

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Part 2 of Jewish Marriage Customs – How the relationship God has asked you and I to enter into with HIM looks very similar to the Jewish marriage HE set up in the Old Testament.

1) Shiddukhin-Groom's Father chooses bride

- i. Eph 1:3-4 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, (4) just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

2) Ketubah -Written contract

- a. Mat 26:28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
 - i. Written in the blood of HIS Son for a relationship with you and I The provisions and conditions of the proposed marriage
 - ii. The New Covenant
 - iii. What the grooms promises to his wife are
 - iv. Take care of us a
- b. The bride stipulates the contents of her dowry – financial status
 - i. Us – to yield our life to the Lord and keep ourselves for Him
 - ii. Consent of the bride was very much a part of this process

3) Mohar-Bridal Payment

- a. Act 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.
- b. Jesus died to pay the price of our sins and free us from condemnation & death
- c. 1Co 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? (20) For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.
- d. 1Pe 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, (19) but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
- e. Set her free from her parents household
 - i. Set us free from the world's kingdom

4) Mikveh-Ritual Immersion

- a. Eph 5:25-27 ... 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, (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.
- b. Baptism
 - i. Repentance – Act 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

5) Eyrusin/kiddushim-Betrothal

- a. 2Co 11:2 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.
- b. Gift given by groom
 - i. 2Co 5:5-6 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (6) So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord.
- c. Period of time of sanctification/set apart to prepare themselves for entering into the covenant of marriage

- i. Much stronger than today's engagement process
 - ii. So strong that to get out of it there would have to be a divorce or annulment contract
 - iii. Burn the boat time for the bride – US! COMMITMENT
 - d. Bride and groom would gather under a canopy (huppah) and express their intentions
 - e. Huppah – symbol of a new household being planned
 - i. Born Again!
 - f. Before the groom left he would leave the bride a gifts as a promise to return for her (Matan)**
 - i. Joh 14:15-19 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. (16) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— (17) the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. (18) I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. (19) "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also.
 - ii. 2Co 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (5) Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.
 - g. Lived separately, no sexual relations, but considered married
 - i. We are HIS, No Idols, No other God's, separate ourselves from the sinful ways of the world and live according to HIS Kingdom's statutes.
 - h. Responsibilities of each during the betrothal period
 - i. Groom – build a place for the couple to live, most often by attaching room(s) to the father's home.
 - 1. It was to be better than the place the bride was presently living in
 - 2. Joh 14:2-3 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. (3) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.
 - ii. Bride – preparing the wedding garments
 - 1. Rev 3:4-5 You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. (5) He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. AND Rev 3:17-18 Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked— (18) I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

6) Nissuin-The Marriage

- a. The father of the groom determined with the groom's preparations were complete and would send him off to get his bride
 - i. Mar 13:32-33 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. (33) Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is.
- b. Bride would be waiting with her preparations done, but the coming of the groom was to be a surprise - Near the end of the year she knew she had to be prepared as she did not know exactly when he would come to carry her away.
 - i. When would it Surprise you?
 - ii. When Jesus returns – there will be people in all 24 hour slots
 - iii. What would you want to be doing?
 - iv. What would you not want to be doing?