

The Hebrew Wedding
Metaphor – Part 2:
The Betrothal



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The Hebrew Wedding Metaphor

- Last week we saw, like in modern day weddings, the Bride of Christ (the Church, the Ekklesia, the "Called Out Ones") take on the Name of God (II Chron. 7:14 – "If My people, who are called by My name...") and the character of God (Exodus 34:6, I Peter 1:16)

- His name is... YaHVeH
or YAWEH! ...and He is merciful, gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in loving kindness and truth.



The Pattern of the Hebrew Wedding

1. PHASE I - The Betrothal

NEXT WEEK...

2. PHASE II – Preparations

3. PHASE III – Return for the Bride

4. PHASE IV – The Wedding



The Pattern of the Hebrew Wedding

1. Bridegroom

2. Bride

ALSO...

3. Witnesses / Attendants (at least 2)

4. Father / Mother



5. Servant / Eunuch

6. Guests

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1. PHASE I - The Betrothal

A. Acquiring (identifying) the Bride



The Pattern of the Hebrew Wedding

A. The Father/Mother choose a Bride

- Judges 14:2
- When he returned, he said to his father and mother, "I have seen a Philistine woman in Timnah; now get her for me as my wife."
- V. 5 - Samson went down to Timnah together with his father and mother...



- V. 7 - Then he went down and talked with the woman, and he liked her.

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A. The Father/Servant choose a Bride

- Genesis 24:1-4
 - Abraham was now very old...,
 - He said to the senior servant in his household..., "Put your hand under my thigh..." (likely Eliezer based on Genesis 15:2)
 - I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living...



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A. Because Jacob “stole” the Issac’s blessing from Esau and fled, he went to Paddan Aram (Laban’s House) alone – worked 14 years...

B. The Father/Servant choose a Bride

- John 16:7-11 (God send’s Holy Spirit)
 - **But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I don’t go away, the comforting Counselor will not come to you. However, if I do go, I will send him to you. “When he comes, he will show that the world is wrong about sin, about righteousness and about judgment — about sin, in that people don’t put their trust in me; about righteousness, in that I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; about judgment, in that the ruler of this world has been judged.**



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1. PHASE I - The Betrothal

A. Acquiring (identifying) the Bride

B. Son goes to house of the girl's father with...

1. Mohar – “The Bride's Price”

2. Ketubah – Marriage “Contract”

3. Wine – to seal the Covenant



The Mohar () Strong's 4119

1. It is significant that it is NOT a dowry...

- Mohar – Groom to Bride's Father
- Dowry – Bride's Father to Groom

2. The Mohar represents ALL the "INVESTMENTS" the girl's father has made in her since birth...



- As sinners, God is our creator, but not our Father. (John 1:12)
- As sinners, who is "our father?"

The Mohar () Strong's 4119

1. Our father was Satan...

- **“No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother.” - I John 3:9-10**



2. Christ paid the Mohar (for all our sins - invested) with His own life...to “our father.”

The Mohar () Strong's 4119

2. Christ paid the Mohar with His own life...

- Acts 20:28 - **Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.**
- 1 Cor. 6:20 - ...**you were bought at a price.** Therefore honor God with your bodies.
- 1 Cor. 7:23 - **You were bought at a price;** do not become slaves...



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The Ketubah ()

2. Ketubah (“written thing”)

- Ketubah is a one-way declaration of the groom’s responsibilities
- Ketubah may include the “balance” of the Mohar if the groom would pay in the future.
 - At the wedding, the Ketubah is read allowed under the chuppah (wedding canopy) – our modern day vows.



- After reviewing the Ketubah, the bride could accept or reject.

The Ketubah ()

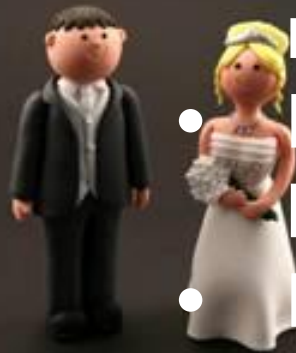
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The Ketubah ()

2. SOD / Mystery:

- The 10 Commandments were a Ketubah...Exodus 19 - 20
 - **You shall have no other gods before Me. ...no adultery.**
 - **You shall not make for yourself a carved image. ...no pictures of old boyfriends.**
 - **You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. ...don't misuse my authority (Mt. 7:21)**
 - **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ...our Anniversary.**
 - **Exodus 19:16 – the chuppah is a thick cloud over Mt. Sinai.**



The Ketubah ()

2. SOD / Mystery:

- The 10 Commandments were a Ketubah...Exodus 19 - 20
- **The obligation of the groom...Exodus 19:5-6 and Exodus 29:45 “...a Kingdom of Priests” and “Then I will live with the people...”**
- **Who speaks the Ketubah? (Ex. 20:1)**




• “And spoke Elohim, Aleph-Tav,
• all these words, saying...”

• Jesus, Yeshua, the Bridegroom
• The bride’s response...

The Ketubah ()

2. SOD / Mystery:

- Exodus 20:18-19 - Now all the people (roim – “saw”)  the thunderings (koloth – “voices”), the lightning flashes (lappidim – “torches”), the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking; ...Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.”



• Exodus 32 – The Golden Calf...
breaking the 1st and 2nd terms
of the Ketubah!!

The Ketubah ()

2. SOD / Mystery:

- Acts 2:2-3 - And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind (shofar), and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues (koloth - voices), as of fire (lappidim – torches), and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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3. The Wine was consumed by bride and groom to accepting the Ketubah and acknowledging the betrothal.

- At this point they are 100% committed...
 - Matt. 1:18 - ...when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.
 - They would also drink wine at the wedding feast when the marriage was physically consummated.
 - John 2:1-11 – Wedding at Cana of Galilee



The Wine

3. The seder (Passover meal) had 4 cups...

1. Sanctification
2. Deliverance
3. Redemption
4. Restoration

- Jesus used the 3rd cup of wine for instituting His covenant... (Matt. 26-28-29)

"...for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."



The Wine

- It is correct to say “I do” when taking the communion cup.
- Jesus gave His body as the Mohar for His bride, the Church, and seals the covenant with His blood, the wine.

- DRASH: Jesus does not want an unfaithful bride...
If you say “I Do,” mean it!!



- I Cor. 11:27 - Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner,...

QUESTIONS??

