

Who Is The Bride?

Let us pray.

BAR-CHU et Adonai ham'vorach. Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam vaed. Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher bacher banu mi-kol ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torato. Baruch Atah, Adonai, notein ha Torah.

BLESS ADONAI who is blessed. Blessed is Adonai who is blessed now and forever. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has chosen us from among the peoples, and given us the Torah. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Amen.

Isaiah 40:3 A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord".

We are in the very last of days. The days of preparation for the coming of Messiah and the kingdom of God on Earth. Prior to the coming of Messiah is the wedding of the Lamb and for this we must be prepared.

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.) Then the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!" And he added, "These are the true words of God."

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Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband – the Lord Almighty is his name – the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer: he is called the God of all the earth.

Most Christians would say that the Bride of Christ is the Church based on Ephesians 5:22-33 where Paul compares the union of husband and wife to that of Christ and the church. But Isaiah was writing to Israel before Christianity and the Church. So, the Bride of Christ the Messiah is larger than just the Christian church.

But the Bride doesn't include all of God's people either. In Revelation when writing to the Church in Laodicea Jesus says, "So, because you are lukewarm – neither hot nor cold – I am about to spit you out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:16). Jesus also said, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21). No the angel in Revelation makes it plain the only ones who attend the wedding super of the Lamb are those who are invited. And this will not be all of God's people.

Matthew 25:1-13 At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who

sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you; I don't know you.' Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

And so, we have the parable of the ten virgins. All ten are God's people. But only five are allowed into the wedding banquet. What was the difference between them? The five that were let into the wedding banquet were prepared.

These are the days of preparation.

These are written so God's people can be prepared for what is to come.

We need to stop looking at the Bible from the perspective of men. From the perspective of Catholics, or Protestants, Charismatic, Evangelical, Jewish, Reformed, Orthodox, or Kabbalistic. All of these are doctrines of men, and we need to turn away from them.

We need to look at it from the perspective of God. See the Bible through God's eyes. These are the last of days, be prepared.

Let us pray,

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu Torat emet, v'chayei olam nata b'tocheinu. Baruch Atah, Adonai, notein ha Torah.

BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Amen.

Thank You,

A Voice in The Wilderness