

**The Kingdom of Heaven**  
**The Marriage Feast**  
**Matt 22.1-14**

**A. Historically**

- 1. The King and His Son (vs 2)** - The king in God the Father, the Son in our Lord Jesus Christ.

***John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

Almighty-God has sent His only Son,

***Luke 19:10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

God sent His only begotten Son to seek and save the lost. That is you and I and anyone else who will respond to the Father's call.

The Father planned and prepared an marriage for His son and then called all who would come to come.

- 2. The Servants (vs 3-4)** – *And sent forth **his servants to call** them that were **bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.** <sup>4</sup> Again, **he sent forth other servants, saying,** Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.*

Notice these servants come calling (vs 3), saying (vs 4), and bidding (vs 9).

- These are the prophets who told Israel that the Messiah, the Son of God, would come for them.
- These are the Apostles who go out preaching the Gospel of the kingdom to all the world.
- This is the Powerful Word of God proclaiming the will and way of God in a dark world.

The Prophets gave Seventy-two Major clear prophecies, and 277 ramifications. Prophecies like,

- Born in Bethlehem (Micah 5.2)
- Of the Tribe of Judah (Micah 5.2)
- Rod of Jesse (Isa 11.1, 10)
- Lineage of David (Luke 2.4)

The Prophets called to Israel for God and told that their messiah was coming and called to them to be ready.

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**Israel rejected the Son of God,**

- **They refuse to come to the marriage (vs 3) – Rebellion**

*1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.*

- **The “Made Light” of the marriage (vs 5) – They just had far better things to do. They were too busy to heed God.**

*Matthew 6:19-20 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:<sup>20</sup> But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:*

*Matthew 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*

- **They beat and killed the prophets (vs 6)**
- **They even killed the Father Son –** They crucified the Lord Jesus Christ
- **They were Judged by God and scattered (vs7)**

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**This chronicles what really happened to**

**Israel.** Because they rejected the Messiah and still reject Him to this day. Israel was judged and scattered by God.

- The Northern Ten Tribes by Assyria **B.C. 722**
- The Southern Two Tribes in **70 A.D.** by Titus of Rome

Israel was scattered and driven from the promised land for 1878 years until the Jews returned to reestablish Israel in **1948**. All in fulfillment of the Word of God and Bible prophecy.

Historically this is about God, His Son, and Israel's rejection of their Messiah.

**B. Doctrinally (vs 8-10) –** *Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> **Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.** <sup>10</sup> So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.*

Doctrinally we understand that when Israel rejected the Lord Jesus Christ, God the father then offered the Marriage to those other than Israel. The Gentiles who would accept the Lord Jesus Christ and their Lord and Savior.

**This is the Church of the New Testament, which was a mystery in the Old Testament.**

God has sent out His servants preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Redeeming all who will hear and repent and preparing them to soon enter into **the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.**

## 1. The Timing of the Marriage Supper

A Born-Again Christian **who loves the Word of God**, This King James Bible, should know the timing of things to come and the revealed timing of the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

**We look for the,**

- Rapture
- The Great Tribulation on this earth
- The Bema of Christ
- The Marriage Supper of the Lamb
- The Second return of the Christ
- The Millennial Kingdom

2 Cor 5.20

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## 2. The Mission (Commission) of the Church – The Ambassador’s of Christ (2 Cor 5.20)

*2 Corinthians 5:20* Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did **beseech you by us**: [Called, Bid] we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

**This is the Great Commission of the Church (Mark 16.15).**

*Mark 16:15* And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

We are to go out Preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, bringing as many as will come into saving faith and preparing them to enter into the Marriage Supper which closely follows the Rapture of the Church.

## 3. **The Wedding of the Son of God will be Furnished!**

## Lost people are “Bid to the Marriage” (vs 9)

Notice here the **no one is forced** to come to that Marriage of the Son. You are **“Bid to the Marriage”**. This simply means that you must choose whether you will come to the marriage or not. Coming to the Marriage of the Son is a free-will choice each person must make for themselves.

God will not force anyone to go to heaven, everyone who finds their entrance into heaven,

- Will come of their own free-will.
- Will come through the Marriage of the Lamb – Through the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other way to come.

### 4. The Entrance into the Marriage Supper

#### Notice,

*Matthew 22:11-14* And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw **there a man which had not on a wedding garment:**<sup>12</sup> And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.<sup>13</sup> Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.<sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.

What is this man without a wedding garment?

Where does the wedding garment come from? We get our wedding garment or our robe of righteousness at the Bema of Christ (The Judgment Seat of Christ). No one will be allowed into the Marriage Supper of the Lamb without the robe given at the Bema of Christ.

There is only ONE-WAY into heaven and that is through the Lord Jesus Christ.

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*John 14:6* Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

We see doctrinally that,

- **God has prepared for the Marriage of His Son.**
- **Israel was bidden to the Marriage and rejected the invitation.**
- **Other persons, not of Israel, are now bidden to the Marriage.**
- **Each person must choose whether they will come to the marriage or not.**
- **The ONLY WAY in to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb is through the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**C. Inspirationally** – What this means for you and I.

**There is a coming Marriage Supper.**

**God is calling you to this Marriage Supper through His servants.**

**1. God calls you,**

- **Through the proclamation of the Church** – The witness of many Christians.

*Acts 1:8* But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: **and ye shall be witnesses unto me** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- **Through the Preaching of the Gospel of Christ**

*1 Corinthians 1:18-25* For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.  
<sup>19</sup> For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring

to nothing the understanding of the prudent. <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? <sup>21</sup> For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, **it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.** <sup>22</sup> For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: <sup>23</sup> **But we preach Christ crucified,** unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; <sup>24</sup> **But unto them which are called,** both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God,** and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

### The Call (1 Cor 1.24)

*Matthew 22:3* And sent forth his servants **to call them** that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.

### We are called to the Marriage of the Son of God.

- **Through the Word of God**

*Hebrews 4:12* For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The Word of God is calling you to the Lord Jesus Christ.

## 2. **Responses to the Word of God.**

**There are those who,**

- **Reject the Call of God (vs 3)** - *And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: **and they would not come.*** – **These are the Rebellious**

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What happens when you Reject the call of God?

You will be judged by God

*Matthew 22:7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.*

- **Are too Preoccupied for the Call of God (vs 5)** – *But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:*

These are those who just don't have any time to give to God. They have far too many things they need to do and they will be about their work.

- **Are too cruel for the Call of God (vs 6)** – *And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.*

These are those who would rather do harm to those whom god sends to call them. There are many cruel people in our world.

### 3. The Results from the Call of God – There are only two results,

- **The Judgment of God** – Coming Destruction

*Matthew 22:7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.*

- **An entrance into the Marriage** – An Entrance into the Wedding Feast

**Matthew 22:10** So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: **and the wedding was furnished with guests.**

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