

REVELATION: Lesson 167
Chapter 19:7, The Marriage of the Lamb

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Rev 19:7 The Bride, the Lamb's wife made herself ready at the Judgment Seat where she was purified and cleansed.

Heb 12:22-24 All believers in Christ will assemble after the Judgment Seat for the Marriage of the Lamb.

Jehovah God's Wife [Israel]

Isa 54:1-10 God told the people of the nation of Israel, "**Thy Maker is thine husband**" (vs 5). God the Father and the nation of Israel are in a marriage relationship which began with a covenant (Exod 24:3). God put away his wife, but He will reestablish their marriage relationship after a time of tribulation pictured by the flood of Noah's day (vs 9).

Hos 2:1-17 God describes how He is going reconcile His marriage with His wife, Israel. He will remove all of her provisions and destroy all that she has to show her that her false gods can't help her. Then He will allure her into the wilderness (vs 14) and speak comfortably to her. He will provide for all her needs, and she shall call Him husband (Ishi. Vs 16).

God the Son's Wife [The Church]

2 Cor 11:1-2 Believers in Christ (the Church) have been espoused to the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Notice that the bride is expected to be a virgin on her wedding day.
- The Lord expects us to stop flirting with the world and be faithful to our espoused husband, our Bridegroom, looking forward to our wedding day.
- Notice that the espoused Son of God is called the husband before the marriage.
 - We have promised to remain pure, true, and clean for Him in the meantime.
 - We are called the Lamb's wife before the marriage (Rev 19:7).

Eph 5:22-32 The Bible, speaking of Christ and the church (vs 32), compares that relationship to the marriage relationship. Today we are the Bride. Christ has begun to cleanse us and purify us. One day He will complete that work at the Judgment Seat, and then we shall be "**a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing...holy and without blemish.**"(vs 27). Then we shall be joined to Him (vs 31-32).

Matt 1:18-19 Notice that Mary and Joseph are called husband and wife based upon their espousal.

- A marriage ceremony did not make them husband and wife.
- A physical relationship did not make them husband and wife.
- The espousal (a covenant agreement) constituted the marriage.

Deut 22:28-29 Physical relations between this man and woman did not make them husband and wife. A covenant agreement was necessary.

- If a physical union made a marriage, nobody could commit adultery. God's seventh commandment would be nullified (Exod 20:14).

- 1 Cor 1:29-30** Revelation 19:7 says, “**His wife hath made herself ready,**” but she could not do that in and of herself. “**All our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**” (Isa 64:6). Jesus Christ gets all the credit and all the glory for making us what we ought to be.
- 2 Cor 5:21** Any righteousness we will have is the result of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- Psa 45:8-16** This Psalm describes the beautiful inward garments of the Bride. These are to be seen only by the Bride and the Bridegroom. Over top of that is “**fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**” (Rev 19:8). Plain, simple righteousness is what we are supposed to display to the world, to the glory of the Lord.
- Isa 53:1-10** This passage describes all the suffering of the Lord Jesus Christ when He bore our sins and our griefs and our sorrows. But in all of that suffering, something He saw in the future gave Him pleasure and made Him glad (vs 10).
- Heb 12:2** There was joy set before Jesus when He endured the cross.
- Gen 29:18-20** Jacob’s love for Rachel serves as a picture of Jesus’ great love for His bride. The years that we are apart seem unto him but a few days, for the love he has for us. I come quickly. The time is at hand. (Rev 3:11). A thousand years is as one day (2 Pet 3:8).
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