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of
marriage*

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From Genesis to Revelation

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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
- Is.45:18 It was not created in vain
- Ez.28:12-18 Lucifer created perfectly until iniquity was found in him
- Is.14:12-14 Lucifer exalts his throne
- Gen.1:2a The earth **became** formless and void

(b) Purpose: "Let them have dominion"

- Gen.1:26-28 The creation of the Man and his purpose
- Gen.2:7-8 Commentary on the Man's creation and his placement in the garden for Rulership
- Gen.2:24-25 Marriage and Rulership established at the beginning of scripture

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

- Gen.2:18-20 “It is not good...”
- Adam names the animals
- A Helper **comparable** to him
- Gen.2:24 Marriage: “leave, cleave, one flesh”
- Gen.2:25 Naked and not ashamed

3). The Woman’s Creation and Formation

- She was created in Adam (1:26-28)
- 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

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

- The Tree of Life – first and last mention (Rev.2:7; 22:1-2, 14)
- The Tree of Life in Proverbs (3:18; 11:30; 13:12; 15:2-4)
- Relate the Tree of Life to the Purpose for our Creation
- #2 = witness; division, separation (Days 1-6)
- Gen.2:15-17 What was the purpose of the command ‘not to eat...’?

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5). The Fall of Man Genesis Chapter 3

- Gen.3:1-6 Serpent deceives the Woman and the Man also eats - 1Tim.2:14
- Gen.3:7 The result – ‘naked’ a different Hebrew word from 2:25
- Gen.3:14-15 Judgment upon the Serpent
- Gen.3:16 Judgment upon the Woman
- Gen.3:17-19 Judgment upon the Man
- Gen.3:15 The Promise of a Redeemer
- Gen.3:21 Tunics of skin = Death and shed blood. Sovereign act of God

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

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

- Rom.5:14b Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come.
- The Type always provides truth in relation to the Antitype and vice versa

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

- Sleep = death 1Thes.4:13
- Joh.19:30; Col.1:21-22;
- 1Cor.15:3 Christ died according to which Scriptures?

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

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

(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:
- Blood & Water - Night of the Last Supper: Joh.13:5-8; 1Cor.11:25
- Blood: 1Joh.1:7-9
- Water: Eph.5:25-32

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

- Col.1:21-22 – presented holy and blameless, beyond reproach
- Rev.19:6-9 Marriage Supper of the Lamb – righteous acts

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."

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

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. Gen. 21:1-3

- This was a miraculous birth
- Son born at the set time
- Isaac is the son of promise

(b) The offering of that son as a sacrifice. Gen. 22:1-2

- The father was to offer his only son, the son whom he loved at a specified place.
- The father “received him back”. *Heb. 11:17-19*

(c) The death of Sarah. Gen. 23:1-2 It was after the offering of Isaac on Mt. Moriah that Sarah died.

- Abraham mourned and wept for the death of Sarah.

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(d) A search is made for a bride for the son. *Gen. 24:1-4*

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

(e) Abraham marries Keturah. *Gen. 25:1-2*

- Following a wife being found for Isaac, Abraham marries again and has 6 sons with Keturah.

(Before we look at the details of Ch. 24 which is where we want to go today, let's go to chart in the Appendix on pg. xx and look at the type/antitype picture of this panorama... Fill in the first part of the chart, then continue here...)

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. *Gen. 24:5-9*

- If woman refuses, servant is released from oath, regardless,
- the son is not to be taken back to Mesopotamia

(a) Servant leaves with a representation of the father's goods. *Gen. 24:10*

- 10 is a number of completion pointing to the taking of all the master's goods.
- The servant would show the prospective bride all that would be hers in marriage.

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(b) The servant went to the well of water and prayed to find the prospective bride meets Rebekah *Gen. 24:13.*

- 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. *Gen. 24:53*

- 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. *Gen. 24:55-58*

- Members within the family tried to delay her going with the servant for 10 days.
- Finally, *she* was asked, and her response was “I will go.”

(e) When Rebekah sees Isaac from afar, she covers herself with a veil. *Gen. 24:61-67*

- 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*

- Jesus is the Seed of the woman promised in *Gen. 3:15*.

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

- Jesus was literally raised from the dead. *Heb. 13:20*

(c) **After the offering of the son, Israel, the wife of God, is set aside.**

- After the offering of Jesus, the Son of God, as a sacrifice, Israel was set aside for a complete period of time. *Jer. 3:8; Acts 28:28*

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

(e) **Once the Wife is found for the Son, the Father re-establishes Israel as His Wife.** *Hos. 2:19-20; Rev. 19:3*

4). The Antitype of the Search made for the Bride.

(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 prospective bride is not to be forced to follow the servant; she must come of her own free will.
- The Son, Jesus Christ, will not come back to the earth to fetch a bride; she will be

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brought to Him, as she willingly follows the Servant. *Heb. 9:27-28; I Thess. 4:16-17*

- The Holy Spirit will reveal to the prospective Bride all that will be hers as a co-heir with the Son. *John 16:15; Heb. 1:2b; I Cor. 2:9-10; Eph. 1:13-14; I Cor. 3:11-15; Rev. 19:7*

(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. *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;*

(d) Family tries to prevent the prospective bride from following the Holy Spirit. *II Thess. 1:3-7*

- She is determined to go, making a declarative statement when asked: “I will go.” *Rom. 8:14; Rom. 13:14; Rom. 8:4-5; Gal. 5:16-17*
- She and other virgins within the house begin a journey with the Servant to His Master’s House. *II Cor. 5:10; Col. 3:24-25*

(e) The Son meets the Bride part way between her house and His in the Negev – South Country. *Heb. 9:28; I Thess. 4:16-17*

- She is only one who covers herself. *Rev. 19:7-8*

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- The Groom takes the Bride into his mother’s tent. *Matt. 21:43; John 14:13; 17:24*

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

1). Introduction

- Gen.17:7 Covenant with Abraham and his descendants
- Gen.21:12b In Isaac your seed... Heb.11:17-18
- Act.13:23 God raised up for Israel a Savior
- Act.13:46 To the Jews first then the Gentiles
- Joseph & Moses are both Types of Christ and both take Gentile Brides

2). Joseph’s Family Life

- Gen.37:1-4 Jacob loves Joseph more than his brothers so they hated him
- Gen.37:5-11 Joseph has 2 dreams:
 - (i) Sheaves in the field – earthly
 - (ii) Sun, Moon & Stars – heavenly
- Gen.37:12-17 Father sends the son: “I will go”
He finds his brothers in ‘Dothan’ = 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

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

- Gen.41:40-45 Joseph is made ruler over all Egypt, 2nd in command only to Pharaoh
- 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!
- v.45 Joseph takes a Gentile Bride - **Asenath** – daughter of Potiphera, priest of On

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- Gen.41:50 2 sons born before the famine

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
- Gen.42:21-24 The brothers are repentant
- Act.7:9-16 Commentary on Gen. ch.37-45
- At their 2nd meeting Joseph reveals himself to his brothers. Joseph’s 2 dreams have been fulfilled. **Asenath** is not present.

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 (Acts7:18)
- Ex.2:11-14 ‘Who made you a prince and judge over us?’ (Gen.37:8)

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

7). The Samaritan Woman at the well

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

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- Eph.5:25-27 ‘the washing of water by the word’

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)
- Act.7:30-36 The Burning Bush; Moses delivers Israel from Egypt
- Where is **Zipporah** whilst Moses is in Egypt delivering Israel? Ex.4:20; 18:1-6

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

- Type: Both Joseph & Moses took Gentile Brides following being rejected by their brethren and prior to their being used by God to deliver them
- Antitype: Christ following His 1st Coming and rejection by His brethren Israel, will also take a Gentile Bride before returning to redeem Israel
- Type: Both **Asenath** & **Zipporah** are absent when their husbands return to deliver their brethren
- Antitype: The Bride of Christ will also be absent when Christ returns to deliver Israel at His 2nd Coming
- Type: At their 2nd meetings Israel recognizes Joseph & Moses as their deliverer
- Antitype: At Christ’s 2nd 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*)

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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.

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 inevitably 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

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

Matthew 22:14 "For many are called, but few are chosen."

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.

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. 1:1a*
- Elimelech took family to Moab, a Gentile land.
Ru. 1:1b
- Israel’s spiritual condition *Isa. 1:5-6*
 - *Elimelech* means: God is King
 - *Naomi* means: Beautiful; agreeable
 - *Mahlon* means: sick, weak
 - *Chilion* means: failing, pining
- Elimelech dies in Moab *Ru. 1:3*

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(b) Mahlon and Chilion take Gentile wives.

Ruth 1:5-6

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

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

- Women lose their inheritance through husband's death.

2). Naomi begins journey back to Judah with both Daughters-in-law. *Ruth 1:6-7*

(a) Both Ruth and Orpah are given opportunities to turn back. *Ruth 1:8-10*

(b) Naomi explains their choices. *Ruth 1:11-13*

- Orpah turns back. *Ru. 1:14*
- Ruth – “I will go.” *Ruth 1:16-18 (c.f., Gen. 12:1; Gen. 24:58; Gen. 2:24)*

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

- Beginning of Barley harvest

3). Ruth began to Work. *Ruth 2*

(a) Ruth meets Boaz

- Receives instruction. *Ru 2:8-9*
- Receives commendation. *Ru. 2:11-12*

(b) Boaz provides work and protection. *Ru. 2:15-17*

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

- Barley harvest

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- Wheat harvest
- (d) **Works only in Boaz’ field**
- (e) **Stays with Boaz’ young women**
- (f) **Beats out gleaned grain**

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

(a) **Naomi gives further instruction.** *Ru. 3:1-5*

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

(b) **Ruth meets Boaz at threshing floor.** *Ru. 3:6*

- Lies down and uncovers his feet. *Ru. 3:7; (c.f., Deut. 25:5-10)*
- Ruth makes a request of Boaz. *Ru. 3:7, 9 (see YLT) c.f., Ezek. 16:8-13*
- Boaz: “I will do for you all that you request”. *Ru. 3:11*
- Boaz takes necessary actions, departs from Ruth. *Ru. 3:15-4:1ff (c.f., Duet. 25:5-10)*
- Ruth waits. *Ru. 3:18*

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. 4:1-5*
- Nearer Kinsman cannot redeem inheritance. *Ru. 4:6*
- Nearer Kinsman takes off his sandal, gives it to Boaz. *Ru. 4:8*
- Elders give blessing to Boaz. *Ru. 4:11-12*
- Inheritance redeemed; Ruth becomes Boaz’ wife. *Ru. 4:9-10*

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- This marriage led to rulership – King David.
Ru. 4:13-21

6). The Antitype of Ruth and Boaz

(d) **The setting is the same today**

- There is no king in Israel.
- Famine in the land – a famine for the Word.
Amos 8:11
- Every man is doing what is right in his own eyes. *Phil. 2:15 (c.f., Mt. 17:17; Lu. 9:41; Acts. 20:30)*
- Israel is scattered among the Gentile nations. *(70AD)*
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(e) **A Gentile Bride is being called out for Jesus, our Near Kinsman.**

- As a member of the Family, we have been called to go on a journey. *Eph. 5:31-32; Heb. 3:1; I Cor. 9:24-27*
- We have opportunities to turn back. *Heb. 11:13-16 (c.f., Heb. 11:1;12:1)*
- We need to make the decision. *Heb. 6:11*

(f) **We are to work for a complete period of time.**

- Receiving instruction from the Word. *John 15:1-8; I John 2:6*
- God provides the work/fruit for us. *Eph. 2:10*
 - Within His Field (*Heb. 12:2*)
 - Amongst like-minded people. *Heb. 10:24-25*
- God provides protection for us as we work in His field. *Heb. 1:14*

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- (g) Definitive Preparations are to be made.**
- Wash yourself. *Eph. 5:26*
 - Anoint yourself. *Eph. 5:18; Col. 3:16*
 - Put your best garment on. *Rev. 19:7-8*
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- (h) Meet Jesus at the Judgment Seat.** *II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 4:13*
- Faithful Christians will ask Jesus to marry them and redeem inheritance.
 - “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”.
 - Jesus leaves to take the necessary action. *(seen in the types of Joseph and Moses)*
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- (i) Jesus is the only One Who can redeem the inheritance of the earth.** *Rev. 4:1-5:14*
- Twenty-four elders surrounding the throne.
 - Search is made for one worthy to redeem inheritance
 - The Lion from the Tribe of Judah/the Lamb slain – found worthy to take scroll.
 - Scroll is given to Jesus by the Father with rulership in view. *Rev. 5:7-8*
 - Elders give blessing. *Rev. 5:9-14*
- (j) A marriage takes place with rulership in view.** *Rev. 19:6-8; Mt. 25:21; I Cor. 3:13-15*

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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*

2). **Now, this gets Personal!**

- (a) **Many are called, but few are chosen (Lit., called out).** *Mt. 22:14; Heb. 11:35b*
- (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*

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3). **The Book of Hebrews: Five Major Warnings.** *I Cor. 10:6, 11*

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

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

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

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

- **Warning #5:** Rights of the Firstborn. *Heb. 12:16-17*

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4). **The Book of James**

- **Count it all joy.** *Jas. 1:2-6a*
- **Lay aside ... and receive with meekness the implanted Word.** *Jas. 1:21-22*
- **Faith without works is dead.** *Jas. 2*
- **Bridle your tongue.** *Jas. 3*
- **So many more things...** *Jas. 4*
- **Be patient; establish your hearts; Do not grumble.** *Jas. 5:7-9*
- **Turning a sinner from his error.** *Jas. 5:19-20*

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

- **Selfish ambition.** *Phil. 2:3*
- **Work out your own salvation.** *Phil. 2:12-16*
- **Counting things as loss, that I may gain Him.** *Phil. 3:8-11*
- **Forget what is behind/Press forward.** *Phil. 3:12-14*
- **More things to do...** *Phil. 4:1, 4-8, 13, 19*

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

- **As Satan deceived Eve.** *II Cor. 11:1-3*
- **...shall not inherit.** *I Cor. 6:9; Eph. 5:5*
- **Evil company.** *I Cor. 15:33*
- **Sowing and reaping.** *Gal. 6:7; II Cor. 9:6*
- **Sin brings forth death.** *Jas. 1:15-16*

*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.***

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

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
- 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:

(i) As Adam was put into a deep sleep, so Christ was....

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

(iii) As a rib was taken out of the side of Adam's body, so from Christ's side flowed....

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(iv) As Adam’s helper was built from a part of his body, so Christ’s Helper will....

(v) As Adam’s helper, the Woman, was completed and presented back to him, so Christ’s Helper....

(vi) As Adam and the Woman were covered in Glory before they sinned, so Christ and His Bride will....

(vii) As Adam needed a helper to have dominion over the earth, so Christ....

(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!”
- 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*

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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 2nd 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*)

(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.3:2*)
- Orpah turns back to the things of this world whilst Ruth clings to Naomi and continues on the 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

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

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*). 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

- 10 virgins all with lamps with oil in
- 5 are wise and 5 are foolish
- 5 have an extra supply of oil
- The wise = the Spirit-filled Christian (*Eph.5:17-20; Col.3:16-17; 2Tim.3:15-17*)
- The foolish = the carnal Christian (*Ga.5:19-21*)
- The cry has gone out for nearly 2000 years concerning the JSOC (*vv.6, 10*)

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

- 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
- vv.8-14 The dispensation of the Church
- v.10 Both bad and good – all Christians
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

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.

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!

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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	
God puts Adam into a deep sleep	
God opens Adam's side and removes a rib	
God builds the Helper from Adam's rib	
God presents the Helper back to Adam	
Adam calls his Helper "Woman"	
Marriage: "Leave, cleave, one flesh"	
"Let them have dominion"	

Session 2: The Bride Taken from the Family

The Type	The Antitype
Abraham Sarah Isaac Eldest Servant Rebekah Keturah	
Gen. 21 The birth of Isaac	
Gen. 22 The offering of Isaac	
Gen. 23 The death of Sarah	
Gen. 24 The servant sent	
Gen.25 Abraham marries Keturah	

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 rejected by them	Moses was rejected by his brethren and goes to a far country – Midian	Christ was rejected by...
As a result, they experience great hardship – Famine	As a result, they experience great hardship – Affliction & Persecution	As a result, Israel will...
Joseph was exalted to 2 nd only to Pharaoh in all of Egypt	Moses was exalted at the Burning Bush when God speaks to him on Holy ground	Christ has been exalted to...
Joseph’s brothers did not recognize him as their savior the 1st time	Moses’ brethren did not recognize him as their deliverer the 1st time	Christ was not recognized ...
Joseph takes a Gentile Bride – Asenath – daughter of Potiphara, the priest of On	Whilst in Midian Moses takes a Gentile Bride – Zipporah – daughter of Ruel/Jethro – priest of Midian	Whilst seated at the right hand of the Father, Christ will...
Due to the area-wide famine Joseph’s brothers reach out to him for deliverance	Because of the Egyptian persecution Israel cry out to the God of their fathers for deliverance	Because of persecution by the Gentile world-wide powers, the Jews will...
At their 2nd meeting that Joseph reveals to his brothers that their deliverer is their brother who was ‘dead’	When Moses returned a 2nd time to Egypt he was recognized by his brethren as the one who would deliver them	At Christ’s 2nd Coming He will be...
Asenath is not with Joseph when he is reunited with his brothers	Zipporah is not with Moses when he returns to Egypt to deliver his brethren	The Bride of Christ is...
Israel (Jacob and his sons) is given land in Egypt	Moses (and Joshua) lead Israel into the Promised Land	Following Israel’s repentance Christ will...

Session 4: The Bride Taken from the Gentiles (Part 2)
The Book of Ruth

The Type	The Antitype
Elimelech Naomi Orpah Ruth Boaz	
Ruth chapter 1 is a picture of...	
Ruth chapter 2 is a picture of...	
Ruth chapter 3 is a picture of...	
Ruth chapter 4 is a picture of...	

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