

# JEWISH WEDDING TRADITIONS PROPHETIC CONNECTION

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### PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS (Matt. 25:1-13)

**Matt. 25:1-13** (written in red) ***“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, (4) but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and [began] to sleep. (6)“But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet [him].’ “Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. (8) “The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ “But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you [too]; go instead to the dealers and buy [some] for yourselves.’ “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. (11) “Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.”*** An important thing we must understand before we get into this parable is that the word translated “virgin” does not always mean sexually untouched, it can also mean “virtuous” or “a woman who is no longer worshipping other gods”. You will find this in almost all uses of the word virgin in the Good Book. *Almah* is the Hebrew word for a virgin.

In Matt. 25:1-13, Messiah gives us a parable of the ten virgins to illustrate what it means to be ready and alert. To understand the parable of the ten virgins one needs to understand Jewish wedding customs. In the parable of the Ten Virgins, Yeshua is revealing those five wise “brides to be” who followed Torah and those five who did not. In that parable the oil represents the Torah, the holy (kadosh.. “other than”, “set apart”) spirit . Some followed a little bit of Torah (had a little oil), but not enough (didn’t follow the Torah enough) to get them into the “kingdom of Yah”. ***“Faith without works is dead”***. The five virgins thought they could go into town and buy oil. **Acts 8:18-20** *“Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money, saying, “Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit. But Peter said to him, “May your silver perish with you, **because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!**”*

In Israel you can’t buy anything on shabbat (especially in the late evening). Yeshua was pointing to the fact that you can’t BUY the Torah, you must Have it, Pursue it, Follow it! When the groom comes (as in the Jewish wedding ceremony), he comes when you least expect it, late at night like a thief.

The Torah has five scrolls which are represented as the “wise/prudent” Torah observant “brides to be” in this parable. In **Matt. 25:2** it says: ***“Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent.”*** People who follow Torah are wise, prudent.

**Ps. 19:7** *The law of ADONAI is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of ADONAI is sure, making wise the simple.”* It says the Torah (testimony of Yah) even makes the simple wise.

**Prov. 28:7** *He who keeps the law is a discerning son, But he who is a companion of gluttons humiliates his father.”* He who keeps the Torah (law) is a discerning (wise) son.

**Ps. 40:8** *“I delight to do Your will, O my God; **Your Law is within my heart.”***

**Isa. 42:18** *“Hear you deaf! And look you blind, **that you may see.”***

**Rom. 2:18-20** *and know His will and approve the things that are essential, being instructed out of the Law, and are confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, **a light to those who are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of the immature, having in the Law the embodiment of knowledge and of the truth,**”* Those who follow Torah are a light, those who are blind (those who don’t follow Torah) should follow you. A corrector of the foolish.

### THE PARABLES THEMATIC CONNECTION TO ESCHATOLOGY

**Night is in reference to the coming tribulation period.** Midnight is considered halfway through the night. ***“But at midnight there was a shout,*** This is symbolic of the tribulation period

when the groom comes halfway through the tribulation (mid-night), to get His bride, those who followed Torah. Those that were asleep are like the SUNday type churches today who are slumbering, sleepy, foolish because they are not following Torah. ***“They all got drowsy and [began] to sleep.”*** is referring to those people who have been duped into believing in the pre-tribulation rapture idea. Because they think they will not participate in the tribulation, they are not preparing for it in any way.

The ones who woke up from their spiritual slumber are those now known as the Messianic or Hebrew Roots movement. They have removed themselves from the pagan traditions of Christianity and now pursue Torah. They have come out of the so-called churches and now follow Yah’s word instead. They are like the five who are ready for their groom. The Christians are like the five without oil. They carry their bible (lamp) around but have never read the contents.

Many of the christian movement follow basic Torah principles like not stealing or murdering, but they do not follow the Feasts, food instructions, etc. They have some oil in their lamps but not enough to keep burning.

**Matt. 17:10-13** *And His disciples asked Him, “Why then do the scribes say that **Elijah must come first?**” And He answered and said, “**Elijah is coming** and will restore all things; but I say to you that Elijah already came, and **they did not recognize him**, but did to him whatever they wished. So also the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands.”* Then the disciples understood that He had spoken to them about John the Baptist.

The people of the Messianic movement are the Elijah’s coming before the Messiah returns for the end times. ***“Elijah is coming”*** was then speaking of the future remnant which is now alive. This movement is ***“restoring all things”***. The wise lit their lamps describes those coming out of traditional christianity and are now observing Torah. John was the one who came with the spirit of Elijah. Yeshua can’t return unless the spirit of Elijah precedes him. We are that spirit.

**Mal. 4:4-6** *“Remember the law of Moses My servant, even the statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel. “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet **before the coming of the great and terrible day of ADONAI.** “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”* This is speaking of the end times. This voice is the remnant crying out in the wilderness hoping those in Babylon will take heed and return to Torah. Make way, make a path for the coming of Yah.

**John 3:28-29** *“You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Messiah,’ but, ‘**I have been sent ahead of Him.**’ “He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but **the friend of the bridegroom**, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.* John was in essence saying he came in the spirit of Elijah but as the friend of the bridegroom, but Yeshua was the groom. John was preparing the bride (baptizing the people prior to Yeshua's coming).

Moses was the first witness of the ketubah at Mt. Sinai and Elijah is the second. We are to follow Yah in spirit and in truth. The spirit is the holy spirit and it included the spirit of Elijah that John came in. Elijah's spirit personified the holy spirit.

**2Kgs. 17:13** *“Yet ADONAI warned Israel and Judah through all His prophets and every seer, saying, **“Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, My statutes according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you through My servants the prophets.”**”*

**2Kgs. 17:16** *They forsook all the commandments of ADONAI their God and made for themselves molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah and worshipped all the host of heaven and served Baal.*

The primary message of the prophets of old was to point out to the people that they were mixing Torah with other religions and that they needed to get back to the true Torah. This is exactly what those in the messianic movement are doing today with the christians stuck in Baal (Babylonian) worship. The mixing of the sabbath is a perfect example of Baal worship, part truth, part pagan custom.

In **Matt. 25:5** it says: ***“they all got drowsy and [began] to sleep.”*** This statement makes it clear that all of us at one time or another slumber in our walk with Torah, but when we see the truth

we flee Baal worship as in the commonly called Christian churches. Baal worship is the mixing of idols with the Torah, like the golden calf incident. Baal worship is a combination of some Torah truth mixed with customs, traditions and celebrations of the mystery religions. Most pro-claimed Christians today will not murder or steal, this is Torah teaching, but indeed will go along with the customary pagan practices of the organized Baal religion called Christianity.

The final step for the groom and the bride was the nissuin (which means, "to carry"). Approximately one year later the bride would be waiting eagerly for her groom. The arrival of the groom was very unique, it would occur at a hour that neither he nor the bride would know. As the wedding day drew close, only the father could give the command for his son to get his bride. Because the bride did not know the exact hour of the grooms return, she and her bridesmaids had to be ready at all times. Then the father gave the command to his son to go and get his bride.

#### **Did the bride know the exact date and time of the grooms return?**

No. Did the bride have an approximate date of the grooms return? Yes, she knew within a certain amount of time when her groom would return (what bride wouldn't?). We do not know the exact day and hour of Messiah's return, but we can know the approximate time of His return if we are watchman. We know the season clearly because Yah gave us the Feast Of Trumpets so we could rehearse for just that event.

As the groom approached the city where the bride lived, a shofar would sound alerting the bride that her groom was coming. The groom would come to "steal his bride away" during the night. And so the phrase **"he will come like a thief in the night"** has its roots in this ancient Jewish wedding tradition. **1Ths. 5:1** *For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night.* The bride would meet him half way. A wedding procession would then carry her back to the home of the groom's parents. Then they would meet under the huppah again and exchange vows.

An interesting note that I think is worth mentioning here is the lifting of the veil. It is tradition that has the bride wear a veil over her head and face until they are under the huppah. When a couple meet under the huppah prior to the wedding vows being exchanged, the groom lifts the veil so he can identify his bride. This custom comes from the time of Jacob when Laban presented his daughter Leah instead of Rachel. Jacob didn't identify his bride to be at that time, and ended up being with Leah. For this reason this tradition has been carried down for centuries. This is also symbolic of the scales coming off our eyes and us seeing the true bride of Yah when we become His bride. The truth is exposed when the veil is lifted and we have a personal relationship from that time forward.

Following the wedding ceremony was an elaborate wedding feast that lasted seven days. The bride and groom are left alone for seven days (symbolic of the tribulation) then he introduces her to his friends. It was traditional to make a toast at some time during the festivities as follows: **Ps. 137:5** *"If I forget you, O Jerusalem, May my right hand forget her skill"*. After the seven days the new husband and wife returned to their new home.

He would then take her away to their wedding chamber where they would be left alone for seven days. The grooms best friend would wait outside the wedding chamber near the door till the groom told him the marriage was consummated. The huppah that was used during their wedding ceremony was used as bedding when they consummated the marriage. As they stood under the huppah (symbolically covered by the blood of the lamb) to exchange wedding vows the same huppah would be blood stained during their **consummation**. Marriage is a blood oath and the blood stained tallit was proof that the wife was a virgin. At the appropriate time the husband would take the blood stained tallit of the honeymoon couple and give it to his best friend. The best friend would then take the blood stained sheet and present it to those gathered for the celebration, as the evidence that the two had become one. They would announce the consummation to all those who had gathered and then would celebrate for the entire seven day period. The stained tallit was then put away and kept as evidence that the bride was a virgin. If there was ever a dispute about whether or not the bride was a virgin, the garment would be revealed as evidence.

When Adam married Eve he said this is flesh of my flesh and bone of my bone. **Matt. 19:5** *"for this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh"*.

**Eph. 5:31-32** “Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and remain with his wife, and **the two will become one.**” 32 There is profound truth hidden here, which I say concerns the Messiah and the Messianic Community.” Israel is the manifest body of Yah on earth. Israel is the embodiment of the living reality of those overcome by Yah. We are His vessels and He has become part of us. He has intimately become part of us. Yah’s spirit rested on each one of the people at Mt. Sinai. This was the consummation back then and Him living in us now is the consummation presently. Yah has provided for us the opportunity to live with Him in His Sukkah during the Feast of Sukkot so we can be intimate with Him. **John 1:14** says “**the Word became flesh and dwelled among us**” Col. 2:9, John 2:19, 14:23.

The groom would then protect his bride for seven days and all would celebrate. **Exod. 12:13** ‘**And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.**”

After the seven days, they would emerge together and participate in a gigantic feast with friends and family members. This was called the “**marriage supper**” and it would officially bring the wedding celebration to a close.

**Rev. 19:6-9** Then I heard [something] like the voice of a great multitude and like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, saying, “Hallelujah! For Yahveh our Elohim, the Almighty, reigns. “**Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.**” 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. Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.’” And he said to me, “These are true words of Yah.”

After all the celebrations the married couple would depart to their new home that the groom had prepared for them. Just as the bride and groom would emerge and return to their new home, so to will we return with Messiah to our new home that He has prepared for us (Rev. 21:1-10).

In this same way Yah acquired Israel as His bride. Yah was His own shadkhan and He was the perfect matchmaker. He became their heavenly husband and He became the lover of their soul.

In the following scriptures we see Yah wooing His bride with the seven unconditional promises as written in Exod. 6:6-8. Yah is acting like a sweetheart talking to His beloved bride about what He will do and provide for her if she will accept Him as her groom. He is saying like any man who is wooing His bride, that He is the guy for her, that He will look after her in every way. He is telling His bride that He will wine and dine her, that He will look after her every need, that He will be with her always till the end of time, that He will provide her with security that is out of this world.

**Exod. 6:6-8** “Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am Yahveh, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgements. Then I will take you for My people, and I will be your God; and you shall know that I am Yahveh your Elohim, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, And I will bring you to the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and I will give it to you as a possession; I am the Lord’.” Yah later added these words through Ezekiel.

**Ezek. 16:8** “Then I passed by you and saw you, and behold, you were at the time for love; so I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness. I also swore to you and **entered into a covenant with you so that you became Mine,**” declares Yah”. Yah amplified His agreement with the people Israel in the words of the Shema.

**Deut. 6:4-5** “**Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, ADONAI is one! “And you shall love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might”**”. Yahveh also made it abundantly clear that He was jealous groom.

**Deut. 4:24** “**For ADONAI your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.**” It was made abundantly clear that if His bride ever went back to worshipping other gods, He would consider it spiritual adultery and the wedding contract would be broken, not by Yah, but by His unfaithful bride. If this were to happen they would no longer receive His blessings, they would be cursed. Moses recorded those blessings and curses in Deut. 28. If this were to ever happen they would lose their national identity and be scattered from her land, away from her Messiah. They were made a special people. They were not special before He chose them for His bride, they became special only after He chose them for His bride. **Exod. 19:5** ‘**Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you**

**shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine;” Here we see the engagement.** Here we see Yah offering everything to the bride If she keeps His commandments. He is promising that all His strength and resources will be dedicated to her if she will accept His wedding contract of Mt. Sinai. Yah is saying that if she does this she will be His **“segulah”**, which in Hebrew means His **“precious treasure”, or “my own possession”**. Segulah has a very special meaning. It was the term used for the Kings treasure. The key to the Kings treasure was so protected that he kept it with him at all times. The treasure was that special to the King that he trusted it with no one. This was the kings segulah.

Remember when Yeshua said: **“no one will pluck you out of my hand”**. **John 10:28** *“And I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall pluck them out of My hand”*. In that verse He was symbolically referring to His segulah, His key, which He as the King Of Kings always has with Him. His bride is that special to Him. The big rock that was given to the bride at Mt. Sinai was the mountain itself. It makes any diamond anywhere look insignificant compared to the Rock of Yeshua. No rock anywhere compares to the rock of Mt. Sinai.

**1Ths. 4:16-17** *For this we say to you by the word of Yahveh that we who are alive and remain until the coming of Yahveh, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For Yah Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of [the] archangel and with the trumpet of Yah, and the dead in Messiah will rise first.*

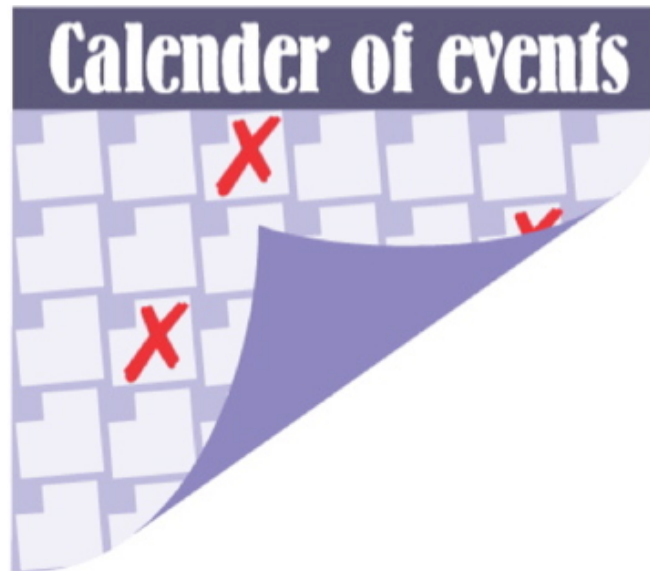
**1Ths. 5:1-2** *Now as to the times and the epochs, brethren, you have no need of anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know full well that the day of Yahveh will come just like a thief in the night.*

## THE MARRIAGE COVENANT WAS BROKEN

Unfortunately, Yah and His new bride did not have a very good marriage. Right after Israel was betrothed, she made herself a golden calf and worshipped it. Moses pleaded with Yah not to destroy Israel. Yah agreed to not destroy them, but three thousand died as a result of their harlotry. When Yah told Israel to go in and possess the land He had given her, she failed to trust Yah to help her defeat her enemies. As a result she was made to wander the desert for forty years. Yah was merciful to His bride and met all her needs for forty years until that rebellious generation died. Then Joshua led the people into the promised land. As long as Joshua and his elders were alive the people served Yah and were outwardly faithful to the covenant, but afterwards they began to worship the heathen gods and live immorally (Josh. 24:31). Then under the leadership of King David and Samuel, Israel was a faithful bride, but for the most part, she continued to play the harlot. Yah sent many prophets to warn His bride, but she did not take heed. Only a remnant kept listening. Then Yah sent Jeremiah to warn the people. **Jer. 35:15** *“Also I have sent to you all My servants the prophets, sending them again and again, saying: **Turn now every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and do not go after other gods to worship them, then you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your forefathers; but you have not inclined your ear or listened to Me.**”* Elohim continued to warn His bride but they again did not listen. **Jer. 3:1** God says, *“If a husband divorces his wife, And she goes from him, And belongs to another man, Will he still return to her? Will not that land be completely polluted? **But you are a harlot with many lovers; Yet you turn to Me,**”* declares ADONAI. **Jer. 3:14** *Turn, O backsliding children, saith ADONAI; **for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:***

Finally El Shaddai had no more choice but to issue a certificate of divorce. **Jer. 3:8-10** *“And I saw that for all the adulteries of faithless Israel, **I had sent her away and given her a writ of divorce, yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear; but she went and was a harlot also. “And it came about because of the lightness of her harlotry, that she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees. “And yet in spite of all this her treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but rather in deception,”** declares ADONAI.”* Ezekiel described it as such. **Ezek. 16:15,32,38,59** *“But you trusted in your beauty and **played the harlot** because of your fame, and you **poured out your harlotries** on every passer-by who might be willing.” (32) **“You adulteress wife, who takes strangers instead of her husband!** (38) **“Thus I shall judge you, like women who commit adultery or shed blood are judged; and I shall bring on you the blood of wrath***

and jealousy.” (59) *For thus says the Lord GOD, “I will also do with you as you have done, you who have despised the oath by breaking the covenant.”*



In spite of what they had done, it would only be a temporary separation. Yah was a forgiving bridegroom and He promised He would draw them back to Himself as written about in the book of Hosea. Yah used His prophet Hosea as a visual aid of the tragic marriage Yah had with Israel. Hosea's wife Gomer was a prostitute. Yah had the names of his three children reflect His divorce with Israel. Their names were: "Yah will scatter", "No mercy", and "Not my people". Hosea was forced to suffer the humiliation and pain of his wayward wife, yet he continued to love her. Then Hosea ended up buying her back, stripped naked, and sold to the highest bidder at an open slave market. Gomer finally repented and realized she belonged to Hosea. This is exactly what Yah had suffered, but He never did forsake His bride Israel. He promised to draw her back, but in the meantime she was scattered throughout the nations. She would later return to her land and her God at the end of the age when Messiah Yeshua would come back and prepare a festive marriage feast for His bride.

**Hosea 3:4-5** *For the sons of Israel will remain for many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, and without ephod or household idols. Afterward the sons of Israel will return and seek Yahveh their Elohim and David their king; and they will come trembling to Yahveh and to His goodness in the last days.*” Then Yah gave His people comfort and assurance when Hosea spoke: **Hosea 2:16,19-20** *“And it will come about in that day,” declares Adonai, “That you will call Me Ishi (my husband) And will no longer call Me Baali (My Master).” (19-20) “And I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, In loving kindness and in compassion, And I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know Adonai.”*

**2Cor. 11:2** *For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Messiah Yeshua.”*

As Sha'ul wrote in Galatians, both Jew and Goyim (Gentile) can be Yah's bride.

**Gal. 3:28** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Yeshua Hamashiach”* Paul didn't mean that there would no longer be an ethnic distinction between Jew and Gentile, but that we can all be one in Messiah Yeshua.

Yah said He will betroth Israel. He will take her back as a virgin (virtuous) bride just as if she had never sinned. He will forgive her. The next time the marriage will last forever. A marriage characterized by justice, loving kindness, mercy, righteousness, and faithfulness. Israel will some day soon know her Groom and rejoice in her covenant marriage. **Ps. 118:26** *“Blessed is He who comes in the name of Yahveh”*. Ezekiel put it this way. **Ezek. 16:60,62** *“Nevertheless, I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.” (62) “Thus I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am Adonai,”*

Then in Jeremiah we see it explained. **Jer. 31:31-34** *“Behold, days are coming,” declares Adonai, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them, declares Adonai. 33 “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares Adonai, “I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. 34 “And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know Adonai,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares Adonai, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”* Yah chose His bride for His Son. Yah was the greatest matchmaker. That bride was Israel and all the Gentiles who would acknowledge Yeshua as their personal Redeemer. **Matt. 26:26-28** *And while they were eating, Yeshua took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is My body.” And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; for **this is My blood of the covenant**, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”* Yeshua paid the price of His bride by shedding His own blood as atonement for our sins. He took the curse of our sins on Himself. He was the innocent substitutionary sacrifice who died that we might be reconciled to Yah.

## "GET"...JEWISH DIVORCE PAPERS

**Get** (divorce) is made up of gimel and tav in Hebrew. This word is so dreaded that at no time in the torah do these letters even touch each other. It is so negative a thought, you will not even find it in scripture. The torah doesn't say much about divorce. It only says if a married couple divorce they can never go back and marry each other again.

When traditional Orthodox Jewish couples divorce, the man must give the woman a “get” before she can be remarried. This signed authorization from the husband, gives the wife the right to remarry. A Get is a religious document that separates the combined soul of the man and woman. God’s bride is the Jews and they have never received the “get”, this proves that He is not finished with them. God will be reconciled with the Jewish people. Without a proper Get, even though the man and woman have physically separated, they are still bound together metaphysically - and considered as if fully married. This is true to the extent that if the woman were to have relations with another man before receiving a Get, it would be considered adultery. This is also commonly called a “soul tie”, when spoken of in regards to spiritual warfare.

A secular divorce does not count as a Get. In Orthodox Judaism a Get must be written in a very specific way, and can be done so only by someone who is well-versed in Jewish law (i.e. not "just any rabbi"). For example, the Get must be written specifically for this couple, and a pre-printed document cannot be used. There are also specific formulas for the spelling of words and names. There are other factors as well, including the type of people who must witness the giving of the Get. All these factors must be done properly, or else the couple is still considered as if fully married.

When getting divorced, a Get is not only the right thing to do, but it is the wise thing to do. It solves a lot of problems down the line. For example, someone who is divorced for many years and then wants to remarry, needs a Get. If they didn't take care of it the first time, they now have to track down the "ex," wherever he/she is, and ask for their co-operation in the process of a Get. Imagine the possible heartache and complications.

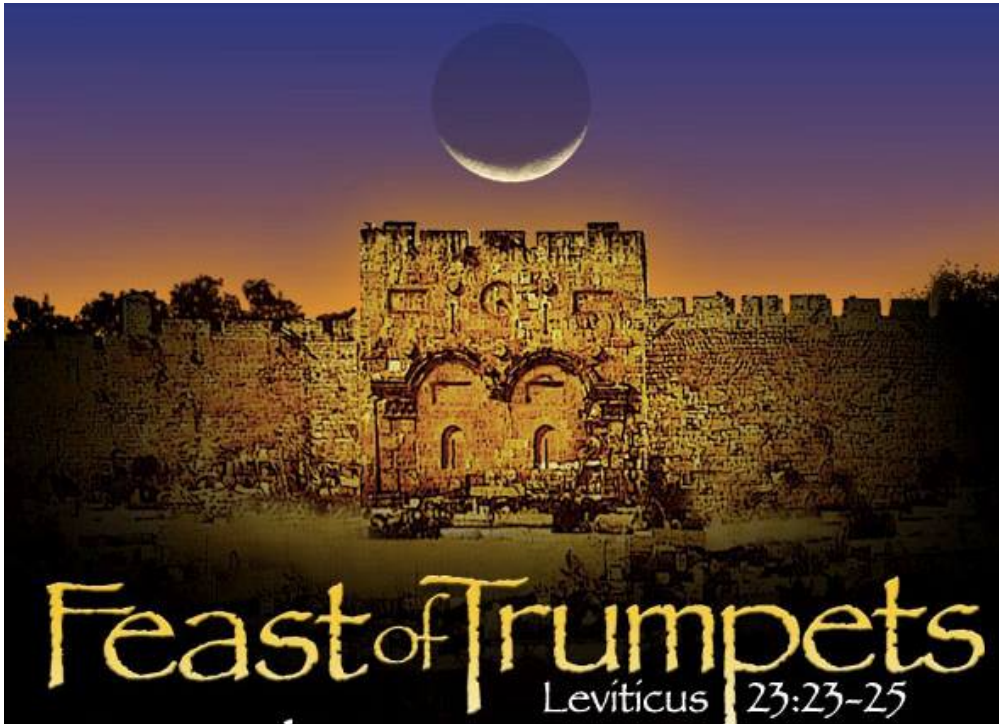
If we look at the last few thousand years of christianity we will clearly see that they have divorced the Almighty. They have walked away from His torah wedding contract and have been following the anti-messiah spirit of other gods. They have become unclean. Over the last twenty or so years we have seen many of these goyim (gentiles) returning to the torah, the root of the bible. That is why this movement is called the Hebraic Roots movement.

### "Till death do us part"

The pledge most people make when they get married; **"till death do us part"** is revealing to us that after we die we are no longer married to each other. In Heaven there is no marriage.

## WEDDING CONNECTION WITH THE FEAST OF TRUMPETS...ATONEMENT AND THE LAST SUPPER

## How does all this relate to the Feast of Trumpets, Atonement and The Last Supper?



Let's go back two thousand years to the night of the Last Supper. It was here that Messiah made the ketubah with His followers (Mark 14:22-25) by initiating the Renewed Covenant with His blood (John 19:30). Yeshua celebrated His coming betrothal of His bride with His disciples. Yeshua paid the price of His bride with His own blood, the ultimate price any human could pay. "Take eat, each one of you as my bride". **1Cor. 11:23-27** *For I received from Yahveh that which I also delivered to you, that Yeshua the Messiah in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." (25) In the same way [He took] the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink [it], in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim Messiah's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Messiah in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Messiah."*

### **KIDDUSH CUP**

How many are aware that what occurred at the so-called Last Supper was actually an ancient Hebrew Betrothal ceremony? Let us take a moment to study the ancient Hebrew Betrothal and compare it to what transpired between Messiah Yeshua and His disciples at the Last Supper.

In biblical times, when a Hebrew male sought to become betrothed to a Hebrew woman there was an elaborate ritual/ceremony that was conducted publicly among the family and friends of the prospective bride and groom.

A Feast would be conducted publicly before the general community at large...the feast attendees served as the required witnesses for the Betrothal.

During the feast the groom to be would fill an elaborate cup called a "Kiddush Cup" with wine, he would then stand to get the crowd's attention. When all eyes were focused upon him, the groom would hold the cup of wine up before the crowd and declare, "This is the blood of the Covenant (meaning the marriage covenant).

### **Now during the Last Supper, what did Yeshua do?**

Let's have a quick review of what Yeshua did with his disciples during the Last Supper. **Mark 14:23-25** *And when He had taken a cup, and given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 "Truly I say to you, I shall never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I*



**drink it new in the kingdom of God."**

The groom would never drink from the Betrothal cup, but rather he would pass the cup to the prospective bride, and if she accepted the cup AND DRANK FROM IT, this was the equivalent of her acceptance of the groom's wedding proposal! **"And when He had taken a cup, and given thanks, He gave it to them; and they all drank from it."** Today, this act of the groom offering the cup of wine was similar to the groom saying; "will you marry me"? When the bride accepted the cup and drank the wine, which represented the blood of the Mt. Sinai covenant, she was saying; "yes I will marry you". As you should recall now, at the time of the Hebrew betrothal ceremony only the prospective bride would drink from the kiddush cup (like the disciples did), the bride groom did not partake of it. This is exactly what Yeshua did at the last supper, He did not partake of the wine, but offered it to His disciples.

**Each time we take communion, we are symbolically eating the betrothal feast with our groom,** just like the grooms of the Jewish people have been doing for thousands of years (Rev. 3:20). **Matt. 26:39** *"And He went a little beyond [them], and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."* Yeshua had to drink of the cup of suffering (baptism of suffering) **in able to make our betrothal agreement lawful.** He had to die and offer up His blood so that He was legally betrothed to His bride (the REAL CHURCH) which He will come back for one day; to dwell with her. When He comes back, He will take us to our new home, a new Heaven, and the earth will be transformed eventually into the "Lake Of Fire".

**2Pet. 3:10-13** *But the day of Yah will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Yah, on account of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells."* As a thief comes in the night, so too Yeshua will come in the night to capture His bride and take her to the wedding chamber in the sky.

**John 14:2-3** says, *"In my Father's house are many places to live. If there weren't, I would not have told you; because I am going there to prepare a place for you. Since I am going and preparing a place for you, I will return to take you with me."* Our Messiah is doing exactly what He is supposed to be doing as our Groom, preparing a place for us. During this time we are also to be preparing ourselves for our wedding day. **Rev. 19:7-8** says, *"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 the saints.)."*

Our wedding garments are not literal but spiritual. Our white gowns represent our righteous acts. The righteous acts are the instructions Yah gave us in His Torah. Those who have not followed the commandments, Feasts, etc. have no garments to wear at the wedding. They are not His invited guests. **Matt. 22:11-14** *"But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw there a man not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And he was speechless. "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen."* Those millions of proclaimed Christians that have attended SUNday churches all their lives will be told they cannot enter the festivities. Those who think they can get into the wedding without righteousness, an invitation, will get a surprise. As in the above verse, they will be told to go to hell. The old cliché **"The road to hell is paved with good intentions"**, will ring in their ear forever.

The parable of the ten virgins ends with this command in:

**Matt. 25:13** **"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour."**

**Matt. 24:35-36** says, *Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

**What is the only Feast that we do not know the exact day or hour of its arrival?** It is the Feast of Trumpets.

## Do we know an approximate time of its arrival?

Yes, most times we can guess within two or three days of its arrival, and when it does happen it is not a surprise to us. To understand the timing of our resurrection we need to understand the timing of the Feast of Trumpets. The timing of our resurrection should not be a mystery, so let us not be ignorant of the timing of our Groom's return. All ten virgins knew the general time of the groom's arrival, but only five of them were adequately prepared. Our resurrection will occur at the last trump on the Feast of Trumpets (Tishri 1) after the new moon has been sighted and confirmed. If we are to understand Yeshua's return, we must also understand the Feast of Trumpets.

Let's have a look at what the High Priest did during Atonement while hundreds of thousands of people patiently waited outside the Temple. It was the first duty of the High Priest to sacrifice an animal for himself and his family. During the other Feasts, the High Priest was required to have a sacrifice "on the altar", but during Atonement, he was required to first sacrifice a bull "between the porch and the altar". Let's look at what the prophet Joel said that shows us another type in this regard. **Joel 2:15-17 *Blow the trumpet in Zion, declare a holy fast, call a sacred assembly.***

*Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast. **Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.** Let the priests, who minister before Yahveh, **weep between the temple porch and the altar.** Let them say, "Spare your people, O YAHVEH. Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"* As we saw earlier, it is only during Atonement that the High Priest performed his duty between the porch and the altar. Joel is obviously referring to the Feast of Atonement, the events that will occur during it. **"As the bridegroom and bride leave their chamber, they emerge for all of us to see during the Day of Atonement."**

**Why are the priests weeping between the porch and the altar?**

They are weeping because this is the most solemn Feast of all about to take place. The atoning of the Nation was/is a big event and it is very serious. When Yeshua comes back to take His bride during the tribulation period of seven years, it will be a very solemn occasion for all the world to witness. Those who are **"left behind"** at this point in time will be weeping out to Yah to

escape the terrible tribulation. As we will read a little later, the next sacrifice to occur was of the goats (scapegoat), and sheep.

## Does any of this sound familiar?

As we just studied as part of the Jewish wedding tradition, certain things occurred for the wedding. Let's look at **"blow the trumpet in Zion"**. Here we see what was normally done to gather the people together for various occasion's. "Declare a holy fast" is our next interesting point. We know that during the Feast of Atonement we are all required to participate in **"a holy fast"**. Then we see: **"Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber."**

After the groom sounds the shofar those of us who recognize the voice of our shepherd will find our way to our groom, through crooked streets, uphill, past strangers who don't know or recognize the groom, around corners of tribulation, until we meet Him halfway. Our marriage will be spiritually consummated (with the holy spirit), and our physical bodies will be changed ("born again"),

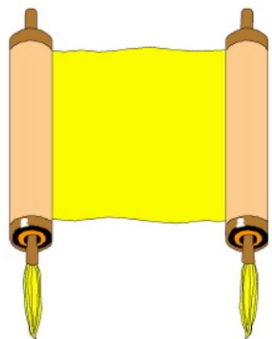


from bodies of flesh to spiritual terrestrial bodies. We will then be escorted to our wedding chamber in the Heavens where we will be with our divine groom for eternity.

**1Cor. 15:52-53** *in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.*”

**Rev. 21:1-10** *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer [any] sea. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from Yah, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of Yah is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and Yah Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be [any] death; there will no longer be [any] mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are faithful and true.” Then He said to me, “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. “He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his Father and he will be My son. “But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part [will be] in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death. ”Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, “Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, (coming down out of heaven from Yah), Yah sent His perfect matchmaker, the Ruach Ha Kodesh (holy spirit) to find all Jews and Gentiles who would become part of His bride. They would be one in Him.*

The parable of Matthew tells us about Yah calling the Jewish people to be His bride but only a remnant accepted His invitation. The others did not take the wedding garment of salvation and robe of righteousness offered by Yeshua. **Matt. 22:1-14** *And Yeshua answered and spoke to them again in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king, who gave a wedding feast for his son. “And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. 4 “Again he sent out other slaves saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.” “But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. 7 “But the king was enraged and sent his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire. “Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ‘Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.’ 10 “And those slaves went out into the streets, and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests. “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw there a man not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ And he was speechless. 13 “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness; in that place there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ “For many are called, but few are chosen.”*



To briefly sum things up in regards to the Feast of Yom Truah, we now see how the Feast Of Trumpets blends right in with everything else we have put together so far. It is a celebration of the harvest being completed and it leads us to the biggest Feast of the year, the Feast Of Atonement, when the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies to make atonement (at one ment) for the people. The bride will be swept off her feet at the sounding of the shofars announcing the great Feast. The Feast Of Trumpets takes place when the sliver of the moon is witnessed in Jerusalem in the fall. It announces the first day of the month of Tishri the first month of the Agricultural calendar. No one knows the hour until the sliver is witnessed.

When Yeshua returns to take His True Believers; Exodus Part Two, it will

without a doubt be on the day of the Feast Of Trumpets. What year we are not sure of yet, but you can bet on it not being far away. Are you ready for the wedding?

### Summary

What we see in the Jewish wedding tradition is the same as what we see in our spiritual encounter with Yah as our true groom. As the details of the wedding tradition are revealed we see that the same things are revealed to us in regards to our marriage with the Most High. Yah puts us through the betrothal phase, the wedding phase, and some day soon the celebration phase of our marriage to Him. The Feasts of Yah relate to us just as the wedding relates to us. The symbolism, prophecies, traditions, and idioms, throughout our scriptures come alive when we understand the Jewish wedding customs. Yahveh has called all to be His bride, many are called but few will be chosen. All we have to do to be one of His brides is to follow His ketubah (Torah) given out at Mt. Sinai and have faith in Him as our groom. We take all that He has offered and we use it to prepare ourselves for the coming wedding supper of the lamb which will take those who believe and follow His word, from this earth to the Heavens above to join in the celebration. When all that exists on earth comes to an end will you be one of His brides dressed appropriately for this grand occasion? Will you be ready to join Him in His wedding chamber in the Heavens?

### Example of a ketubah (marriage contract)

#### Traditional Aramaic Orthodox Text

#### English Translation

On the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the week, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year five thousand seven hundred \_\_\_\_\_, as we reckon time here in \_\_\_\_\_, the groom \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ said to the bride \_\_\_\_\_ daughter of \_\_\_\_\_, "Be my wife according to the statutes of Moses and Israel. And I will work for, esteem, feed and support you as is the custom of Jewish men who work for, esteem, feed and support their wives faithfully. And I will give you \_\_\_\_\_ and I will provide you food and clothing and necessities and your conjugal rights according to accepted custom." And the bride \_\_\_\_\_ agreed to become his wife. And this dowry that she brought from her \_\_\_\_\_ house, whether in silver, gold, jewelry, clothing, furnishings or bedding, the groom \_\_\_\_\_ accepted responsibility for all in the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ zuzim, and agreed to add to this amount from his own assets the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ zuzim, for a total of \_\_\_\_\_ zuzim. The groom \_\_\_\_\_ said: "The obligation of this ketubah, this dowry and this additional sum, I accept upon myself and my heirs after me, to be paid from all the best part of all my property that I now possess or may hereafter acquire, real and personal. From this day forward, all my property, even the shirt on my back, shall be mortgaged and liened for the payment of this ketubah, dowry and additional sum, whether during my lifetime or thereafter." The obligation of this ketubah, this dowry and this additional sum, was accepted by \_\_\_\_\_ the groom with the strictness established for ketubot and additional sums customary for the daughters of Israel, in accordance with the decrees by our sages, of blessed memory. This ketubah is not to be regarded as a formality or as a perfunctory legal form. We have established the acceptance on the part of \_\_\_\_\_ son of \_\_\_\_\_ the groom to \_\_\_\_\_ daughter of \_\_\_\_\_ the bride, of this contract, all of which is stated and specified above, with an article fit for that purpose. And all shall be valid and binding.

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