



THE REVELATION OF

# JESUS

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PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE  
A WALK THRU THE BOOK OF REVELATION

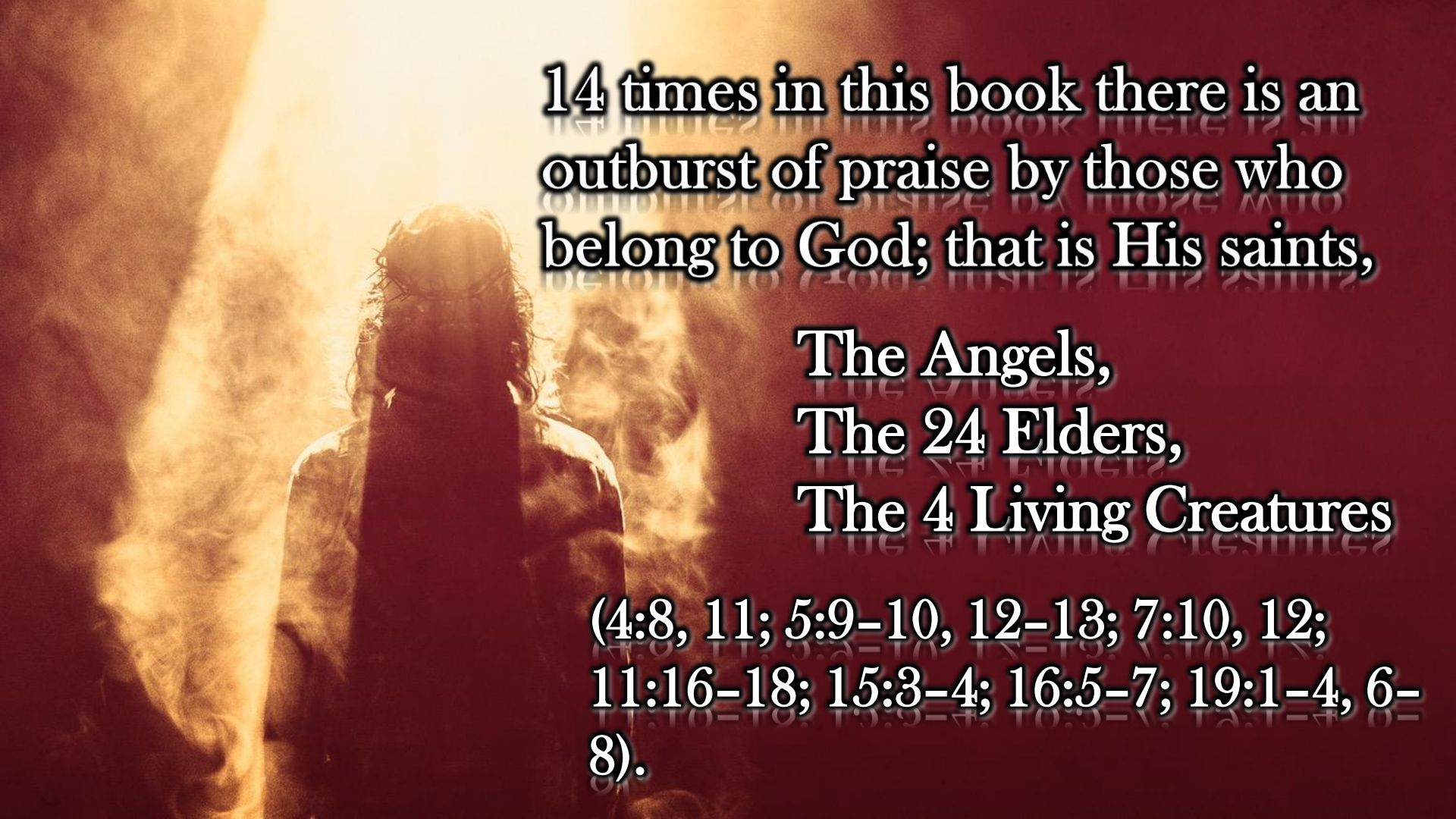
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After It's **All**  
Said and  
Done!



A person is shown from the back, wearing a crown of thorns. They are standing in a dark, atmospheric setting with a strong, warm light source from the upper left, creating a dramatic silhouette and highlighting the texture of the thorns and the person's hair. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

# Four-Fold Hallelujah



**14 times in this book there is an  
outburst of praise by those who  
belong to God; that is His saints,**

**The Angels,  
The 24 Elders,  
The 4 Living Creatures**

**(4:8, 11; 5:9-10, 12-13; 7:10, 12;  
11:16-18; 15:3-4; 16:5-7; 19:1-4, 6-  
8).**



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**Verse 7 Gives  
the Reason for  
Rejoicing**

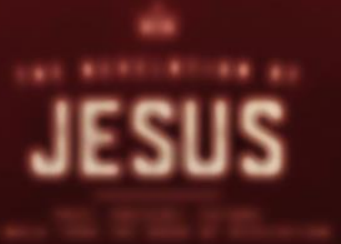
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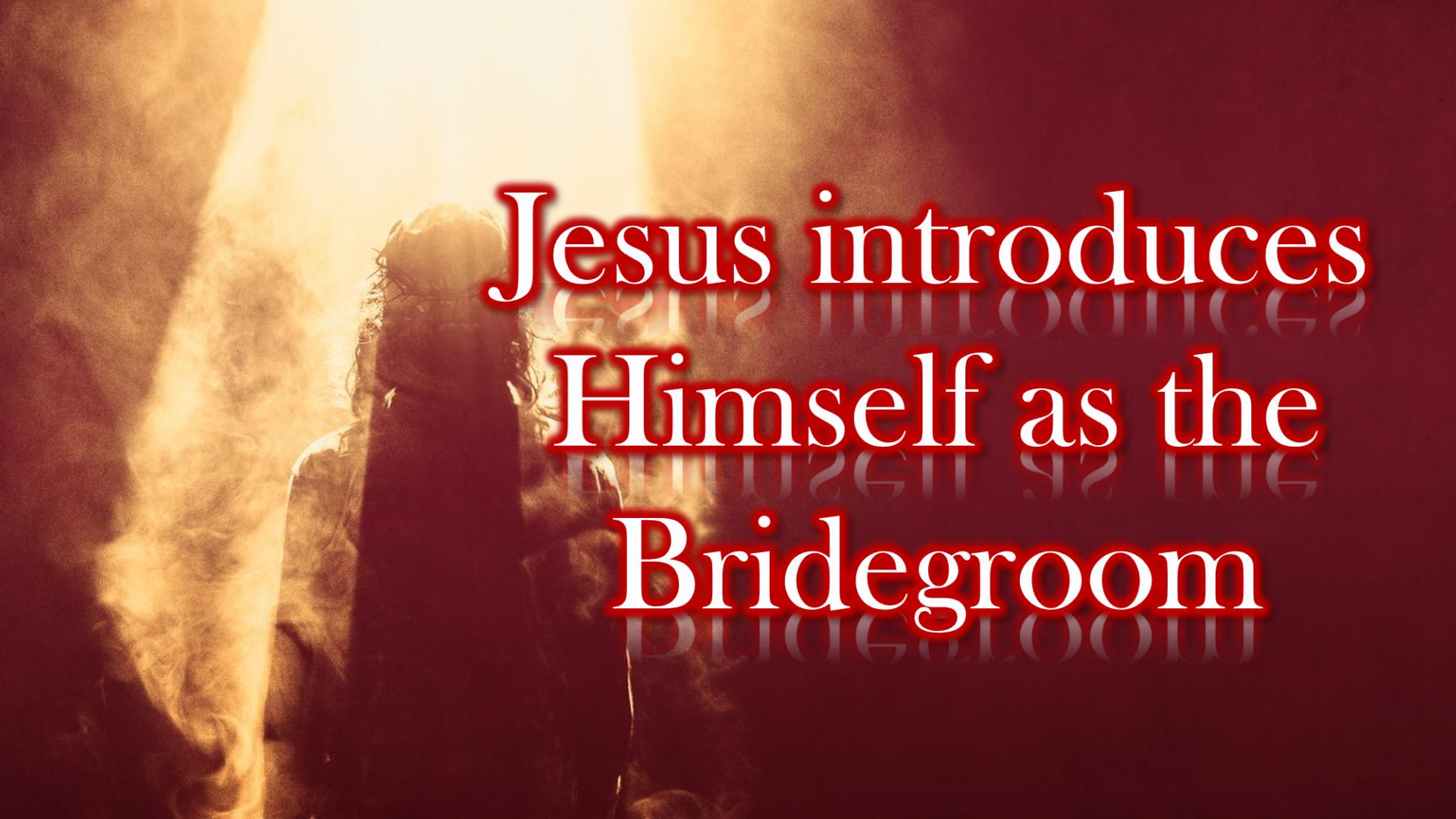
# The Marriage of the Lamb



Revelation 19:7-8

7. “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.”

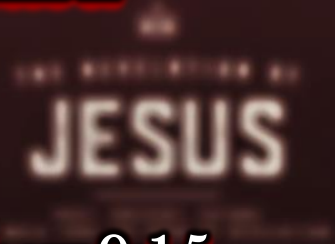




Jesus introduces  
Himself as the  
Bridegroom



And Jesus said to them, “The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.



Matthew 9:15

19. And Jesus said to them, “While the bridegroom is with them, the attendants of the bridegroom cannot fast, can they? So long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.  
20. “But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in that day.

THE MESSAGE OF  
JESUS

Mark 2:19-20



34. And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?”

35. “But the days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”

THE MESSAGE OF  
JESUS


Luke 5:34-35

28. “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’ 29. “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. 3. “He must increase, but I must decrease.

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John 3:28-30



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Who is the  
Bride?



**Israel Cannot  
Be the Bride!**

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# Parable of the Marriage Feast

Matthew 22:1-14

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# Parable of the Ten Virgins

Matthew 25:1-13



**The Bride comes  
with the Bridegroom**

**Seconding  
Coming**

Wrath of God

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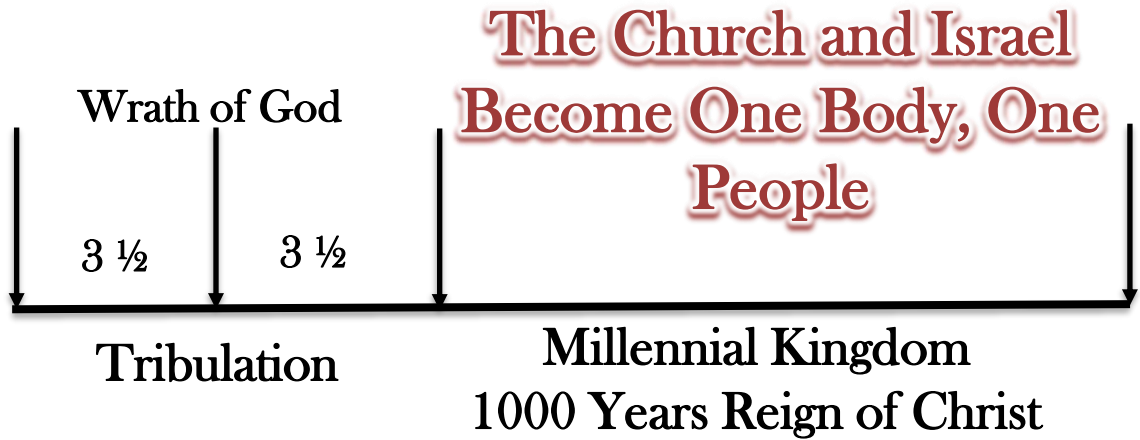
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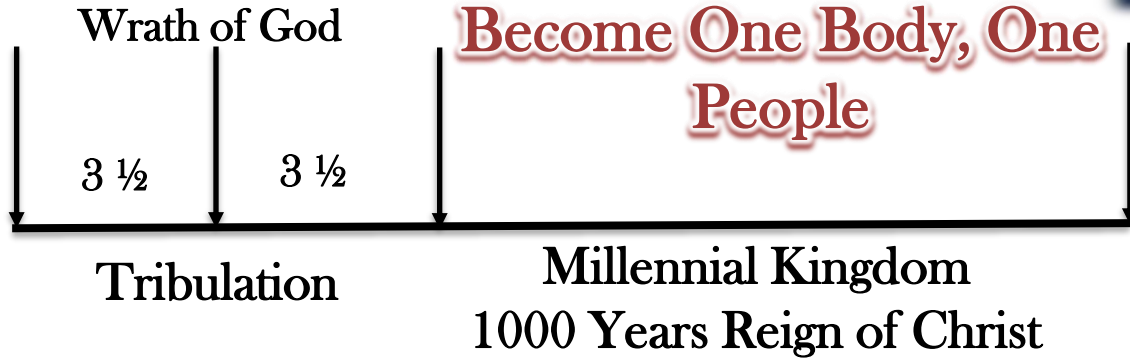
**Tribulation**

**Remnant of Israel**

**Converts of the 144,000**







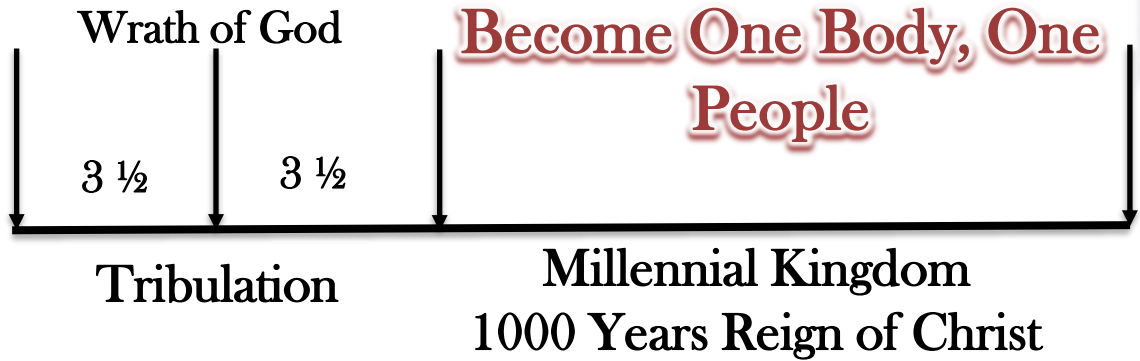
## The Church and Israel Become One Body, One People



Revelation 21:12

It had a great and high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels; and names were written on them, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel.



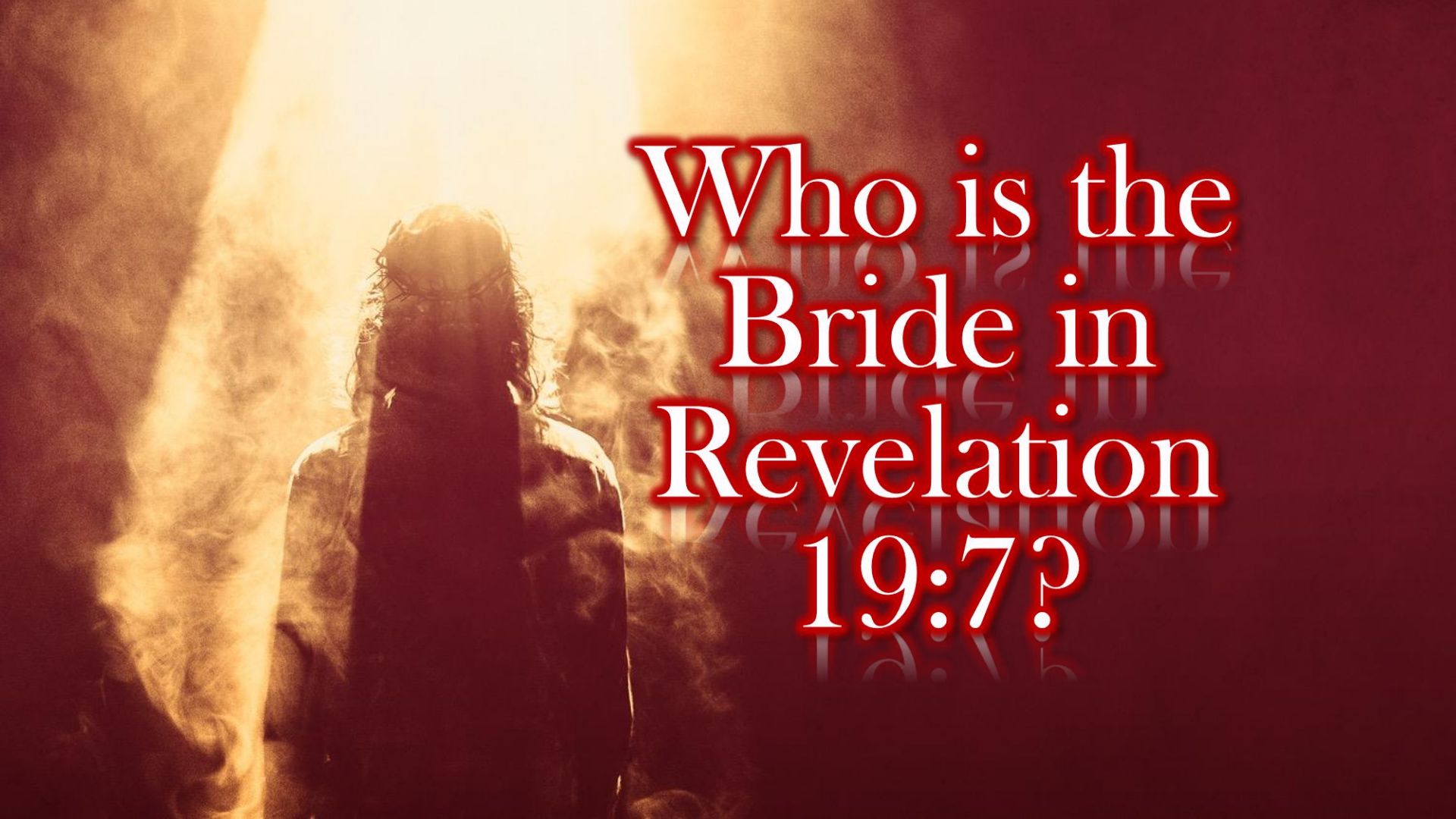


**The Church and Israel  
Become One Body, One  
People**



Revelation 21:14

And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

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# Who is the Bride in Revelation 19:7?

26. And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified, behold, He is baptizing and all are coming to Him.” 27. John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven. 28. “You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, ‘I am not the Christ,’ but, ‘I have been sent ahead of Him.’

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John 3:26-28



29. “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. 30. “He must increase, but I must decrease. 31. “He who comes from above is above all, he who is of the earth is from the earth and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all.

THE MESSAGE BY  
JESUS

John 3:29-31

2. For I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy; for I betrothed you to one husband, so that to Christ I might present you as a pure virgin. 3. But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.



2 Corinthians 11:2-3

22. Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

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Ephesians 5:22-24



25. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26. so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27. that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

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Ephesians 5:25-27

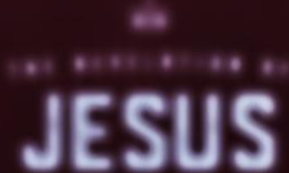
28. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29. for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30. because we are members of His body.

THE WORD OF GOD  
JESUS

Ephesians 5:28-30

**31. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.**

**32. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.**



**Ephesians 5:31-32**



# Customs in the Ancient Near East

**First: the parents chose a bride for the groom.**

**This takes place presently in the Church Age as the Holy Spirit calls the elect out of the world to be Christ's bride through regeneration.**



# Customs in the Ancient Near East

**Second: the groom goes to the bride's home to escort her.**

The bride did not know when this would occur, just as Christians do not know when the Rapture will occur. This will take place when Christ comes to take His bride from her home, earth, to His home, heaven—at the Rapture—for their wedding (cf. John 14:1-2). Then the couple were married.



# Customs in the Ancient Near East

Third: the groom provided a feast for his bride and his friends at his home that lasted several days.

This will take place on earth at the beginning of the Millennium.





## Revelation 19:7-8

7. “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.” 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.

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**“You shall make for them linen breeches to cover their bare flesh; they shall reach from the loins even to the thighs.”**

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**Exodus 28:42**

**“The priest is to put on his linen robe, and he shall put on undergarments next to his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes to which the fire reduces the burnt offering on the altar and place them beside the altar.”**

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**Leviticus 6:10**



**“Then Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting and take off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there.”**

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**Leviticus 16:23**

**“So the priest who is anointed and ordained to serve as priest in his father’s place shall make atonement: he shall thus put on the linen garments, the holy garments.”**



**Leviticus 16:32**

9. But you are **A CHOSEN RACE**, A royal **PRIESTHOOD**, A **HOLY NATION**, A **PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION**, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were **NOT A PEOPLE**, but now you are **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**; you had **NOT RECEIVED MERCY**, but now you have **RECEIVED MERCY**.

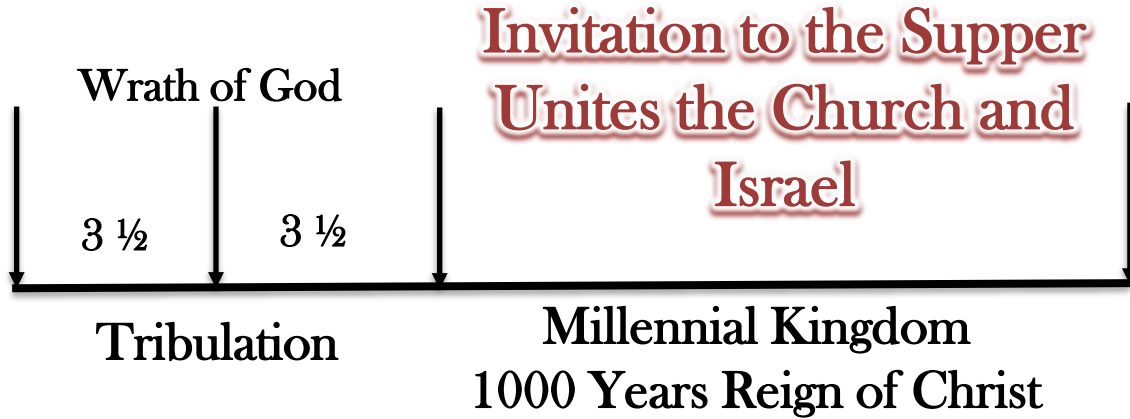
1 Peter 2:9-10



9. 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 God.” 10. Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

THE GOSPEL OF  
JESUS

Revelation 19:9-10



New Heaven & Earth

The Bride comes  
with the  
Bridegroom

White  
Throne  
Judgement

Wrath of God

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Millennial Kingdom



Tribulation

1,000 Years

Eternity

Eternal Punishment  
Lake of Fire



Biblical metaphors for the church are the images God uses in the New Testament to illustrate the character and function of the church as well as the nature of its internal relationships and its relationship to God.

There are many metaphors given for the church in the New Testament; this includes the people of God, the body of Christ, the temple of God, a royal priesthood, the flock of God, and the bride of Christ.

The bride of Christ metaphor also grows out of Old Testament imagery. Israel was pictured as the “wife” of Yahweh (Isa 54), though an unfaithful wife (Hos 2; Jer 2). The metaphor carries directly over to the New Testament. Paul expresses God’s jealousy toward the sinful Corinthians because, he says, “I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ” (2 Cor 11:2). Paul also draws a rich series of parallels between the relationship of a husband to his wife and the relationship of Christ to his church (Eph 5:22–32). John describes the ultimate eschatological consummation of the relationship between Christ and his bride (Rev 19:7–9; 21:9–10, 17). This intimately relational image has a negative side as well: the spiritual adultery metaphor that permeates the Old Testament also shows up in the New Testament (e.g., Jas 4:4–5). This metaphor communicates the purity, exclusivity, submissiveness, mutual devotion, self-sacrificial love, and relational intimacy that are supposed to exist between Christ and his church.

## Matthew 22

### Parable of the Marriage Feast

1. Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, 2. “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. 3. “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.” ’ 5. “But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, 6. and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. 7. “But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. 8. “Then he \*said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9. ‘Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.’ 10. “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. 11. “But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, 12. and he \*said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?’ And the man was speechless. 13. “Then the king said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ 14. “For many are called, but few are chosen.”



## Matthew 25

### Parable of Ten Virgins

1. “Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2. “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. 3. “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. 5. “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.’ 7. “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.’ 9. “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.’ 10. “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.’ 12. “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ 13. “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour.