



Welcome to
Rehoboth New
Life Center

Tuesday Study
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The Bride Of Christ Getting Ready



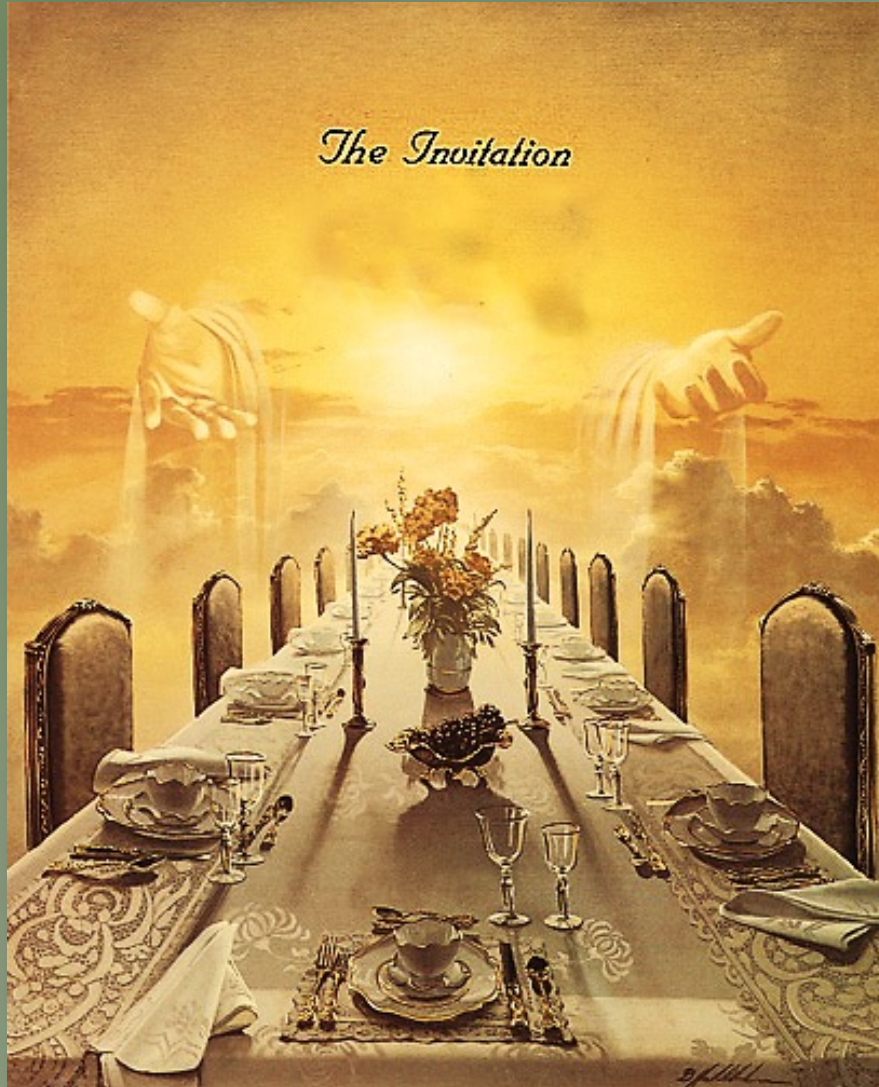
Revelation 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Lesson Principles



- The Wedding is arranged
- It is a Covenant Wedding
- Everything has been provided
- The bride must get dressed.

The Marriage



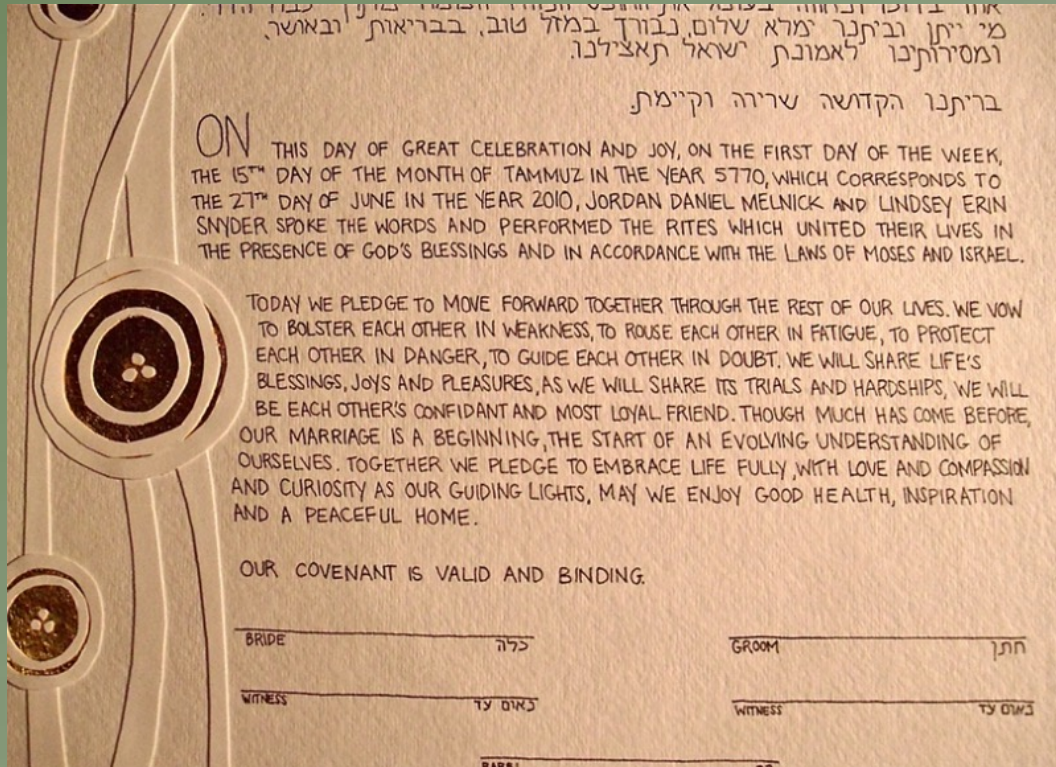
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The Three C's



- Covenant: Ketubbah
 - The Groom chooses a bride and negotiates a bride price. If the father and the bride agree
- Consumation: Chuppah
 - After payment of the bride price, and time to prepare the new living place. The Groom comes to consummate the marriage, and then takes the bride away
- Celebration: “Gamos”(greek)
 - The wedding feast is held at the groom's house

The Ancient Jewish Ceremony: The “Ketubbah”, The covenant



Marriage to the Jews of Jesus's day was a practical legal matter, established by contract and carried through by exacting procedure. The young man would come to the chosen girl's house with a covenant (a true legal agreement) giving the terms by which he would propose marriage. **The most important being the price he was willing to pay for this bride.**

- I. THE BRIDE WOULD CHOSE HER HUSBAND AND HER FATHER WOULD SIGN A LEGAL COVENANT WITH HIM CALLED A "KETUBBAH".
- II. ONCE THIS IS SIGNED THE COUPLE IS 100% MARRIED BUT HAVE NOT BEEN INTIMATE YET.
- III. YOUNG CHILDREN WERE OFTEN MARRIED, (ARRANGED MARRIAGE) BUT DID NOT CONSUMMATE UNTIL OF AGE.

The “Daughter of Zion”



- Jeremiah 6:2 I have likened the daughter of Zion **to a comely and delicate woman.**
- Isaiah 62:11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye **to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh;** behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

The Betrothal(Engagement)



Zechariah 9:9 ¶ **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion**; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: **he is just, and having salvation**; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

Hosea 2:19 And **I will betroth thee unto me for ever**; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

The Betrothal: The Unnamed Servant



Genesis 15:2 ¶And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is this Eliezer of Damascus?

- Genesis 24:3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:
- 4 But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.

Exodus 18:4 And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father, said he, was mine help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh:

The Arranged Marriage



Genesis 24:13 Behold, **I stand here by the well of water;** and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water:

14 And let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master.

15 And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up.

The Helper who fetches the bride



Genesis 24:1 ¶And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

2 And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh:

3 And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

John 16:13 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 shew you things to come.

The Price: The kettubah(Covenant)



- Genesis 29:18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter.
- 19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me.
- 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to

Getting the bride ready



Isaiah 61:10 ¶I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he **hath clothed me with the garments of salvation**, he hath covered me with the **robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her **jewels**.

Getting Ready!



Luke 12:35 Be Ready for the Lord's Coming "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks.

37 The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat!

38 He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn, in the second or third watch. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.

Getting Ready!



Romans 13:11 ¶And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, **and let us put on the armour of light.**

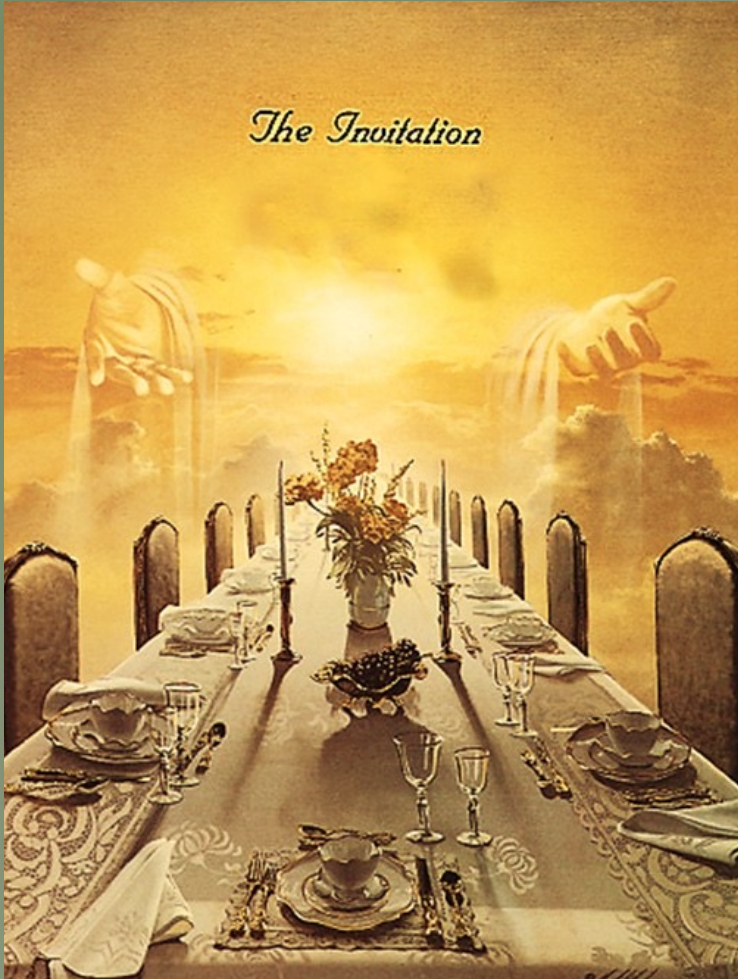
13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

Revelation 19:8 **It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**

Purpose Of The Rapture

The Wedding: The Bride of Christ



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Purpose for the Rapture



- Because the Church, His bride, Is not appointed (destined) for wrath and must consummate the marriage (enter the “huppa”)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:9 For God hath **not appointed us to wrath,** but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

The Second reason for the Rapture

The Wrath of God !



- Isaiah 24:21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.
- 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

The Judgment of the Earth



Isaiah 13:9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Objections to a Mid Tribulation Rapture

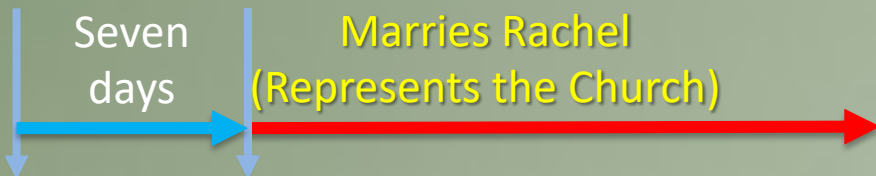
Jewish Wedding feast was seven days if the Rapture is in the midst then the “Bride” will only be with Jesus 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years!

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Jacob's Wedding(s) ?

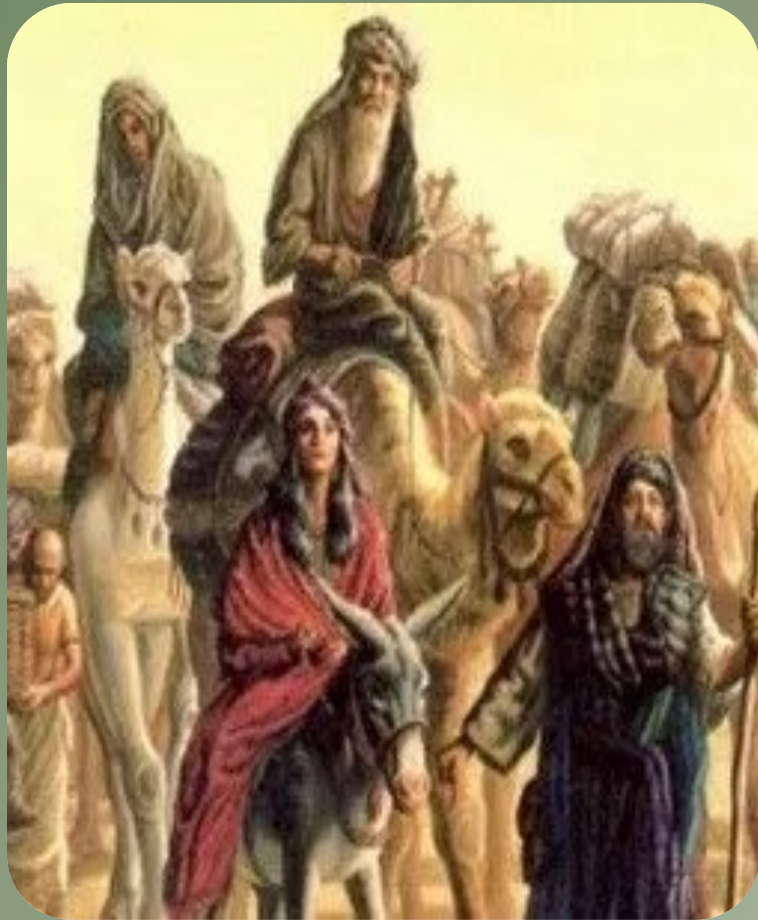


Marries the first Born Leah
(Represents Israel)



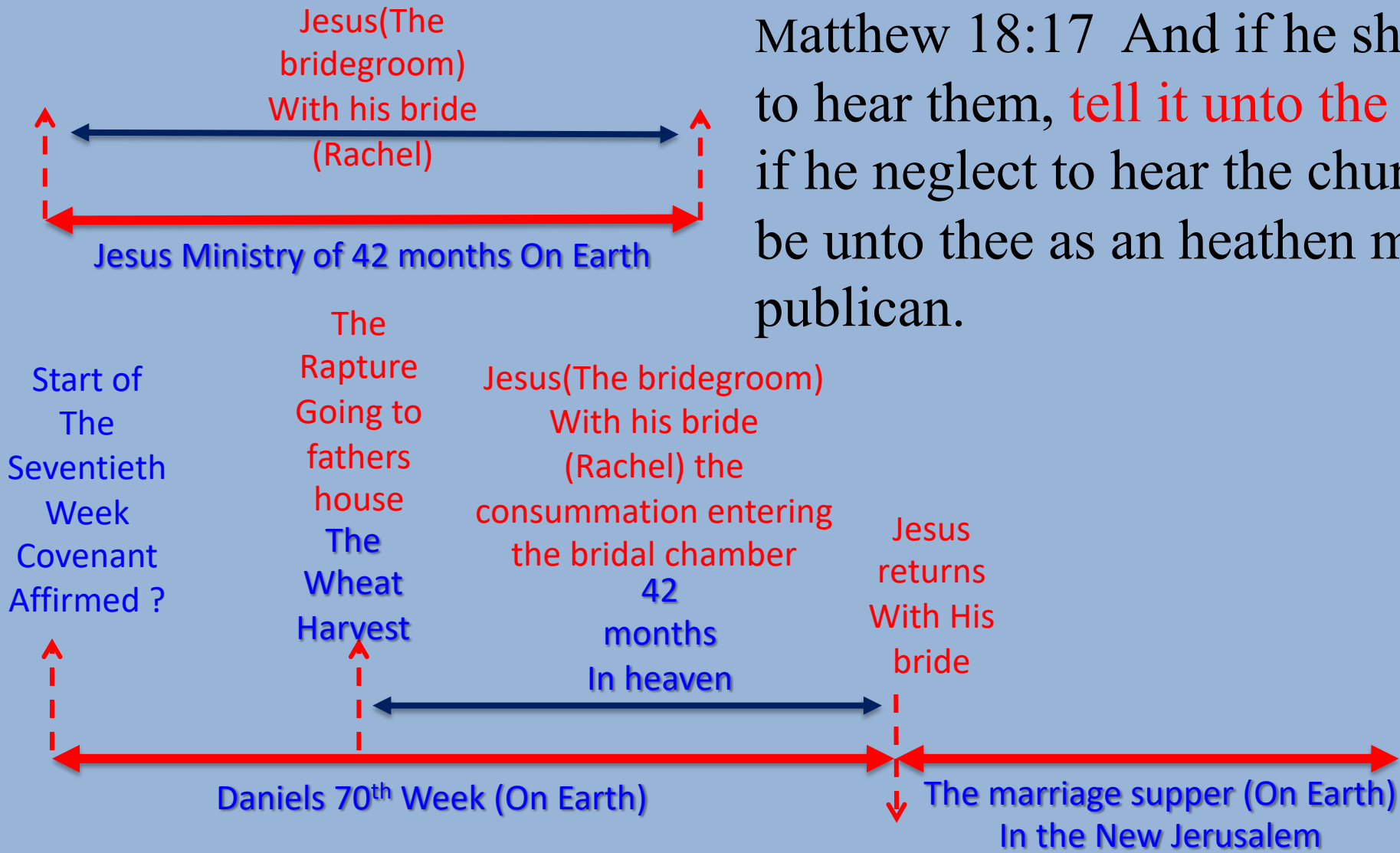
- Genesis 29:20 And Jacob **served seven years** for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.
- 21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her.
- 23 And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her.
- 25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?
- 26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn.
- 27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt **serve with me yet seven other years**.
- 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also.

The Time of Jacobs Trouble, Returning to Canaan, He divides the camp



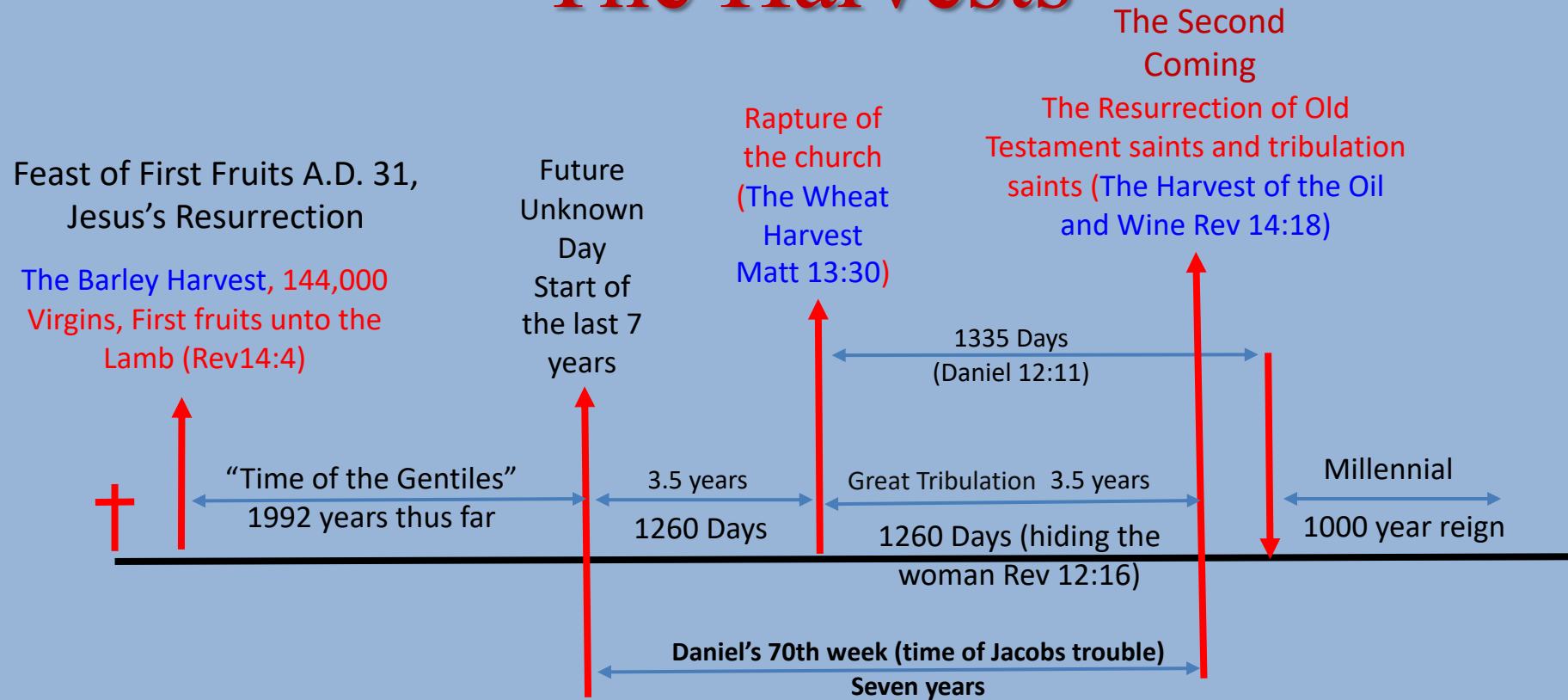
- Genesis 32:6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him.
- 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and **he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands;**
- Genesis 33:1 ¶And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids.
- 2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost.

Mark 2:19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, **while the bridegroom is with them**? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. 20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast in those days.



Matthew 18:17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, **tell it unto the church**: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

The Harvests



Revelation 12:14 And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

Why Three Measures ?



- Revelation 6:5 And when he had opened the third seal, I heard the third beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo a black horse; and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand.
- 6 And I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A **measure of wheat** for a penny, **and three measures of barley** for a penny; and see thou hurt not **the oil and the wine.**

Matthew 13:33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid **in three measures of meal**, till the whole was leavened.

Jesus leaves us a clue(breadcrumbs ?)

Leaven this time represents how the Kingdom spreads!



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34 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them:

35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

The Three Harvests of the first Resurrection

The Meaning is Barley are in all three Harvests!

