

The Rapture

END TIMES

**The Rapture
Concealed**

**The Rapture
Revealed**



The Wedding Pattern and The Rapture

John 14:1-3 – *“Yeshua said, ‘Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in Yahweh, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father’s house; I would not tell you this if it were not true. I am going there to prepare a place for you. After I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me so that you may be where I am’.”*

The Wedding Procedure

In a Jewish marriage, the husband-to-be (*groom*) would consult with his father regarding the woman he wished to take as a bride. If the father agreed to the groom's plan, then the groom would leave his father's home and travel to his betrothed's (*bride*) home and speak with the betrothed's father.

Yeshua left His heavenly home, where his father dwells, and traveled to the Earth, the home of his betrothed, the Church, also called the *Bride of Christ*.

Once the groom reached the bride's home, he would establish and pay the purchase price for the bride, guaranteeing that he was serious about the marriage.

Yeshua paid the ultimate price by being crucified and shedding his blood.

The groom would compose and verify a written marriage contract, the Ketubah, with the bride's father, then offer the cup of covenant to his prospective bride, thereby pledging his life to and for his bride. If the bride accepted this promise, she would then drink of the cup confirming that she, too, would pledge her life to and for her betrothed.

Yeshua offers us the cup at every communion – you either accept his offer or reject it.

The Wedding Procedure

Once the proposal had been given and accepted, the groom would say to his bride, "*I go to prepare a place for you*" then go back to his father's home. He would build an addition for himself and his bride and wait for his father's approval. The new addition had to be exceptional, stocked with all the newlyweds would need for their seven days of honeymoon.

It was customary for the groom to be gone for a long time and for the bride to wait in anticipation of his return. At the end of the separation, the groom would show up unannounced to take his bride home, but only after his father had given him permission to do so.

Yeshua has returned to Heaven and promises to return for His Bride. Yeshua will show up when the time is ripe, at the appointed time, at that day and time that the Father in Heaven has chosen.

Yeshua has returned to the Father in Heaven to prepare a home for his bride!

Building The House

Building a house is a very planned out event:

- ✓ The location is measured
- ✓ The building supplies begin to arrive
- ✓ The walls go up
- ✓ The roof is put on
- ✓ The windows and doors are installed
- ✓ The furniture is built and placed inside

Finally, the father gives his approval, saying that the building is complete, and then gives his son permission to go get his bride.

The son then puts the actual wedding party in high gear:

- The Chuppah is erected and transportation for the bride is arranged
- Most importantly, the food is prepared for the week-long celebration

Let's take a look at the house building process:

Step 1: The Foundation is Set in Place



The Process Has Begun

- Next-Door Neighbor Nancy, who lives just across the street, has both eyes glued to the building of the new addition to the Father's house.
- At the laying of the new foundation, Nancy heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the building of the groom's addition to the Father's house is now under way.



Step 2: The Walls are Raised



The Walls Are Going Up

- Once the walls begin going up, Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- For most of the townsfolk, the day of the wedding is still too far away to get overly excited.



Step 3: The Roof and Guard Rail are Built



The Roof is Installed

- Nancy again heads to the watering well to inform her friends that the walls are now fully in place and the roof has been installed along with the mandatory guard rails.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk take it all in stride. Still no need to get excited just yet.



Step 4: The Windows are Installed



*Step 4: And the **Door** is Hung*



The Windows & Door Are In

- Nancy sets off to the watering well to inform her friends that windows and doors are now there.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are starting to get excited as they see the signs of an forthcoming wedding.
- Time to buy gifts and clean the wedding outfits.



Step 5: The Furniture is Delivered



The Furniture is Delivered

- The furniture has now arrived and Nancy hastens to the watering well to inform her friends that it has.
- Her friends, upon returning home, tell their husbands and families the news.
- The townsfolk are now really excited and their husbands start to query the groom: **“When are you going to get your bride?”**
- He answers: **“Don’t ask me, don’t ask mom or my siblings; y’all will have to ask pops - only he knows the day and hour!”**
- **Folks now know the wedding day is near.**



*Step 6: The Chuppah is Erected and
Transportation for the Bride is Arranged*



The Chuppah is Set Up

- The Chuppah has been erected, and the horses providing the Bride's transportation have been arranged. Nancy runs once again to the watering well to inform her friends that it is almost time.
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- They now know time is short.
- The Wedding is imminent. Time to prepare to hear the shofar blow!



Step 7: The Food Arrives



The Food Is Prepared

- Nancy races as fast as she can to the watering well to inform her friends that the food has been prepared and is being set out. Did you hear? *The food has arrived and is being set out!!!*
- Her friends rush home to tell their husbands and families the news.
- Panic has fully started to set in.
- **The Wedding is ON. Too late to prepare now!**



The Food Has Arrived

- Food, especially up until just recently, spoiled quickly.
- When the neighbors and the bride's family saw the food being prepared and ready to be served, they **KNEW** the wedding was now in motion.
- The rest of the village's residents still take little or no notice of these activities. They are the "they/them" who are totally surprised when the bridegroom's friends go to the bride's house, singing, blowing shofars, shouting, and carrying the bride back to the bridegroom's house.

1Thessalonians 5:2-3 – *“For you yourselves know very well that the Day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘Peace and security’, then sudden destruction comes on them, like labor pains come on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.”*



The Addition is Finished, the Process is Complete



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

A Jewish Wedding Ceremony is full of significant rituals and is a perfect prophetic parallel of the coming of Yeshua to take his church to be his Bride, a dress rehearsal for The Rapture.

As the addition to the Father's home is being built, the townsfolk are paying attention to the many signs of how close the day of the Wedding approaches. That day was not a totally unknown event. Each new process completed gave a sign as to how much longer it would be.

Every so often, one of the groom's buddies would ask him about the actual day.



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

When the disciples asked Yeshua about his day of return to take them to be with him, he answered and told them to be alert to the signs, and with a wink and a smile, said: *“Concerning that day and hour no one knows - neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son - only the Father.”* (Mark 13:32)

Yeshua simply quoted the well known Hebrew idiom that all grooms would quote when asked about their Wedding Day.

In other words, Yeshua wasn't telling them that the day was impossible to figure out, but that it could be accurately determined within just a day or two by being alert!



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

Mark 13:37 *“And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be alert!”*

At the time of Yeshua, refrigeration did not exist.

So, when the townsfolk saw the food arrive, they knew without any shadow of doubt that the Father had given the Groom permission to go get his bride, and that the Wedding would begin either that night or the following night.

And the announcement, thanks to the next-door neighbor, went out: *“The Wedding is ON. Stay alert, get ready, because the groom is ready, near, at the door!”*



Conclusions

The Jewish Wedding Ceremony is, indeed a dress rehearsal for The Rapture. Yeshua came down from Heaven, gave his life as a ransom for his bride and offered her eternal life. He returned to heaven to prepare a place for his bride and will return to take her home.

During the process of building the home, the next-door neighbors are watching every step. When the food arrives, they rush to tell everyone: The Wedding is ON – the groom is going to bring his bride home either tonight or tomorrow!

The Jewish Wedding Pattern clearly shows that the rapture cannot happen at any ol' time. The house must be fully built, furniture installed, and the food must be ordered and delivered before the groom is allowed to go get his bride.

Final Thoughts

Amos 3:7 – *“Yahweh, does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets.”*

You have heard it said that the Rapture is a sign-less event. You have heard it said that it can happen at any moment, without notice. You have heard it said that no one knows the day or hour. I say these are blatant lies.

Matthew 24:33 – *“When you see all these things, you are to know that the time is near, right at the door.”*

Mark 13:8 – *“Nations will fight each other, there will be earthquakes in various places, there will be famines; this is but the beginning of the ‘birth pains’.”*

True, it was not for Yeshua’s disciples to know the date, but what about his future bride? Yeshua gives his bride many clues as to the time frame when her Rapture will happen. Famines, pestilences, earthquakes in diverse places, wars, ethnic tensions, and the budding of the fig tree, just to name a few.

[Final Thoughts]

Israel is back as a nation. The alliances of nations are virtually all in place. The Temple instruments are ready, the priests are being trained, and the Temple is ready to be built. The tenth red heifer may have been found.

To say that the Rapture is a sign-less event is a lie. The signs are burgeoning and quite evident for those who are alert and watching. The wedding day is at hand, very near.

The Rapture is not a sign-less event.

Yeshua has given advance notice of the many things that will precede the taking of the bride – famines, wars, etc. These are equivalent to the walls, roof, furniture, etc. of the house building.

Matthew 24:32; Mark 13:28 – *“Now let the fig tree teach you its lesson: when its branches begin to sprout and leaves appear, you know that summer is approaching.”*

[Final Thoughts]

The great day of Yahweh is getting really near, even at the door. It hastens forth and will not delay. We do NOT set dates, but clearly Yahweh is getting ready to change the course of human history once again.

The signs are clear for those who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

The bridegroom's and bride's families are alert and watching all of these activities. They are prepared.

Are you awake, are you paying attention, or are you still asleep?

Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha

Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka

Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

• Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

• Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.

Thank You
for attending this
teaching about



The Wedding
and
The Rapture