

## "Biblical Perspectives"

### THE SUMMER IS HEATING UP!!

T. Ice. & R. Dean. Letter to Readers...June 1989,  
Dear Subscriber,

If you've been sitting on the side lines and wondering just what this ruckus about dominion theology is all about just look at some of these events of the last few weeks. First, some Reconstructionists have become so upset over the contents Hal Lindsey's new book, Road to holocaust, that, without even seeing a copy, they have threatened a lawsuit against Lindsey's publisher. Second, when Hal was interviewed on "Praise the Lord" on TBN two weeks ago he received a very hostile response from Jan Crouch. Then, last week on TBN one well know evangelist suggested that Christians should pray that God would kill all those leaders who are opposing Dominion Theology. God is purging his church and purifying if for a great revival, and that believers need to be willing to use violence if necessary in order to help bring in the kingdom.

This violent message is really scary. I can't believe that Christians can be so gullible as to swallow it, but they are Just look at the May and June issues of Charisma Magazine. A six page ad in the May issue announces the "Take by Force" conference to be held in Phoenix in August. They're calling it "a God Happening". In large letters they "...invade, conquer and possess the land. Deut.2:24. "Further they completely rip Matthew 11:12 out of context and announce "...the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force." The call to be willing to use violence to bring in the kingdom can't be more clear. Even if that violence is directed against Christian brothers and sisters.

An issue of Christianity Today carried an article on dominion theology that predicted that it would be the hot issue Christianity in the 1990's.

According to Dominionist's those who believe in the any moment return of Jesus and are not willing to commit to violence to bring in the kingdom are obstructing the coming of the kingdom and are preventing the outpouring of God's Spirit on the earth. Before long we will be openly declared to be the outpouring of God's Spirit on the tragedy. But the greater tragedy would be ignorance of the issues and sitting on the side lines, do you know where you stand and why?

..."[Rest of the circular and accompanying notes omitted...lack of space...request full notes from this and other 'BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES' if required]

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# The *Prophetic* Importance of the Jewish *Betrothal* &



## Wedding Procedure

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# The Prophetic Importance of the Jewish Betrothal and Wedding Procedure

## Part 1

The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is now nearly 2,000 years old and it is rather disappointing in regard to eschatology, the study of end-time events, that what appears to be the greatest percentage of Christians still do not know for certain which eschatological view of the many is the correct one. In discussing this subject with others it is sometimes said that there are several valid possibilities. I disagree as it should be obvious that God has a plan which is absolute and therefore only one possibility can be valid.

### The big question of course is which one?

Surely, one would think, that God would give us a proof in scripture which could be discerned as to which one is correct. It would be suggested He has done just that. In coming to understand the Bible, deeper knowledge on various subjects can be found in what could be called levels.

#### For instance as a guide we know -

1. That anybody who reads the Bible can derive a certain amount of truth from a plain straight-forward reading.
2. Any true christian will know that having been born of the Spirit enables them to understand the spiritual content of scripture previously hidden to them because the indwelling Holy Spirit reveals it to us as He illuminates it. No amount of study will enable a non-christian to derive the spiritual content of scripture irrespective of degree of intelligence.
3. By comparing scripture with scripture we can learn many things otherwise not obvious.



Excerpt: Endtime Ministries Bible Study Notes 2007 p.116-7

"The New Testament in the Old Testament is concealed. The Old Testament in the New Testament is revealed." This is always true of every part of the miraculous Word of God. Here is our first hidden message, just one of the summaries of the Christian Gospel found in the Old Testament: READ: Genesis 5:1-29.

That is NO hidden message, just a boring genealogy you might complain. But this is NOT so, when we look at the meaning in Hebrew of the various names:

\* Hebrew Names sourced from various Chuck Missler's DVD Notes.

These meanings may not line up with Strong's Hebrew meanings, because he was influenced in part by corrupted Texts!

ADAM –	Heb. "adam"..... meaning – MAN (is)
SETH –	Heb. "Sheth" .....meaning – APPOINTED
ENOSH –	Heb. "Enowsh" ..... meaning – MORTAL
CAINAN –	Heb. "Qeynan" .....meaning – SORROW (but)
MAHALALEEL –	Heb. "Mahalalel" .....meaning – THE BLESSED GOD
JARED –	Heb. "Yered" .....meaning – SHALL COME DOWN
ENOCH –	Heb. "Chanowk" ....meaning – TEACHING
METHUSELAH –	Heb. "Methuwshelach" ..meaning - HIS (God's) DEATH SHALL BRING
LAMECH –	Heb. "Lemek" .....meaning – THE DESPAIRING
NOAH –	Heb. "Noach" .....meaning – COMFORT, REST

WHAT IS THE HIDDEN MESSAGE?

**"Man is appointed mortal sorrows  
but the Blessed God shall come down  
teaching His death shall bring  
the despairing comfort, rest."**

# Part 5

## Conclusion ..... By Laurie Addison

I pray this Information may be very meaningful to you and a strong defence against false doctrine! Remember the first words Jesus said after the apostles asked what would be the signs of His coming and of the end of the age was - "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you." (Matthew 24:4)

And also what Dave Hunt said in New Zealand in 1987 -

**"If, when you meet Jesus, your feet are still on planet earth- you've got the WRONG Jesus!"**

Our Lord Jesus Christ warned us to watch for His coming. This doesn't mean pointing your face skyward and scanning the heavens but rather watching world events that would show us His appearing is nigh, eg the events of Matthew 24 etc.

The two books written by American christian Mary Stewart Raelfe on the CREDIT CARD system were what led me on the path to the Lord Jesus Christ.

The only quote I can remember is this priceless piece of advice -

"The Christian who will survive in the days to come is the one who has a Bible in one hand and a newspaper in the other."

**" Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;" (1 Peter 1:13)**  
**REMEMBER THE ONUS IS ON YOU!**

The earth is ready  
The people are prepared  
Peace, we can all be one they say!  
Destruction is coming Who shall escape?

Precious, precious is the Lord Jesus Christ  
My Saviour, my Lord my friend  
In Thee O Lord have I put my trust  
I will never be ashamed, .... Amen.

4. There are the parables.

5. There are the pictures e.g. what a Pastor could derive from the picture of a shepherd and his sheep.

6. The meaning of names of people or places in the Bible usually infers something regarding their nature. The stringing together of the meaning of the names of successive descendants can provide prophetic sentences. See note at the end of article.

7. The probability that alphabetical letters in certain sequences produce further proofs of Divine inspiration, a field that has opened up since the introduction of computers. (Knowledge will be increased - Daniel 12:4) Not to be confused with secularly contrived methods re codes.

8. Biblical numerics.

The above list is not fixed. There may be many more levels of scripture and in a different order from above. It would be suggested that serious study of the scriptures can lead a person to the truth regarding the true eschatological position of prophecy, however this would be extremely time consuming and really isn't necessary as it would for all intents just be re-inventing the wheel because it's all been done before. As christians we have the benefit of all the study and knowledge of the christians who have preceded us in the church age thus making it possible to maximize the use of our time.

### *Proof Is In The Marriage Relationship*

When God instituted marriage in the garden of an Eden it was much more than just a good idea. The concept of marriage when fully investigated is a system which fully provides the greatest benefits for mankind while in keeping with the Holiness of our Creator. There are many important reasons for the institution of marriage but probably the most important one is that earthly marriage is a Divinely inspired model of the great marriage which is to come - the marriage of the Lord Jesus Christ to His bride the church. The marriage relationship enables us to gain insights into what God has prepared for us in the future while at the same time, by looking at the relationship of the Godhead, we learn how to improve our own marriages according to God's ways.

Marriage is almost a universal institution throughout the world, all cultures but one adhering to it. Most cultures have their own different form of marriage procedure, with a wide range of variations. The Jewish people similarly have their own distinct betrothal and wedding procedure (hereafter abbreviated as JB&WP) however it should be noted that there is nothing in the Jewish law that defines it. It is obvious that it has God's full approval as the Lord Jesus Christ upheld it completely except of course for the divorce aspects.

If the Lord Jesus Christ is Jewish we would expect that His betrothal and marriage would be according to the Jewish procedure. There are many themes that run through the New Testament, one of them being that the church is the bride of Christ and at the appointed time the Lord is going to return to collect His Bride and take her to heaven for the great marriage. The Lord gave us hints which indicate clearly that the whole of new testament theology is geared to this procedure, particularly end time prophecy. In this sense the betrothal and wedding procedure is to new testament eschatology and theology what a heavy steel chassis is to a truck - it undergirds the whole structure. Therefor the following article which originates from the Jewish Embassy in New Zealand is an excellent guide to those who are not familiar with the Jewish betrothal and wedding procedure.

Most Jewish people, whether religious or not, if they come to the Lord in salvation would probably pick up on the alluding of the JB&WP on their first or second reading of the New Testament. Most Christians are Gentiles and consequently, it would seem, NEVER DO pick up on it. Scripture tells us in 1 Corinthians 2:14 - "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned."

While true christians are not natural the simple fact is most Gentiles, whether christian or not, never come to understand what the Jewish betrothal and wedding procedure is or it's significance to the church as the bride of Christ. After reading this booklet you will have been shown directly what the significance is and it's importance to the church and most importantly - YOU. Our Father has not left us in the dark concerning the order of arrangements for the marriage of His Son to His bride - the church. He expects us to -

**"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."** (2 Timothy 2:15) KJV

Over the years of my life I have found that it's quite often very beneficial to take notice of the hints people give us as they can quite often prevent a lot of unnecessary heartache! In this sense study and understand the

## The Seven Feasts of Israel

The first month		The other months	
<b>Passover Preparation</b> Nisan 14  <b>Covenant</b>  <b>Last Supper New Covenant</b>  <b>Other Events</b> Abrahamic Covenant Exodus 12:41, Genesis 15:18 The Lamb blood on the door posts Exodus 12:41 Second Temple Dedication Ezra 6	<b>Unleavened Bread</b> Nisan 15-21  <b>The Cross</b>  <b>Removal of Sin</b>  <b>Other Events</b> The Exodus Exodus 12:41 The Fall of Mannaes	<b>Firstfruits</b> The next first day after the Sabbath  <b>New Life The first harvest</b>  <b>Resurrection of Christ</b>  <b>Other Events</b> Noah's Ark Rahab Gideon's Gourd Canaan Exodus 14 Last Day of Manna Fruitful of the Land Joshua 5	<b>Penitence</b> 60 Days from and including Firstfruits  <b>New Order The second harvest</b>  <b>Body of Christ -the Church</b>  <b>Giving of the Holy Spirit</b>  <b>Other Event</b> The giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai Exodus 19  Erich is banished--Isaiah.
7 6 5 4 3 2 1			
<b>The Farmer Reaps</b> <b>FIRST ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST</b>			

The seven feasts of Israel were patterned after events of the Exodus from Egypt. They were observed for a remembrance, but God also calls them remembrance of what would come (Leviticus 23, Colossians 2:16-17). Jesus' first coming fulfilled all the requirements of the Passover except that he was the Son of God—not a literal lamb. This is why he was called the Lamb of God. Likewise, Christ will fulfill these holy days when he comes again to bring the Kingdom of God to Earth.

## The Seven Feasts of Israel

The seventh month		The latter Reaps	
<b>Trumpets</b> Rosh Hashanah  <b>Resurrection The first harvest</b>  <b>Rapture of Church (2008) &amp; Resurrection of Saints (2017)</b>  <b>Other Events</b> Joahus brought first offering Ezra 3  Ezra read the Law to the returned exiles Nehemiah 8	<b>Alumment</b> Yom Kippur  <b>Tishri 10</b>  <b>Salvation</b>  <b>Israel Saved Second Coming (2017)</b>  <b>Other Events</b> Aaron made atonement for Israel the first time in the Wilderness Leviticus 16 Yom Kippur War 1973	<b>Tabernacles</b> Sukkot  <b>Tishri 15-22</b>  <b>Dwelling</b>  <b>Christ with us (2017)</b>  <b>Other Events</b> Solemn's Temple dedicated 2 Chronicles 6 Birthday of Jesus	<b>The Latter Reaps</b> <b>SECOND ADVENT OF JESUS CHRIST</b>
<b>After 2000 years</b>			

At the beginning of the seventh millennium these events will transpire for they do at the start of the seventh month. God had them switch the first month to become the seventh after the Exodus to demonstrate this principle. This is why the second month in the account of the Flood would correspond to the eighth month of today—Heshvan.

Three months: Tammuz, Av, Elul  
Days of Mourning & Repentance

4 MONTHS TO HARVEST

<sup>24</sup>has future plans to go to North Korea. One might wonder how Warren gets access to these rogue nations. Warren is a member of the ultra elite Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).

Could it be that what is being espoused in some evangelical circles are doctrines of men or demons that have been deceptively weaved into the fabric of the many colored garments that are now displayed on the backs of multitudes of Christian dummies?

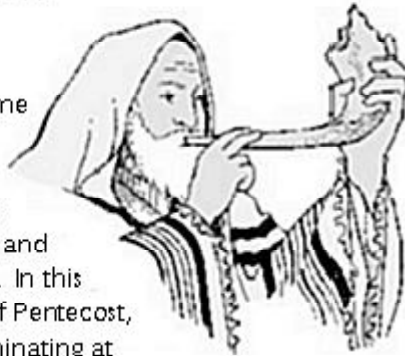
## APPENDIX

### FOUR MONTHS TO HARVEST?

The four months in John 4:35 being the time between the Old Testament Feast of Pentecost and the Feast of Trumpets. Pentecost was a time of planting the crops which in four months leads to the reaping and ingathering of the harvest called Trumpets. In this verse Jesus is alluding to the literal Feast of Pentecost, when the Spirit was to be given, and terminating at the literal Feast of Trumpets, in a time approximately 2000 years later. His admonition "to lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" indicates that in picture language He is referring to evangelizing people, it is an allegory, not the sowing and reaping of actual crops. Just as the beginning of the Church was *commenced* on an actual feast day, Pentecost, the Church will be *completed* on another literal Jewish feast day, the Feast of Trumpets. [Although the timing of this seems almost 100% certain, we must bear in mind as well that the Church Age could end at any time - Christ's call to meet Him in the clouds, the Rapture, *is always imminent*]. The crop will be ingathered at that time, that is the harvest of people who have become Christians in the last two thousand years, deceased or still alive, will be ingathered at the Rapture.

The first four of the seven Jewish feasts were shadows of the Real; Christ came and fulfilled these in their true meaning 2000 years ago. The last three are yet to be fulfilled; the Feast of Trumpets is the next which, of course, is what we are waiting patiently for - Trumpets signifying the end of the Church Age?

It would seem so indeed!



<sup>5</sup> chart in this booklet as it shows the perfection of the complete parallel comparison between the JB&WP and it's higher and more important meaning as the procedure for the betrothal and marriage of our Lord Jesus Christ to His church. This is outlined in the prophetic scriptures of the New Testament and in complete harmony with and supported by the Old Testament. If you read, study and understand what this article is saying, you will no longer be in the slightest doubt about the order of events and timing of Jesus return. It will enable you to understand what the significance is of the world wrecking changes that are taking place almost on a daily basis. More importantly you will not be misled by false teachers who teach different prophetic views, which incidently none of which could be mangled to align with the JB&WP as outlined in the chart! No. The JB&WP is only in complete harmony with one view and that is the "pre-tribulation, pre-millennial return of our Lord. It cannot possibly fit any other. If anybody advocates any other position, demand that they produce a similar chart which accommodates and is in full harmony with the JB&WP and scripture. The theology contained in this article is the same as that advocated by many of the great men of God e.g. Clarence Larkin, C.I. Scofield, Dwight D. Pentecost, John Walvoord etc.

Generally the various views are -

- 1. AMILLENNIALISM.
- 2. POSTMILLENNIALISM.
- 3. PREMILLENNIALISM -
- 1. PRE-TRIBULATION VIEW.
- 2. MID-TRIBULATION VIEW.
- 3. POST-TRIBULATION VIEW.

It is NOT my intent to explain the details of these various views as most Christians who would be interested in this subject would either be familiar with their details or could easily access them through various books on the subject or on the internet.

Most dangerous among the other views is what is known as **KINGDOM THEOLOGY OR DOMINION THEOLOGY**. This teaching says that the world is actually getting better and will continue to as Christians enter into revival and eventually reach a critical mass that the world will be unable to resist. Firstly their doctrine is wrong and consequently they simply cannot identify the signs of the times around them as outlined in

Matthew Chaps. 24,  
2 Thessalonians II,  
2 Timothy 3  
and the whole book of Revelation.

**Don't they understand the prophecy  
of the seventy weeks in Daniel 9: 24-27 ?**

**How is it they cannot see the "mark of the beast",  
the implanting of microchips in people,  
looming up in the very near future?**

**Also the cries for Peace and Security  
in the coming fulfillment of scripture.?**

They have, presumably NO idea what the New World Order is or the fact they are working in with it. The big leaders in the "**kingdom now**" or "**dominion theology**" movements have been saying for the last twenty years that "those people who oppose the coming in of the kingdom will have to be dealt with." Dealt with means whatever is necessary to stop them!

The idea they advocate is that when the church takes control of the planet Jesus will return. For a start this is usurping the authority of The Bridegroom.

It is the **bridegroom's roll to build the wedding chamber** -

NOT the bride as of course Jesus said in John 14:2.

**" In my Father's house are many mansions: if [it were] not [so],  
I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."**



What Jesus did say is:  
Matt. 10:34-39

**"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth:  
I came not to send peace, but a sword.  
For I am come to set a man at variance against his father,  
and the daughter against her mother,  
and the daughter in law against her mother in law.  
And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.  
He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me:  
and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.  
And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me,  
is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it:  
and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."**

CHRISTIANS NEED MORE DISCERNMENT  
NOT MORE GURUS WITH HUMANISTIC DOMINIONIST DREAMS

**It is high time that the Church went back to the basics and  
studied the scriptures for themselves and stopped being led by the  
nose by gurus who publish their latest whim.**

After the packaged feedings the church has swallowed called - Experiencing God , The Alpha Course, The Prayer of Jabez, The Purpose Driven Life, The Dream Giver and now the new Global P.E.A.C.E plan, it is imperative that the Church started using some discernment about the teaching and the teachers they follow. It is imperative that Christians search the scriptures rather than just read the prepackaged quarterly magazines and the success books that have replaced true Bible studies in many churches. Is all this post modern thinking written by the latest Christian gurus really what the Bible teaches or is it really doctrines of dominionism, humanism and mysticism? There is only one way to find out, an accurate translation of the Bible must be read and studied (not a paraphrase).

Thanks to Rick Warren we now have purpose driven nations as well as purpose driven churches. One such purpose driven nation in Africa thought the purpose driven "dream giver" (Bruce Wilkerson) purpose driven program was a little too much like **neo-colonialism** and they rejected the "dream giver" with all his money.

Recently Rick Warren caused an uproar by going to Syria where he was taped praising the antichristian dictator of this terrorist nation. Warren

ened teacher to help us along the path to discover the Christ in us all? The "New Age" connection in the gospel of Robert Schuller is unmistakable and his gospel of self-esteem - positive confession - and what you believe you will achieve, is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. It instead is founded on the teaching of pagan gurus who themselves admittedly received the concepts from spirit guides (demons). These demonic concepts are now being sold as truths by certain psychologist moneychangers in purpose driven churches.

### *A strong delusion?*

Are dominionist evangelical leaders preparing the Church for the return of Jesus Christ or are they really setting up pseudo Christianity for the end time deception of the new age Antichrist?

The Bible tells us in the last days a man will appear speaking great things and he will come in on a PEACE plan of his own. It is also clear that in the last days that there will be an all-inclusive world religion but this universal religion is not of God it is of Satan and his Antichrist.

**Jesus made it very clear that He is the only way to God.** Where in all this teaching by Schuller and his latter day church growth disciples like Rick Warren is the teaching that there will be a great end time deception before Jesus returns? Jesus said the deception would be so great that even the elect will be deceived if it were possible (Matt 24: 21-25, Mark 13:22).

Matt. 24:21-25.

**"...then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before."**

Will P.E.A.C.E. really come on the earth before Jesus returns?

**Did Jesus say that His church would bring peace to the earth?**  
That concept CANNOT be found in scripture.

The following was an article in a publication from the Jewish Embassy in New Zealand many years ago.

## Part 2

# Marriage In The Teaching Of Jesus

Source: The Jewish Embassy - New Zealand

### Jewish Marriage

People didn't "fall in love". Marriages were more normally set up and executed according to a plan that fitted the needs of the whole society of the Jews. When a young man saw the girl he wanted he consulted with his father about the idea of marrying her. Sometimes his father picked the girl and no consultations were necessary. When the bridegroom's father approved the choice, the young man would go to the bride's house and speak with her father. Fathers really counted for something in Israel.

#### **At the bride's house the young man would do three very important things:**

- (a) He would make a covenant with the bride - an actual contract.
- (b) He would drink a cup of wine with her which sealed the contract.
- (c) He would pay a price for her. The father would be entitled to money for his daughter. A young man had to be very serious about getting married because he had to make a sacrifice. In olden times a man with a daughter had suffered financially bringing her up since she was not the field worker that a son would have been.

After the groom had made the covenant, drank the cup and paid the price, he would make a little speech to the bride. He was going to leave her for a long time and go back to his father's house. He was going to build a bridal chamber for her, a place where they would have their first union in marriage (modern honeymoon).

Before he left her he would tell her - **"I go to prepare a place for you"**. The contract, cup and money were her security that he would return no matter how long it took him to build the bridal chamber.

The groom would have to finish the chamber and have it approved by his father. It had to be stacked with provisions. The bride and groom were going to remain inside for seven days. The prescribed length of the "honeymoon".

It took quite an amount of work on the part of the groom to build a first class bridal chamber. If anyone asked the bridegroom, during the building process, when he would be getting married he would say. "I don't know, only my father knows". He could not go back and claim his bride until his father approved the chamber and said that the time was right.

Because of this work and payment a bride knew she was loved and was prepared to wait a long time. During this time the bride waited with dignity. She would wear her veil whenever she went out, in order that some other young man would not try to initiate a contract with her. Now she was called set apart, consecrated, bought with a price.

In effect she was no longer her own person, but an individual contracted to her bridegroom. She conducted herself with due respect and she used her time to think about married life and to prepare herself for it. As she gathered her trousseau, she always waited, being home every night, especially as time went on. She didn't want to be caught away from home when the bridegroom came. The tradition was that he would come at night, even at midnight and try to take her by surprise.

It was an "abduction". The bride was stolen from her house. She would be waiting with her bridesmaids and her sisters and whoever she wanted to take in the wedding party with her, and they would all have oil in their lamps in case the groom did choose to come at night as the time went on they were ready to go every night. And suddenly one night the bridegroom would come. The bride's father and brothers would look the other way, as long as it was the young man with the contract, and the bride and her friends would be whisked off into the night. When the groom's party was close enough to the home of the bride to be heard, they would shout and when the bride heard that shout, she would know she was as good as married.

The young man would head towards the groom's father's house with the bride and her friends. They would travel through the streets making quite a bit of noise with their laughing. If strangers looked out they would not know who the bride was because the veil hid her .

The New Age (now repackaged and called the New Spirituality) also has a P.E.A.C.E. plan presented by Neale Donald Walsch, the author of "Conversations with God". Walsch's PEACE plan is:

**P** ERMIT ourselves to acknowledge that some of our old beliefs about God and about Life are no longer working.

**E** XPLORE the possibility that there is something we do not understand about God and about life, the understanding of which could change everything.

**A** NNOUNCE that we are willing for new understandings of God and Life to now be brought forth, understandings that could produce a new way of life on this planet.

**C** OURAGEOUSLY examine these new understandings and if they align with our personal inner truth and knowing, to enlarge our belief system to include them.

**E** XPRESS our lives as a demonstration of our highest beliefs, rather than as a denial of them

(Deceived on Purpose, [Warren Smith](#), Mountain Stream Press 2004 p 63)

I know Rick Warren teaches against new age paganism but that does not mean he does not have some pagan practices within his own dominionist church programs. There are others like Robert Schuller who are using their own platform to jump on Warren's purpose driven bandwagon. Expect some great confusion in the ranks of Warren's billion man army because many in it will be marching to the beat of a different drummer. By the way, Rick Warren has no problem with Moslem priests joining his great commission to bring his purpose driven P.E.A.C.E. program to the whole world.

### Robert Schuller is the father of the seeker friendly church

**Robert Schuller is a Universalist (all people will be saved). Knowing this why would any true Christian still believe that Robert Schuller presents the true Gospel and the same Jesus as the Jesus in the Bible?** Those who believe Schuller has the same Jesus as the Bible have no business teaching others anything because they themselves obviously cannot discern truth from falsehood. It could be that those who believe Robert Schuller is a Christian have never understood the message in the Bible themselves or it could be that they are just deceived on purpose.

Are Schuller's supporters and his disciples truly born of the Spirit or do they just have the "New Age" belief that Jesus was just another enlight-

## Part 4

# Rick Warren's Global P.E.A.C.E. Plan is Dominionism!

By Don Koenig

[www.thepropheticyears.com/comments/  
Global%20Peace%20plan.htm](http://www.thepropheticyears.com/comments/Global%20Peace%20plan.htm)

"Lost in Space" Robbie Robot  
"...Danger ...Danger..."



The next phase of the game plan of the new evangelical gurus is "God's plan" to change the world through the purpose driven seeker-friendly churches that buy into Rick Warren's global peace plan that Warren says WILL HAPPEN.

P.E.A.C.E. stands for:

P romoting reconciliation (changed in 2007 from planting churches)  
E quip leaders  
A ssist the poor  
C are for the sick  
E ducate the next generation

This all sounds very noble but hasn't the church already been doing this P.E.A.C.E. program for 2000 years? Now all of a sudden because Rick Warren who is the guru of the seeker friendly purpose driven movement says that he is starting a global peace plan to change the world. It becomes "Gods plan" and Warren says it has to come about! If purpose driven seeker friendly churches are the example of the churches they intend to plant then maybe God is not in their global peace plan at all.

Rick Warren claims he will do this with his billion man army. His billion man army from where I might ask? there are only several hundred million true Christians on the whole earth. I guess General Warren's plan is to draft pseudo Christians and Moslems into his billion man army and expect everyone to follow his marching orders.

The bride and the groom would go into the chamber while the wedding party waited outside. There would also be a large crowd of wedding guests - friends of the groom's father assembled at the house awaiting the couple.

Everyone would wait until the bridegroom would tell a trusted friend through the door that the marriage was consummated. Then the celebrating would start.

There were never any annulments, and every marriage was started right, in its proper place at the proper time.

The next time the crowd would see the bride, at the end of the seven days, she would have her veil off and would be a wife, not a bride. They would spend the entire time celebrating the grand occasion, for seven days. Sometimes they would run out of wine and have to get more; it was difficult to plan for so many people for so long a time.

At the end of seven days of celebration the bride and groom would come out, now husband and wife. And then there would be a grand marriage supper, what we call a reception.

Everyone would congratulate the new couple and there would be a scene of wonderful joy. And finally the new couple would leave to take up residence in the husband's house. He would have prepared a place for them to live, his own kingdom, as it were, and the couple would go there leaving his father's house. They would permanently reside there, with the husband hoping they wouldn't have many daughters and have to go through all that with each one.

### At The Modern Jewish Wedding

- (1) "Chuppa", the canopy, symbolises the old bridal chamber.
- (2) The cup is drunk at the wedding
- (3) The honeymoon is at the home of the bridegroom's father.

### The Old and New Covenants & The Wedding Contract

Read **Hebrews Chap 8**, with special reference to verses 8 & 9

**"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:**

**Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; "**

God was actually replacing the old system of laws with a new system quoting Jeremiah 31:31-32. This new covenant was to do with the Messiah's coming. The new covenant had to be signed in blood. Abraham had to divide animals when he received the covenant from God that made the Jews a chosen people. And Moses had to sacrifice too. It is the blood that makes the covenant have effect.

The Messiah came like a sacrificial animal and gave His blood to seal the new covenant. John the Baptist called Him: "the lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29) Isaiah said the Messiah would come as the lamb to the slaughter.

The relationship of God and Israel has always been a marriage. The book of Hosea spells that out clearly. And Jeremiah's language in announcing the new covenant is very interesting, he says;

**"My covenant they break although I was an HUSBAND unto them."**  
(Jeremiah 31:31-32b)

God was a disappointed bridegroom when the Jews failed to keep the old laws. But Paul, another Jew, explained the marriage by saying.

**"This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church."**  
(Ephesians 5:32)

The proper relationship between the believers and the Messiah would constitute a happy marriage for God. The church is called the bride of Christ. The Gentiles in the church have not always cared for the Jews as they were supposed to but the Messiah said;

**"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel".**  
(Matthew 15:24 (KJV) ...

### *The New Covenant Is A Wedding Contract*

**(1) The Messiah drank the cup at the Passover table,**  
and He said;

**"This is my blood of the new testament which is shed  
for many for the remission of sins."** (Matthew 26:28)

In the NEW COVENANT God promises,

**"I will forgive their iniquity and I will remember their sins no more."**  
Jeremiah 31:34. Jesus put that into effect when He drank that cup. He

STILL to be fulfilled literally are:

5. Feast Of Trumpets
6. The Atonement
7. Tabernacles

You can search the whole New Testament but you will NOT find a fulfillment for these last three feasts because they are still in the future.

The NEXT feast to be fulfilled is the FEAST OF TRUMPETS which marks FOUR important events -

1. Typically it is the sounding for Israel to get ready to move. The beginning of the literal fulfillment of the feast of trumpets is the new beginning of God's dealing with Israel.
2. It marks the beginning of the "peace treaty" between Israel and the Arabs (and may be much wider, possibly global in scale). (Daniel 9:27)
3. It marks the beginning of "The day of the LORD"
4. It marks the "END OF THE CHURCH AGE"

Take careful note of a much overlooked verse of scripture -

**" Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."** (John 4:35)

The reason Jesus said FOUR MONTHS is because He is here delineating the length of the Church Age, four months being the time between the feast of pentecost and the feast of trumpets.

NOTE: This statement is explained at length in the Appendix p. 24

The church could well be removed from the earth on the FEAST OF TRUMPETS, we are not appointed to wrath, and God begins His dealing with the Jewish people again. The book of Revelation spans a period of seven years plus an extra period of 75 days. This is the final week of Daniels prophecy of the seventy weeks (Dan 9: 20-27) and is what is known as the **"time of Jacob's trouble"**. (Jeremiah Ch 30)

The feast of trumpets is held on the appearance of the new moon which occurs either at the end of September or the beginning of October each year. If you understand this and are taking note of the world events and those so called "conspiracy theories" going on around you, you will no doubt be coming to the conclusion that its time to look up:

**" And when these things begin to come to pass,  
then look up, and lift up your heads;  
for your redemption draweth nigh."** (Luke 21:28)

## Part 3

### Note on (7) The Father Appoints the Time.

by Laurie Addison

It is to be pointed out that when Jesus said the words of Matthew 24:36 He was implying that you could not know details about the timing **at the time He spoke them**. There are seven different Greek words which mean "know" in English. The particular Greek word used here means you cannot know **YET**.

Jesus said

**" I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.**

**Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come,  
he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself;  
but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak:  
and he will show you things to come".**

SO THE QUESTION IS WHEN CAN WE KNOW?

Rev 1:1-3

**"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him,  
to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass;  
and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:  
Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony  
of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.  
Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words  
of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein:  
for the time is at hand."**

With the completion of the New Testament canon we are able to learn much more. The entire New Testament period is contained within a Jewish framework which is bounded by the literal fulfillment of the SEVEN Jewish feasts.

When Jesus was on earth:

He literally fulfilled the first three Jewish feasts -

1. The passover.
2. The feast of unleavened bread.
3. The feast of firstfruits.

AFTER His ascension - this also was fulfilled in the upper room

4. The feast of Pentecost.

redeemed us. That cup the Jews drink with the hidden piece of bread at the Passover meal: the Cup of Redemption.

#### **(2) The crucifixion was the price Jesus paid for His bride.**

In the garden of Gethsemane Jesus prayed,

**"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me:  
nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done."** (Luke 22:42).

And His sweat fell like great drops of blood while he was contemplating the cross. The crucifixion was the highest price any bridegroom ever paid. He was obedient to His Father's will. Some Jewish bridegrooms came back to their father after learning the bride price and asked their father's advice about whether it was worth it: your will, not mine, be done.

#### **(3) The Father sent an angel to strengthen His Son.**

That was His answer. Jesus paid the price for us. He left His bride, and went back to His Father in heaven after His resurrection. He had even made the typical bridegroom's speech: **"I go to prepare a place for you"** (John 14:2b). And He went like any Jewish bridegroom, back to His Father's house.

Jesus is still at his Father's house preparing our place. And we are waiting for Him to return. We are waiting in a consecrated way set apart - bought with a price (I Cor. 6:19-20).

We are to act like the covenanted bride and be waiting at all times for our bridegroom to come, We are to have oil in our lamps to be ready to travel, even at night (Matthew 25:1-12)

OUR OIL IS THE HOLY SPIRIT , who came to the Jews at Pentecost, after the Messiah ascended. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and be ready to go at any moment.

#### **(4) The Lord will return for His Bride.**

There will be a bride chamber in heaven where Jesus and the church will spend seven years - like the ancient seven days. and there will be a marriage supper like the Jews used to have. Every detail of Jesus' great wedding will be accomplished. and it will be carried out in the exact tradition of the Jewish people because Jesus is Jewish.

Each person must respond to this proposal. The Messiah said His own sheep would hear his voice (John 10:14, 16).

#### **(5) The bride must be waiting for the bridegroom.**

The Jews knew when the trumpet sounded the harvest was over. There has to be a cut-off point somewhere. The bride who is ready goes to the

wedding when the bridegroom comes.

**SHAVUOT, or Pentecost, is the harvest holiday.** All summer following Pentecost the people plant and till the ground. But when the trumpet sounds, on what Jews call ROSH HASHANAH, the old Feast of the Trumpets, the crops are in and the harvest is finished. Jeremiah, just to mention one prophet, could see that the Jews would not be ready, not all of them.

**"The summer is ended, and we are not saved".** (Jeremiah 8:20)

Paul. says: **"Now is the accepted time"** (2 Cor. 6:2).

Paul gave us a wonderful picture of that moment when the groom will return for His bride.

**'For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** "(1 Thess. 4:16-17)

That fulfills everything. You have the shout of the Bridegroom to notify the bride of His coming; you have the trumpet to finish the harvest and to proclaim liberty for God's people. The Jews used to blow the trumpet on each Jubilee to proclaim liberty (Lev. 25:10).

#### (1) The Promised Land.

Joshua had entered the "promised land" with the shouts of the people and the trumpet blasts, which felled the walls of Jericho (Joshua 6:5). The Hebrew name for JESUS, YESHUA is JOSHUA. This is the Old Testament basis for the miracle the Father will perform. That is an "Anointed One" (Messiah) coming back to Israel, to the whole world in fact - to take the believers to the promised land.

#### (2) Taking the bride of Christ.

Just as the bridegroom calls for his bride rather suddenly, and takes her off to his father's house. Jesus will take away the believers quickly "in the twinkling of an eye" (1 Corinthians 15:52). The bride is to be ready and waiting. She will have her veil on and so the people who may see her pass through the streets will not know who she is. The people of the world today certainly don't recognise the bride of Christ. They see churches and people going into them, but they do not appreciate the bride as a bride. It is as

with our Husband in the kingdom of God for a thousand years. What a moment to look forward to! There we are, arrayed in white linen, the queen of the kingdom. Perfected saints. All our sins paid for, all our work's rewarded. The scriptures say that we will give our crowns to the Lord as a wedding gift. Even John, as an old man, looked forward to being a bride. How he longed for the Lord's coming. The Romans left him on a barren island, Patmos, a stone quarry where practically nothing grew. He was supposed to slowly starve to death, but he saw the revelation of Jesus instead. And he said at the end of the wonderful revelation;

**"Amen. Even so come, Lord Jesus."** (Revelation 22:20).

NOTE: The Kingdom on earth is the Kingdom of Heaven. We reign with Christ, but live in the New Jerusalem, a satellite of earth. Ed.

#### (7) The Father Appoints the Time.

It was not the bride who appointed the wedding day. The bridegroom's father, the host of the whole wedding picked the day. (cf. Part 3 notes below) Jesus. said;

**"But of that day and hour knoweth no [man], no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only".** (Matthew 24:36)

It was the bride's responsibility to be waiting.

She waited every day no matter how long it took. ...

#### **The Example Of Rebecca:**

The Bible says in Genesis 24 that when Isaac was to have a wife, a servant was sent to get her for him. Abraham was like the Father, the servant was like the Holy Spirit, and Isaac was like the Son. He brought the things of the bridegroom to the bride, and he brought the bride back with him. The allusion is clear.

The servant travelled to where Rebekah was and Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel (Genesis 24:15). And he brought her back, and Isaac went out to meet her, just as the Messiah will come to the clouds to meet all the believers, His bride. Rebekah never even saw her bridegroom and yet she came, believing what the servant told her.



When the bridegroom's voice is heard, the marriage is accomplished.

#### (5) *The judgement seat of Christ.*

The "honeymoon" in heaven. The scriptures call it the judgement seat of Christ. We will all go before the Messiah in heaven and He will look at our works done for Him in the flesh. All of us on earth who believe in Him are His servants, and we do both good works and bad. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that men's works will be graded. (1 Corinthians 3:11-15). Some works are as valuable as gold, silver and precious stones, and some only amount to wood, hay and stubble. The Lord will use fire on these works and we will all see what burns up.

**NOTE:** The wood hay and stubble may comprise acts that equal the overt acts of gold, silver and precious stones however, these are deeds that are done while the believer is out of fellowship. They are usually deeds that amount to 'human wood' carried out for false motives... Ed.

The judgement of works is not to be confused with God's judgement of sin. All of men's sins were taken care of at the cross. Jesus is not going to charge us for what is already paid for. Everyone's sins are forgiven if they accept the forgiveness. The Messiah has provided a "gift certificate". When someone gives you a gift certificate, you simply take it to the store and claim the gift. You do not have to pay anything as the giver has already paid. That is the message of the Gospel in simplest terms.

This judgement seat is like the honeymoon. A honeymoon is where the groom removes the bride's veil and knows her secrets.

#### (6) *The Great Marriage Supper.*

When the announcement is made that the marriage is consummated - the saints have their crowns, and the Lord has examined them all. And then the celebrating begins outside the chamber. The marriage is now official and the guests can rejoice. All of the celebrating will culminate in heaven in a marriage supper - what we would call the reception. The bride will be greatly honoured. Revelation 19:7-8 states:

**"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him; for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints".**

Notice how the Scripture says "WIFE" instead of "BRIDE". The honeymoon is now finished, and we are now married to the Lord. Then, after the supper, we will leave to live in our bridegroom's kingdom. We will leave His Father's house and claim our sweetest time on earth, and we will reign

though the true believers are wearing a kind of spiritual veil and are not recognisable to the unbelievers. Even when this great wedding takes place the rest of the world will go on as it was, after the bride has departed in her veil.

#### (3) *The oil lamps.*

The wedding party would go through the streets by the light of the oil lamps. The bride had to have her lamp trimmed and ready. The oil is the Holy Spirit. Believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Oil is what God used to anoint His saints and He still uses it in the form of the Holy Spirit. The Old Testament symbol is the menorah, the candelabrum in the tabernacle: it was lit just once, but the priests replenished the oil constantly. So the believer in the Messiah received the light of the world once, but he is constantly indwelt by the Holy Spirit. In this way his light shines on others; anyone close to him can see it clearly. (A flame is a beautiful symbol of the faith till the Messiah, a flame can ignite one hundred other names without being diminished itself.)

And Jesus is called **"the light of the world"** (John 8:12).

#### (4) *The Wedding guests.*

When the bridegroom finally arrived at the groom's father's house, he would find quite an assembly of wedding guests - friends of the groom's father. So will the believers when the Messiah brings them to heaven - His Father's house. The friends of the Father are Old Testament Saints. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will attend this wedding along with the prophets and the faithful chosen people of the centuries before the coming of Messiah. BUT the celebration will not begin when we arrive. As is the wedding custom, the bride and groom must first go into the chamber for the seven days. And the groom's friend will wait outside until he hears the groom's voice. He will tell the guests when the wedding is consummated.

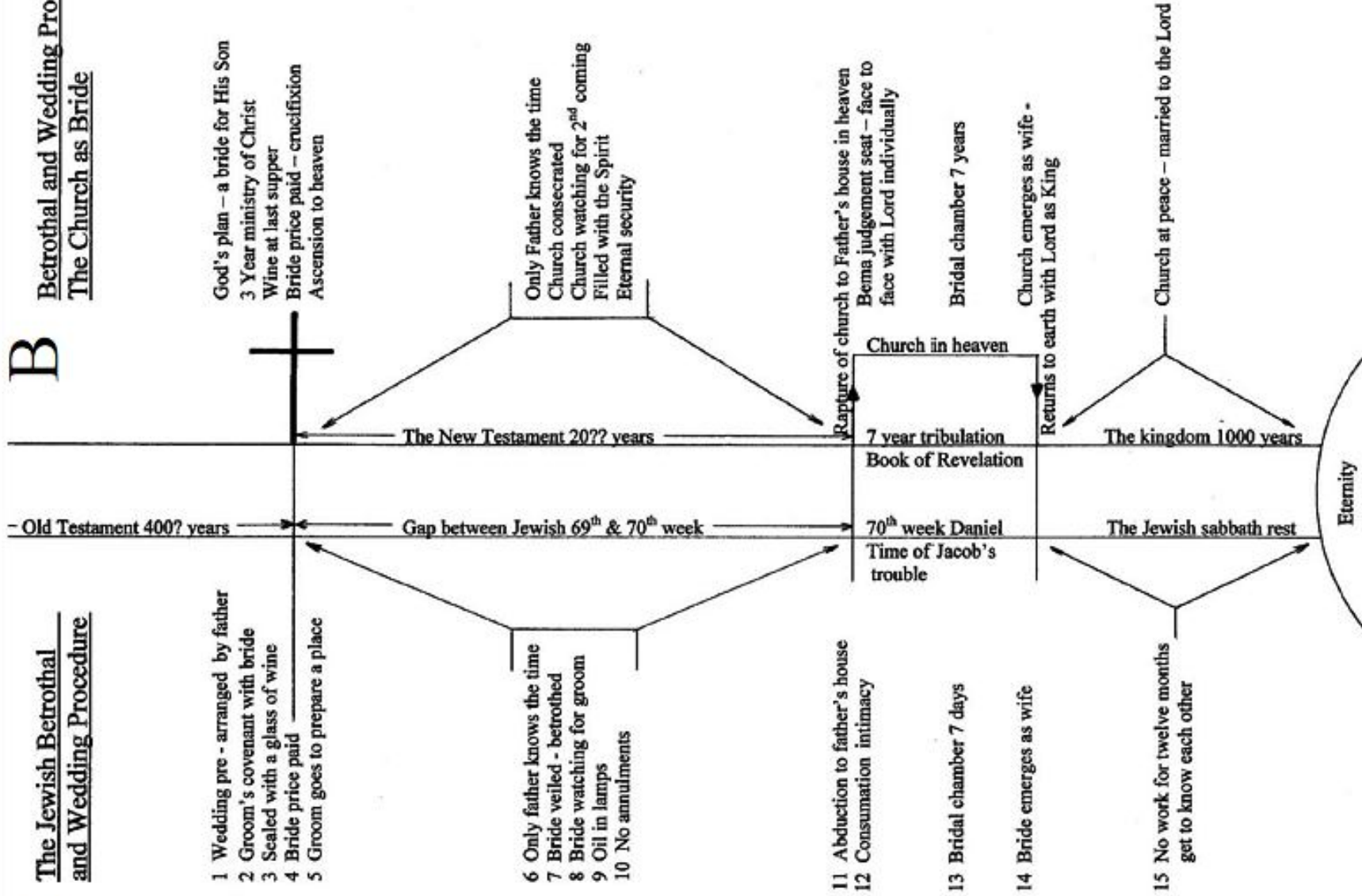
The New Testament equivalent of that is found in John 3:29. The Pharisees had been asking John The Baptist if he were the Messiah. In a way, they would have preferred him to say he was. They could put up with a "Messiah" who stayed out in the desert and preached repentance to a few sceptics. The One they could not abide was the gentle carpenter of Galilee, with whom none of them could argue. But John set them straight:

**" He that hath the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice; this my joy therefore is fulfilled. (John 3:29)**

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## A The Jewish Betrothal and Wedding Procedure

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### SCRIPTURES FOR SIDE -B- THE CHURCH

1. Eph. 1:3-4
2. John 14:2-3
3. Matt. 26:28-29
4. Matt 27:33-66
5. Acts 1:9-11
6. See Note Part 3
7. II Cor. 11:2
8. Luke 21:28;  
Rev. 3:3
9. Eph 5:18
10. John 6:37
11. I Thess. 4:14-18
12. II Cor 5:10
13. Rev. 4:1
14. Rev. 19:14
15. Rev. 20:6

### SCRIPTURES FOR SIDE -A- BETROTHAL & THE WEDDING

- Numbers  
1-14 not  
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Chart only...  
15. Deut. 24:5