing details in the right-hand column

JOSEPH	MOSES	CHRIST
Joseph was sold into slavery in a foreign land by his brothers having been <b>rejected</b> by them	Moses was <b>rejected</b> by his brethren and goes to a far country – Midian	Christ was <b>rejected</b> by... <i>His brethren-crucified-then goes to a 'far country' – heaven.</i>
As a result, they experience great hardship – <b>Famine</b>	As a result, they experience great hardship – <b>Affliction &amp; Persecution</b>	As a result, Israel will... <i>experience Great Tribulation.</i>
Joseph was <b>exalted</b> to 2 <sup>nd</sup> only to Pharaoh in all of Egypt	Moses was <b>exalted</b> at the Burning Bush when God speaks to him on Holy ground	Christ has been <b>exalted</b> to... <i>the right hand of the Father.</i>
Joseph's brothers <b>did not recognize</b> him as their savior the <b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	Moses' brethren <b>did not recognize</b> him as their deliverer the <b>1<sup>st</sup> time</b>	Christ was <b>not recognized</b> ... <i>by Israel as their Messiah the 1<sup>st</sup> time.</i>
Joseph takes a <b>Gentile Bride</b> – Asenath – daughter of Potiphera, the priest of On	Whilst in Midian Moses takes a <b>Gentile Bride</b> – Zipporah – daughter of Ruel/Jethro – priest of Midian	Whilst seated at the right hand of the Father, Christ will... <i>take a predominantly Gentile Bride.</i>
Due to the area-wide famine Joseph's brothers <b>reach out</b> to him for deliverance	Because of the Egyptian persecution Israel <b>cry out</b> to the God of their fathers for deliverance	Because of persecution by the Gentile world-wide powers, the Jews will... <i>cry out to the God of their fathers for deliverance.</i>
At their <b>2<sup>nd</sup> meeting</b> that Joseph reveals to his brothers that their deliverer is their brother who was 'dead'	When Moses returned a <b>2<sup>nd</sup> time</b> to Egypt he was recognized by his brethren as the one who would deliver them	At Christ's <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Coming</b> He will be... <i>recognized by His brethren as 'Him whom they pierced' and He will deliver them from Gentile world powers.</i>
<b>Asenath</b> is not with Joseph when he is reunited with his brothers	<b>Zipporah</b> is not with Moses when he returns to Egypt to deliver his brethren	The <b>Bride of Christ</b> is... <i>not with Him when He returns to the earth to deliver Israel.</i>
Israel (Jacob and his sons) is given <b>land</b> in Egypt	Moses (and Joshua) lead Israel into the <b>Promised Land</b>	Following Israel's repentance Christ will... <i>lead them into the Promised Land and through them all the nations of the earth will be blessed.</i>



Session 4: The Bride Taken from the Gentiles (Part 2)

The Book of Ruth

<b>The Type</b>	<b>The Antitype</b>
Elimelech	<i>Israel set aside</i>
Naomi	<i>Israel and The Word given to Israel</i>
Orpah	<i>Unfaithful Christians</i>
Ruth	<i>Faithful Christians</i>
Boaz	<i>Christ our Kinsman Redeemer</i>
Ruth chapter 1 is a picture of...	<i>Christians choosing to begin, or not, upon the journey towards their inheritance through clinging to the Word of God</i>
Ruth chapter 2 is a picture of...	<i>Christians working in Christ's field for a complete period of time all the while beating out the 'grain'</i>
Ruth chapter 3 is a picture of...	<i>Preparations for meeting Christ at His Judgment Seat</i>
Ruth chapter 4 is a picture of...	<i>Redemption of the Inheritance for Christ and His Bride resulting in Marriage</i>



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