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PREFACE

The Wedding Feast is the consummation of a marriage with wedding guests as **witnesses** rejoicing at the marriage. John wrote, concerning The Wedding Feast, “**Write, Blessed are they which are called [invited] to The Marriage Supper of The Lamb. And he said to me, These are the true sayings of God**” (Revelation 19:9). *The Book of Life is The Marriage Registry*. This Wedding Feast occurs at the time of The New Heaven and The New Earth (Revelation 21:1-2). That is when the bride is adorned for her husband. The Wedding Feast is God’s **rest** in The Kingdom of God.

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INTRODUCTION

“**He came unto His own and His own received Him not**” (John 1:11). Jesus came to The Jews and they rejected Him. What did Christ come to do? “**For The Law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ**” (John 1:17). Christ came to give grace (mercy) for sin, instead of sacrifice (Matthew 12:7). What truth did The Savior bring? After Christ was baptized by John, He said, “**The time is fulfilled and The Kingdom of God is at hand: repent you and believe The Gospel**” (Mark 1:14-15).

Wedding Feast

Jesus reveals **The Kingdom of God** represents a **wedding feast** (Matthew 22:2-10). You find there are three times in world history that an invitation to The Wedding was announced (Matthew 22:2-10). The Messiah had come to The Jews to declare The Kingdom of God was at hand. **The Wedding Feast** was being prepared (Matthew 22). Read about that **invitation**, “**Again, He sent forth other servants [Prophets] 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**” (Matthew 22:4). This was **the truth** Jesus came to bring. The Kingdom of God is a **marriage feast** which was about to take place. But how did The Jews react?

Well, it seems The Jews made light of this great honor and went on their merry way. Some went to their farms while others went to their individual businesses (Matthew 22:5). The King was very angry and He said when they killed His Prophets (like John, The Baptist), God would send His **armies** and destroy them. This came to pass in 70 A.D. through Titus (Matthew 22:7). Then, The King announced, “**The Wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy**” (Matthew 22:8). What did Jesus do after that? “**Therefore say I unto you, The Kingdom of God shall**

be taken from you [Jews], and given to a nation [people] bringing forth the fruits thereof” (Matthew 21:43). What fruits?

The Two Trees

Jesus describes **two trees**. Christ said **one tree** brings forth **good fruit** and **the other tree** produces **evil fruit** (Matthew 7:15-19). Then, He announces, “**by their fruits you shall know them**” (Matthew 7:20). It is that **simple**. Which trees was Jesus referring to? None other than **The Tree of Life**, which produces **Salvation** and **The Tree of Good and Evil**, which does not produce **life**. Read the book, *God’s Plan of Salvation*. Jesus revealed a **Christian** eats of the olive tree, which is The Tree of Life (**God’s Holy Spirit**) and this is **the fruit** it produces (Romans 11). It is The Spirit of God which produces this **fruit**, which is “**love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law**” (Galatians 5:22-23). Why is there no law against this? “**Love works no ill to his neighbor: therefore** [these fruits] **love is the fulfilling of** [or completes] **The Law**” (Romans 13:10). This **Tree of Life** is **The Magnified Law** Jesus came to bring. It is *The Torah*, which is **the way or the path**. Christianity is not known by a **doctrine** or **dogma**, but by a **way** or **path** to Christ (Galatians 3:24). It is **the fruit of the doctrine** that **manifests The Truth of Christ**. It isn’t **the teaching**, but what **fruit is manifested**, which proves **Christianity**. **Spiritual growth** is the point. Read the book, *Spiritual Growth*, for the full meaning.

A Worthy People

Read the final announcement to The Wedding Feast, (which is The Kingdom of God). This **Wedding Feast** takes place in The House of God. Here is Christ’s third and **final announcement** for His **invitations** to go out to invite everyone to The Wedding Feast. The final announcement does not go to a specific group of peo-

ple, “Go you therefore into the highways and as many as you shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants [Christians] 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” (Matthew 22:9-10). Amazingly, this **final wedding invitation** will call all individuals, both **the good** and **the bad**. Was there a **criteria**? Yes, there was. When Peter stated that Cornelius and his household received God’s **Holy Spirit**, they were to be baptized. Here is the reason Peter gave approval, “**Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that fears Him [honors God as The One True God] and works righteousness, is accepted with Him**” (Acts 10:34-35). How clear and simple the requirements for anyone to come to The Wedding Feast of Christ and His **Bride**. You must believe and **honor God**, to the point of **fear** and then work on becoming **righteous**. How good or bad a person may have been in the past does not matter as long as these two conditions are **met**. It isn’t any particular nation, people, gender, race, denomination, but whether or not you **fear God and labor** (like pulling an ox out of the ditch who resists) and continue to keep trying to become **righteous**. You are ready to discover what **righteousness** is, because it is **the goal** to produce **the right fruit**, through God’s **Holy Spirit**. What are the two different types of **sin**?

Sin Of Unrighteousness

The two types of sin are: **transgression of The Law** and **all unrighteousness**. “**Sin is the transgression of The Law**” (I John 3:4). A **law**, to be a **law**, must have a penalty or a **curse**. Moses’ **added Law** – The Letter of The Law had **curses** listed in Deuteronomy 28. Paul said The Law was not for a **righteous person**, but **for the unrighteous person** (I Timothy 1:7-10). Christ removed **the curse of The Law**, so under Melchizedek, The Law was a **matter of faith and righteousness**, without any **curses** (Deuteronomy 28). Jesus, with His **blood**, paid for everyone’s **sin**. Now,

The Law, magnified by Christ, is kept spiritually through God's Holy Spirit. Paul tells you **In Christ** there is **no condemnation or curse**. Now, by God's **Holy Spirit, the righteousness of The Law is fulfilled "In You"** and not by **the works of the flesh** (Romans 8:1-4). I John 3:4 is a definition of **sin** for **the unrighteous**. Read the definition of **sin** for those who **work** to be **righteous**. "**All unrighteousness is sin**" (I John 5:17). How plain! This is, exactly, why Peter defined who God **accepts**. Christians are to become completely **righteous** (God's **righteousness**), which is a **spiritual matter**. Paul called The Law spiritual (Romans 7:14).

He went on to say individuals are **carnal in the flesh**. That is why Jesus said the following, "**So likewise you, when you shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do**" (Luke 17:10). So, keeping **The Letter of The Law by your works is unprofitable**. The rich man kept all the commandments, but it never made him **perfect** (Matthew 19). In Greek, the word "**unprofitable**" means "**useless**" or "**could not be saved**" for The Kingdom of God. You must take that extra step to become righteous – **spiritually**. That is why Paul said the definition of "**sin**," according to The Letter of The Law, "**is for the unrighteous**" (I John 3:4). That is why Jesus said He **did not come to destroy The Law or The Prophets**, but to **fulfill or complete The Law** (Matthew 5). Then, He warns, to be in **The Kingdom of God**. You have to be more **righteous** than **the scribes and Pharisees**. How? Read all of John 5, 6 and 7, where Christ reveals it is a **spiritual matter**. He sums up **His point**, "**Be you therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect**" (Matthew 5:48). The word "**perfection**" in Greek is "**being guiltless**" or "**without flaw**." That is The Righteousness of God and not by **the works of the flesh**. **Righteousness** is a **cardinal key** to be in The Kingdom of God. In order to enter **The Wedding Feast**, you need to learn about The Return of Christ for **His Bride** to find it is predicated upon **spiritual growth**.

CHAPTER 1

THE RETURN OF CHRIST

When will Christ return? For thousands of years preachers have tried to name the date. Those who attempted were all false prophets (Deuteronomy 18). Christ's return is not a set date, but relies on a condition which needs to take place. *The Book of Revelation* gives you that condition, which is The Bride of Christ becoming worthy to be The Wife of Christ. That is why Jesus told His Disciples that only The Father has the power or authority to decide when The Kingdom of God will be restored to Israel (Acts 1). God is the only one who knows when the marriage will take place (Revelation 19:7).

The Apocalypse

"The Book of Revelation" in Greek means *"The Apocalypse"* which means **"the unveiling."** An unveiling refers to A Wedding when The Bride is made known as to who will be **The Wife of Christ**. *The Bible* is the story of how God, The Father, chooses a virgin to be Christ's **wife**. Initially, Israel was to be **The Bride** of Christ. But, something occurred to make God change **His mind** about Israel. Paul reveals what keeps Israel blind (II Corinthians 3:15). Read it earnestly! The Law of Moses which was to lead them to **Christ** blinded **them**. What **blinded** them? The Glory of God, The Shekinah, **His goodness** blinded them (Exodus 33:18-23). They could not look at The Glory of God. They

only understood **The Letter of The Law**, but not **The Spirit of The Law** (Romans 8). When Moses came down from **The Holy Mountain**, The Glory of God was **shining with such intensity** on his **face**, he had to **wear a veil**. Israel was **fearful** of The Goodness of God. They were not willing to face **God's goodness**, **The Shekinah Glory**. **The Very Law of Moses** was **given to Israel** as a **covenant**, as a **path** to lead them to their **future Husband** (Deuteronomy 5:3). The **Goodness of God – The Holy Law** – blinded them because they had a wrong heart (Deuteronomy 5:29).

The Veil

This **veil** on Moses' **face** kept them from **seeing all The Glory of God**. Christ came and **introduced A Greater Glory** which was *The New Covenant (Salvation)* **than Moses had with The Old Covenant**. However, Israel again rejected their **Groom** (Matthew 21:43 and John 1:11). They killed **The Groom**. In ancient times, **The Muslim** women who were **unmarried**, **veiled** their faces until they prepared themselves to be **ready** for **The Wedding Day**. You will remember in *The Book of Esther* (**Esther**, as a **physical type**) going through the preparations that were necessary to be a **Bride**. A Christian has to prepare, the same way to be Christ's **Bride**, as Esther prepared herself to be the bride of the king. Remember, when Esther was chosen from the virgins of the king's harem, it took **two** years preparing herself to become **the king's wife**. It is the same when Christians are preparing to be Christ's **Bride**, during their Christian lifetime.

Preparation included a cleansing process of various perfumes, which made her skin **soft** and **glowing**. When the choice was to be made of all **the virgins**, **Esther** was the only one who stood out as **worthy** to be **the king's wife**. As well as being beautiful **outwardly**, she was beautiful **inwardly**. She was **tested by**

God, when she actually **gave her life** for her people (**The Jews**), just as Jesus did. Esther was worthy, **externally**, and by having a **right heart**, was worthy **internally**. Ahasuerus, The King, saw her beauty and goodness and removed the veil for all to observe. He divorced Vashti, his former wife. She refused to show her **beauty to The King's court**. A **court** consists of a trial by **witnesses** and she proved **unworthy**. Read all of *The Book of Esther*. This is why The Jews keep **The Feast of Purim** (because Esther saved The Jews). That is why Jesus honored **The Keeping of The Purim**, as He knew it **shadowed The Groom and His Bride**. A “**veil**” means “**a covering which blinds for a very good reason**.” Christ told this to The Pharisees after they asked Him if they were **blind**, “**If you were blind, you should have no sin: but now you say, We see; therefore your sin remains**” (John 9:41). Couldn't be clearer! God keeps people **blinded from the truth until they are ready** to obey Him. In this way, He never holds them responsible when they **sin** because they do not understand. The Pharisees knew better (that He was **The Messiah**) and yet, they **rejected** Him and had Him killed. Later, in 70 A.D., Titus slaughtered them. As long as someone **is blind to the truth**, God does **not hold that person responsible for sin**. People begin to be responsible when they **repent** and start to **know better** by having a **right heart**.

Israel, as a nation, is blinded, to this day, by the very Law which was to reveal their **Husband**. They remain veiled and do not understand. They have a wrong heart and do not know God's **ways** (Hebrews 3:10). As long as Christ's **Bride** remains **veiled**, she **has not made herself worthy to be The Wife of Christ!**

A Greater Glory

“**But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraved in**

stones [*Ten Commandments*] was glorious [Shekinah goodness], so that the children of Israel could not steadfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory [goodness] of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away: How shall not the ministration of the spirit [spiritual growth] be rather glorious [greater goodness]? For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more does the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory” (II Corinthians 3:7-9)! Paul concludes the difference between The Administration of Moses and The Administration of Christ by saying, “**But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil untaken away in the reading of *The Old Testament*; which *veil* is done away in Christ. But even until this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart**” (II Corinthians 3:14-15). Do you really understand what Paul just said? Paul describes being **under Moses’ Administration of The Law** only brought **death**. Why?

Because their **flesh** was **weak** and they sinned; therefore, **the curse of The Law** was **death** (Deuteronomy 28). By breaking *The Ten Commandments*, which was **sinning**, they were found **guilty** and had to be **put to death**. God’s **glory** was to lead them to Christ, but instead only brought **death**. They were **no longer blinded**. They knew better! The **culprit** was their hearts, which **blinded their minds**. By not having a sound mind they made bad decisions. So, the problem was that they had a wrong **heart** and a wrong **mind**. That is **the reason** they **lacked righteousness**. It is **your desire** which **gives you a wrong heart**, therefore, **you lack wisdom** (Proverbs 18:1-2). Your heart has to do with **your innermost feelings and your desires**, which affects your **heart**. If you are **fearful**, as **cowards**, you just want to **run away and hide**. Read what **God’s Holy Spirit** can do, “**For God has not given us the spirit of fear [cowardice]; but of power and of love and of a sound mind**” (II Timothy 1:7). When God gives you **His**

Spirit, it changes your heart. **You will not be fearful** or act like a **coward**. God's **love** will be shed abroad **in your heart** so you can have a **sound mind**. Your desire will be to have a sound mind. In Greek, "**a sound mind**" means "**a disciplined**" or "**a wise mind.**" God's **Holy Spirit** gives you **His love** which gives you the power to grow to get **wisdom** or have a **sound mind** (Romans 5:5). That is what **spiritual growth** is **all about!**

The Two Priesthoods

"For The Priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of The Law" (Hebrews 7:12). Christ was of The Priesthood of Melchizedek (not Levi). The Law "**isn't being done away with,**" but it had to be changed. The question is how? The Law is **administered** differently under Christ than under Moses. Under Christ, **The Law** is **magnified** or **made larger** so it can be **honorable** or more **glorious** (Isaiah 42:21). Read how **The Law**, under Jesus, is better than it was **under Moses**. **The Law** by **Christ's Administration** brought life; while Moses' Administration of **The Law** led to **death**. This was *The Old Covenant* with Moses, which was meant for The Twelve Tribes of Israel and now, includes **all nations** (Deuteronomy 5:3 and Acts 10:35). *The New Covenant* has to do with becoming **righteous** (II Corinthians). It calls The Administration of The Law under Christ – **The Administration of Righteousness**. That is why the definition of "**sin**" for Christians is, "**All unrighteousness is sin**" (I John 5:17). The Administration of The Law under Moses led to death, as it explains what sin is, but cannot make you righteous (I John 3:4).

Righteousness Is Perfection

Under **The Priesthood of Melchizedek**, it changes **the carnal or fleshly commandment** to **eternal life** (Hebrews 7:15-16). It isn't

that *The Commandments* were carnal, but **The Letter of The Law** was **for unrighteous people** who were carnal. “**For The Law [Moses] made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by that which we draw near to God**” (Hebrews 7:19). There it is!

Only under *The New Covenant*, **The Priesthood of Melchizedek**, can Christ write **God’s Law** in your heart (**desire**) and **mind**. Therefore, you receive **God’s righteousness** and do not have to do **The Works of The Law**. Humans who are **carnal** will keep sinning **until they die**. Christ cannot **return** until **His Bride** becomes **worthy** to be **His Wife** to be **righteous or perfect** (Acts 10:35). Christ will return when **the veil of The Bride** can be **removed**. Then **her glory**, The Glory of God and The Righteousness of God will be seen – **The Shekinah of God**.

CHAPTER 2

THE MIND OF GOD

How does The Bride become worthy to be The Wife of Christ? As a human, Jesus, also, had to prove He was worthy to be The Groom. What is God's standard for The Groom and The Bride?

Spiritual Growth

During all your human days upon earth, you should strive to become **perfect** in stature, like Jesus (Ephesians 4:11-13). Your job is to grow **spiritually**, to be like Christ, The Bridegroom. God, The Father of everyone, requires you to be **a certain kind of "being"** before He permits your **marriage** to His **Son**. This is the reason **you must** continue to grow **spiritually** during your human existence.

The Father's Choice

Because of Adam's and Eve's sin, a genealogical choice of their progeny no longer existed. God instituted **The Priesthood of Melchizedek** from the beginning, rather than through **the firstborn**. Melchizedek is an **order** or selection by **oath**, directly from God and not through a human father or mother (Hebrews 7). Melchizedek's choice was determined that one had to have **faith** and **love righteousness**. The Tribe of Levi only required a genealogical selection by **firstborn** and did not need God's **approval** (through an **oath**). **The Melchizedek Priesthood** was Godly, while **The Aaronic Priesthood** was not. The Priesthood

of Melchizedek needed a prepared human body to be a **sacrifice** (Hebrews 10:5-10). This **act** proved **the agapé love** in The One giving His Body as a **sacrifice**. Christ gave His **life** for **His Bride**. God said He had **no pleasure in animal sacrifice**. It was only a **type** and proved nothing as to one's **love**. The Aaronic Priesthood could only lead a person to Jesus, **The Groom** (Galatians 3:24). Not only was **The Groom** to be **worthy**, but **The Groom's Bride** must be **worthy**, also.

Mind Of God

God's **Plan of Salvation** is revealed in Isaiah 55:6-11. When you **seek God** by listening to **His word**, a **miraculous transaction** will take place "**In You**."

If you **seek God** for **His answers**, **the first thing** He will do for you is **be merciful**. Because of Christ, He will forgive you for all your **sins**. Then, God declares His **thoughts**, **His very mind** **which** is superior to mankind's **way of thinking**. He explains, as the heavens are **higher** than the earth, so are God's **ways** and **thoughts** higher than any human's thoughts. If you desire to seek **His word**, you are going to **prosper** in all you do. Wow!

The answer to being **worthy** is to listen and seek **God's word**, so you can know and have **The Very Mind of God**. **The Bride** has to, **spiritually**, **grow** into **The Mind of God**. Paul said, "**Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 2:5). Christ's **mind** is **The Very Mind of God** (Hebrews 1:2). Christ is in **God's exact image**. How does God give you His **superior mind**? Paul told Timothy that God has not given you a **spirit of fear**, but has **given you His Holy Spirit of Power**. He gives you **His agapé love**, so you can have a **sound mind** (II Timothy 1:7 and Romans 5:5).

The Dilemma

God wants to give you **His mind**, by **His word** for a **very good** reason. God's **Plan of Salvation** is how He is solving the problem to give you **eternal life**. God wants you to live forever. Who wouldn't want to **live forever**? God wants to **grant** you all **the blessings** of **all His creative power**. God is promising you a **life in Paradise**. How does God, in **His superior mind**, bring this to pass? God declares He will **succeed in all He desires** and will complete all **His plans** (Isaiah 46:10). That is a promise. It is an **absolute guarantee**. How does God resolve this dilemma that in **The Kingdom of God** there will be nothing but **joy and happiness forever**? Only those in The Kingdom of God must, by their **free choice**, always **choose** what is **best** for God and all **His creation**. Anything **less** defeats His **purpose**! Paul said, "**The creature waits for the manifestation of The Sons of God**" (Romans 8:19). The reason God has made you with a **temporary life** – ending in **death** – was so you could **learn to want** "**life eternal**." By wanting **Salvation**, it **motivates you** to **pursue eternal life**. It should be your primary desire. Fear is what **drives you to live**. Therefore, you **are afraid to die**. "**The fear of The Lord is the beginning of wisdom**" (Proverbs 9:10).

We Seek God Because Of Fear

Why believe in God at all? You find you believe in God because you do not want to die. You were born to die and, therefore, believe in your Creator because there is no other option. Paul said, "**If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain [nothing]; you are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished [dead]**" (I Corinthians 15:17-18). There is your answer. You believe in God because you can turn to no one else. Either there is a God who resurrects you, or you will die and **stay dead**.

You begin to be **fearful** not to believe in God! God reveals that **fear** is the **beginning of knowledge**. When Israel believed God, it was because they **feared Him**. Here is what Israel said when God gave them *The Ten Commandments*, “**Go you [Moses] near and hear all that The Lord Our God shall say: and speak you unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto you; and we will hear *it* and do *it*. And The Lord heard the voice of your words, when you spoke unto me; and The Lord said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken to you [Moses]. They have well said all that they have spoken**” (Deuteronomy 5:27-28). They agreed to obey God because they **feared Him**, which was the **beginning of knowledge**. Then, God said to Moses, “**O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever**” (Deuteronomy 5:29)! They were still **carnal and unconverted**. But they did **fear God** and that was the beginning of following The Path to Salvation.

It is the way you start to **learn the truth**. Parents, at times, have to discipline their children to look before they cross a street or **not** to touch a hot stove. Israel sinned when Moses went up **the mountain** to get God’s **word**. God gave them a **very special covenant**. Moses told Israel this covenant was made, only with them and not their fathers (from Adam to Jacob or Israel) (Deuteronomy 5:3). Later, you will see the fathers were under *The New Covenant* and not **the covenant** which was only a Covenant of Fear. Israel’s covenant was not based upon **faith**. Whenever a Priesthood is changed, there is, also, a change in **The Law** (Hebrews 7:12). **The Law of God** and **The Law of Moses** are two different **laws**. Israel **erred in their hearts** and **did not know God’s ways** (Hebrews 3:10). Why? They **did not have faith**, they had **fear**. They were just beginning to get **knowledge** and

God accepted them. Since Israel feared God and agreed to work to be **righteous**, **God accepted them** (Acts 10:35).

God's Salvation

God begins to change mankind once they **fear** Him and are willing to work for **righteousness**. **Before** the creation of the earth and the universe, God predestined **a plan**. What was this plan? Paul tells **The Saints**, **The Holy Ones** and **The Faithful**, God would bestow upon them **all the spiritual blessings** (Ephesians 1:3-10). These blessings are not The Law of Moses (**works of the flesh**); they are all **the gifts** (through grace) which come from God. What are these **blessings**? God adopts you from your human parents by Jesus Christ, through The Holy Spirit, to be **Holy** and **without blame**. God **planned** it before there was a universe. Here is **The Plan of Salvation**. God receives **great pleasure** in making **you just like Him**, to be **The Very Sons of God**. Why? It is the only **perfect way** God can **give you eternal life in Paradise**. God's **plan** is to have His **family** with Him. This is God's **great will** or **desire**.

Once God accepts you to do **His will**, God gives **grace** or **mercy**. God reveals this **Mystery of His Will** to Christians, according to His **good pleasure**. God is **love** and **His nature is to give** and **share that love**. Therefore, **He must always create**. The completion of this purpose is at **the dispensation of His inheritance** (heavenly gift). In Greek, "**a dispensation**" refers to "**The House of God**" or "**all that He has**." This is at the time when all is **Holy** and in God's **love** without blame or sin! God, then, through Christ, distributes His **blessings** to **all things** in **heaven** and **earth**. God works **all things** according to His Own Counsel and **will**. It is **The Very Purpose of God to be All In All** (I Corinthians 15:28). This concludes **The Will of God's Inheri-**

tance. God's **Plan of Salvation** has to do with **righteousness** by **faith**, and not **Law** by **works**. This **flawless Plan of Perfection** **guarantees** that everyone in The House of God will live in **Paradise, eternally**. They will do **no harm** to God or **His creation**. That is why Paul concludes with these words, "**That we [Christians] should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ**" (Ephesians 1:12). God's **great, abundant, heavenly gift** is **God's glory**. The word "**Doxa**" in Greek, means "**God desires to share His riches with all His Creation.**" (Remember, one word in Hebrew or Greek can only be explained by almost a dozen English words). What a **loving Father!** Praise be to **Him!** This **dispensation** concludes at The Wedding Feast, which is God's **Gift of Riches** to everyone, because everyone will be **righteous, like God**. You are about to cover this **life's adventure** where God, through Christ, makes Christians **worthy** to be **His Son's Wife**.

CHAPTER 3

THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Bible study can be approached from turning a page or a scroll reading. Most Bible study is like reading a book. Reading *The Bible* as a book is to read one page at a time, but while reading the scroll, you unroll and view it as a whole. *The Book of Revelation* was written to Christ's Seven Churches in Asia Minor. It was written to uncover or reveal future events. You read about The Seven Seals, The Seven Trumpets, The Seven Last Plagues, to The End Times of The White Throne Judgment, concluding with The New Heaven and The New Earth. The book, *Revelation Uncovered* describes *The Book of Revelation* as all the invisible events are made visible. Now, you are about to unroll Revelation as a scroll, to unveil its true purpose.

Warning To The Seven Churches

Christ, specifically, had John write this *The Book* to **The Seven Churches**. The word “Revelation” in Greek is “Apocalypse” meaning “**the unvailing.**” This is The Unvailing of The Bride, to see if she is **worthy** to be Christ's **Wife**. To be **The Wife of Jesus**, **The Bride** must be **righteous**. Today, all Christian Churches have to ask themselves if they are **sure** they will be **Christ's Bride** (and be in **The First Resurrection**). They won't be, unless **they are dressed in righteousness**. That is why Peter said, “**God only accepts those who fear Him and work righteousness**” (Acts

10:35). “**He that fears Him [God] and works righteousness, is accepted by Him.**” The trouble with **God’s Seven Churches** is that they were not growing in **the right direction** to become **the prospective bride**. All had something **wrong** with them except The Philadelphian Church of God (having a little strength) (Revelation 3:8). What was **the little strength** they had?

The little strength of The Philadelphians is they had **kept God’s word** and **did not deny Christ, their future Husband**. Jesus set an **open door** so they could enter to be **His Wife**. Jesus, The Groom, tells them, “**I come quickly.**” Then, He warned them to “**hold that fast which you have, that no man take your crown**” (Revelation 3:11). This **crown** represents **His Wife**, who will be **The Queen at The Wedding Feast**. This wedding is **A Royal Wedding**, between a **Prince** and a **Princess**. There are those in **The First Resurrection** who do not have to go through **the tribulation trials**. They are **faithful** and **Holy (righteous)**. **Salvation** has nothing to do with The Law of Moses (human works). It has everything to do with **spiritual growth**. They must all climb **The Ladder** to The House of God starting with having **fear of dying**, then, to receive **mercy, wisdom, understanding, faith** and **judgment**. The last step brings **God’s love**. When they have attained **agapé love**, they have **fulfilled The Law – God’s Law**, which is His **righteousness, The Very Mind Of God** (Isaiah 55). This is **God’s Plan of Salvation**. The rest of **The Six Churches** received a stronger **warning** before Christ’s **return**. *The Book Of Revelation* is all about the **unveiling of Christ’s Bride**, who must make herself worthy. She must be **dressed in God’s righteousness** (Revelation 19:7-8).

The Church of Ephesus

Christ lists all **the good works** of The Ephesian Church. There

were many, but they lacked one thing; they had left their **First Love** – Jesus. Instead of humanitarian works, they needed to **preach and live like Jesus** (Revelation 2:1-3). They were not witnessing Christ.

He warned them He would remove their **candlestick** when He returned, unless and until **they repented** (Revelation 2:5). They should have continued to preach Jesus, The Christ, as **The Good News** to the world. They were too busy in charitable affairs and not **witnessing *The Gospel***. If they **overcame**, they would be able to eat of The Tree of Life in **The Paradise of God**. **Then their spiritual growth** would have continued in The Kingdom of God.

The Church of Smyrna

Smyrna is Christ's **Bride** who went through **much tribulation** in their human existence. Their only warning was to remain **faithful** unto **death**. They were guaranteed a **Crown of Life** as Christ's **Wife** (Revelation 2:10). Because of their **faith**, The Smyrna Church of God will not experience **The Second Death** (Revelation 2:11). They were the most spiritually rich church of the seven.

The Church of Pergamos

The Church in Pergamos held **fast** to Christ's **name**. This Church preached Jesus and did not deny **the faith**, even in **martyrdom**. They were involved with Balaam (making **The Church** into a **business**) instead of growing in love to receive **The Free Gift of Salvation**. They were, also, into **paganism**. When Jesus returns, they will be in The Tribulation. They, in Pergamos, who overcome, will be a **white stone** (meaning **righteousness**) in **The Temple of God**.

The Church of Thyatira

This church was involved in many **good works** of **charity**, **service**, **faith** and they had **patience**. The last days of this church would **be better** than when they began. This church had a **great sin**, which was **idolatry**. Those in Thyatira followed the teachings of Jezebel or **Baal worship**. Christ gave this church time to repent of **paganism**, but since she did not, it will become necessary for this church to go through **The Great Tribulation**. Then, Jesus concluded and stated those in this church should hold fast to **the good works** they were doing (Revelation 2:25). They will be **rulers in The House of God**. They will be **The Bride of Christ**, **The Morning Star** (Revelation 22:16).

The Church of Sardis

The Sardis Church was alive as Christ's **church**, but had **died**. This church was not **growing spiritually**. Jesus warned them "**to hold onto what they had**." Their **works** were not **perfect**. They stopped looking for Christ's "**return**." However, **a few were worthy** and became **righteous**. These few will become **The Wife of Christ**. They will not be removed from *The Marriage Registry*, which is *The Book of Life* (Revelation 19:9). Some may end up being **The Guests** at The Wedding.

The Church of Laodicea

(The Philadelphian Church had already been dealt with). Now to **the seventh** and final **Menorah Candlestick**, **The Laodiceans**, who should have been **witnessing Christ**, but were not. This church was **a piece of work!** They were in **love with themselves**. They thought only they had **the truth**. They did not believe any of Christ's other **churches** belonged to Him and would have **noth-**

ing to do with them. Spiritually, they were neither **cold** nor **hot**, they were **lukewarm**. They had **some truth** and thought they were **rich** and **needed nothing** more. But, Jesus wished they were either **cold** or **hot**. In the parable of **the talents**, the one with one talent was fearful their one talent would be lost. It never occurred to them to increasing it to two or more. They were satisfied with the knowledge they had and did not feel they needed to continue to grow. The Laodiceans were waiting for Him to return, to give Him **the talents** they were originally given. They never grew to “**the love level**” on **the ladder**.

Christ concluded they were **naked, spiritually poor** and **blind**. Christ’s **solution** was for them to go into **The Lake of Fire** so they can be **purged**. Then, they could **see their nakedness and begin to be clothed (spiritually) in righteousness**. Here is how Jesus concluded **His messages to His Seven Churches**, “**As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me. To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with Me in My Throne, even as I also overcame and am set down with My Father in His Throne. He that has an ear, let him hear what The Spirit says unto the churches**” (Revelation 3:19-22).

This is what **the unvailing** of *The Book of Revelation* is **all about**. It is **the unvailing of Christ’s Bride “in worthiness” to be His Wife**. **His Wife** must be **clothed in righteousness**. She must become as a **white stone** (Godly beauty) (Revelation 21:2 and Revelation 19:8).

CHAPTER 4

THE SLAIN LAMB

The Bride of Christ must overcome and become worthy. Many are not aware that Jesus, in His human existence, also had to become worthy to be The Bride's Husband. *The Book Of Revelation* is all about The Wedding Feast of The Groom and The Bride. The Bride must become worthy to be His Wife before Christ can return (Revelation 19:7). The Marriage of The Lamb cannot take place until His Bride is ready (worthy).

WHO IS WORTHY?

The purpose of The Church of God is to become exactly like Christ – perfect (Ephesians 4:11-13). Many understand it is a requirement for Salvation. God, The Father, demands that The Bride and The Groom prove their love for each other. If not, God will not approve having **the wedding** and won't allow Jesus to return. Both must prove their **worthiness**.

A Spiritual Matter

You must grow **spiritually** by God's **Holy Spirit** if you are to be **saved**. The Father, however, insists you **grow spiritually**, so The Bride and The Groom can marry. It is **an internal matter** and, it is what's in your heart and mind that counts. Just as **Salvation** is forever, marriage is forever or "**until death do us part**." If there is no death, only **life eternal**, then the marriage is, **also**, forever.

God's **kingdom** is eternal and is ruled by a **monarchy**. God as **The Great King**, Jesus as **The King of Kings** and The Bride as **Queen**. That is why when Jesus **returns** for The Bride, both will usher in The Kingdom of God. One event ties in with another.

God's Plan

You are about to find out God planned both **Salvation** and Christ's **marriage** at the same time (Ephesians 1:1-14). Read it thoroughly. In the beginning, before the creation of the universe, God predestined The Kingdom of God and The Wedding Feast. God, consisting of **agapé love**, had a **great desire to pour out His heavenly blessings, His glory**, upon His **creation** (Romans 8). He loves His **creation** and it pleases Him to bestow miraculous gifts. As humans, you seek what gives you **pleasure** from the day you are born. When you do your pleasure, you feel you are having **fun**. It is inborn or genetic in everyone, because at your **birth**, God gives you **life** from **The Spirit of Life**. Life is God – “In You.” Your only problem is, you are flesh and subject to **death**; therefore, you **sin** to survive at all **costs**. As children, you play games to fantasize, and by your imagination, you win all your games. That is probably why all games are in such demand today. When you mature and grow, your business games require the use of your talents for personal achievement of your goals. It's called **success**. For actors, receiving The Oscar or other human recognition is fun, because it **substantiates their success**. Sports champions, inventors, authors, all pursue the same motivation – self acclamation is their **pleasure**. That is what human life is all about. The problem is that it is **vain** or **temporary**. The Kingdom of God and The Wedding Feast are **eternal**. They are **for real** and **they last forever**. God, therefore, only pursues **eternal goals** which give **Him pleasure**. Love **fulfills** or **completes the entire law** (Romans 13:10). All **laws**, by God **covenant**, are **eternal**

because it achieves the same **goal**, which is **love**. Therefore, **love** is **the fulfilling or completion of The Law**. All of God's **Laws** come from **love** and, therefore, are never **destroyed**. God's **Laws** are, however, **conditional** towards **Salvation** and **The Wedding Feast**. Continuing to achieve God's **purpose** or His **will**, **does require everyone to be Holy** (Ephesians 1:4). There is a very good reason for this.

Until these **conditions are achieved**, God could not give anyone **Salvation** or an invitation to **The Wedding Feast**. Human nature does not know “**good**” from “**evil**.” God has made an **eternal covenant** with humanity for them to receive **Salvation**. God can do so by having a **perfect plan** that **lasts forever** (Paradise). This is why you are **saved by faith** – having **absolute trust in God**. Achieving **agapé love** results in **eternal trust**. This, then, is **God's Holy Plan of Salvation**. God starts His **plan** by making everyone **temporary** or subject to **death**, which causes you to strive to **survive** at any cost. Once you grow **to agapé love**, your **faith**, in God, through Christ, is **the final step to spiritual growth**. God, therefore, **adopts** you from human parents (being subject to death) to become **The Very Sons** of God. Then, you will be like Him in Holiness and **love**. God achieves this **perfection** through **His Holy Spirit**. The Holy Spirit leads you to **The Very Mind and Heart of God**. This is **the perfect plan** for **Salvation** and **The Marriage of The Groom and Bride**.

Heavenly Blessings

What **gifts** does God grant you by His **Holy Spirit**? “**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings** [Greek “gifts”] **in heavenly places** [God's house] **in Christ**” (Ephesians 1:3). These spiritual gifts, from God's **Holy Spirit**, are what allows you to be **Holy** and be-

come blameless. This is **God's righteousness**. **The Laws of God** only reveal what **sin** is. For a **carnal society** with a **wrong heart** or **wrong desires**, **The Letter of The Law** produces a physical **civil community** with **sin**, but has **curses** or **judgments** to control **sin** (Deuteronomy 28). The Law does not **give Salvation** because it does not make anyone **sinless** (Hebrews 7). The Law, when **magnified**, makes The Law **honorable** (Isaiah 42:21). It makes you **perfect** by **writing God's Laws in your heart and mind**. Through this process, it changes your **nature** from **carnal** (a beast) to **spiritual (God's righteousness)**. That is why *The Old Covenant Law* of Moses produces **death** and *The New Covenant Law* gives **life eternal** (II Corinthians 3). *The New Covenant* makes you **righteous without sin** (Hebrews 10). There is a change of The Priesthood from Levi to Melchizedek and, by doing so, changes **The Law** (Hebrews 7:12). The Levitical Priesthood could only offer **animal sacrifices** for Israel's sins. That is why I John 3:4 only reveals **sin**, but cannot produce **righteousness**. Capital crimes produces nothing but death.

The Melchizedek Priesthood, through **faith**, can make you **righteous**. That is why Christ's **death** paid for your **sins** and by God's **Holy Spirit**, you can be changed to be **righteous**. That is why Jesus is **worthy** to be **The Groom**. Christ cleanses The Bride to make her (Christians) worthy to be **His Wife** (Ephesians 5). The definition of "**sin**" for Christians, is not I John 3:4, but I John 5:17.

The New Covenant with Christ as High Priest removes **sin**, which therefore, has **no judgments** or **curses**. The Law administered by Jesus, **gives Salvation**. It is a **better covenant based upon better promises** (Hebrews 7 and 8). What are these **better promises**? They are **the heavenly blessings – gifts from Christ**, to **His Bride**. Here are **the gifts to Christ's Bride by The Holy**

Spirit: 1) **Fear**; 2) **Mercy**; 3) **Wisdom**; 4) **Understanding**; 5) **Faith**; 6) **Judgment (Justice)**; and 7) **Love**. These gifts are **free**, which gives you **God's righteousness – His mind**. Then, you will always **know good** from evil. What a **Wonderful Counselor Christ** is (Isaiah 9:6)!

Prophecy Continues

Now you understand God's **mind** and why **He is well pleased** with **His Son**. Christ paid for **your sins**, but He bestows **gifts** upon you which makes you **righteous**. Then you will be **His Wife** at **The Wedding Feast**. The Apostle John wept when **no man** could be found **worthy** to **unseal** *The Book of Revelation*. Only then can Christ return to a **worthy wife** (Revelation 5:3-4). Then, **one of the twenty-four elders** in heaven stated Jesus was worthy to **open** *The Book* with **The Seven Seals**. **Prophetically, this is very significant!** A slain lamb had **seven horns** and **seven eyes**, which are **The Seven Spirits of God**, which reveal **the state of the world** (Revelation 5:6). This **lamb** with **seven horns** or the **seven beasts** representing **world governments** were destroyed when Jesus died on the cross (Revelation 13). **The Times of The Gentiles** will have been **fulfilled** and it will be **time** for Christ to replace **The World's Gentile Rule** with **The Kingdom of God**. It is time for **The Wedding Feast**. **The Groom** is **worthy** through **agapé love**. **The Bride** has to become **worthy** to be **The Wife**. Christ will return with **His Wife** to establish **The Kingdom of God** during **The Engagement Period** just before The Wedding takes place. This will be **The Millennium**.

CHAPTER 5

THE SEVEN SEALS

Many are not aware, but the series of world events prophesied in Revelation 6, 7 and 8 cause part of a world curse. God sent this curse to the earth because The Jews rejected John, The Baptist, who came in The Spirit of Elijah, to prepare the way for the coming of The Bridegroom (Malachi 4:5-6). Elijah was to turn the hearts of the children (Judah), back to The Father in The Keeping of The Law of Moses. Herod killed John, The Baptist and then had The Romans crucify The Bridegroom, The Christ.

The World Curse

Because they rejected Jesus as Yashua, The Messiah, He said He was going to make another nation more worthy to be His **Bride** (Matthew 21:43). God offered The Kingdom in Jerusalem to a nation which would bring forth the fruits. Jesus outlined this **world curse** because The Jews did not heed John, The Baptist and denied Christ. Pontius Pilate put Christ to death (Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 detail this curse). The first curse was the destruction of The Temple and The Tribulation of The Jews, who were scattered into all nations and lasted until 1948. This great tribulation upon Judah decimated the land, **“And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive [The Jews] into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by The Gentiles, until The Times of The Gentiles be fulfilled”** (Luke 21:24). This covers world history from 70 A.D. to the end of

Daniel 2 before **Christ's return**. This is when The Gentile Rule of The World ends. This is, **biblically**, known as **The End of Days**. Christ picks up His **prophecy** with “**the time of heavenly signs**,” with the opening of **The Seventh Seal** (Luke 21:25). **The Seventh Seal** announces **The Seven Trumpets**. This begins **The End of Days**. Thousands of years have transpired as Peter foretold in II Peter 3:7-9. During the time of these seals, God calls a remnant of Israel (The 144,000 of The Tribes of Israel) to go through **The Second World Tribulation** and **The Seven Trumpets** (Revelation 7). Then, God's Two Witnesses – The Church of God and Israel – are made **white** in this **end-time tribulation**.

The Seven Trumpets

God, with The Seven Trumpets, announces His **intervention** into world affairs. The Time of The Gentile's World Rule is coming to an **end**. Those in the world become frightened and turn to a last source – religion. They accept a **false Christ** (the anti-Christ) and The Great Whore reigns on the earth during The Great Tribulation, persecuting true Christians and The 144,000 Israelites. These are **The Two Witnesses of God**. These are those who go through The Great Tribulation because Satan is **angry** and knows his time is short. “**And the dragon [Satan] was wroth with the woman [The Bride], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep *The Commandments* of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ** (Revelation 12:17). Those Christians, who were growing **spiritually**, go into **safety** and are protected from this **tribulation**. Those who had received **one talent** and knew Christ was returning and were too **fearful** to grow, have to go through this **great time of world trouble** (lasting 3½ years). **The Seven Trumpets**, during this time, is God's **announcement** of **The Wedding Feast**, and the world must repent. The Bride, too, must get ready for **The Return of The Groom**. These are

God's warnings. His **patience** and **longsuffering** is near an end (**The End Time**) before He **spans** the world with **The Seven Last Plagues**. This is God's **announcement** that **The Wedding Feast** is to occur and **The Kingdom of God** will be **restored** to **Israel**. The **whole world** should get ready and **repent**, or they will receive **The Seven Last Plagues**. They will then be cursed because of **The Mark of The Beast**.

The Mark of The Beast is not a physical mark, but one that is **the mark of one's behavior**. Over and over, *The Book of Revelation* reveals those with **The Mark of The Beast** must repent. Here is what those with **The Mark of The Beast** did after God released **The Seven Plagues** upon them, "**And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent [one hundred pounds]: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great**" (Revelation 16:21). What is **The Mark of The Beast**? A **beast** is either **wild** or **not**. Some beasts can be **tamed**, like a **horse**, an **ox**, or even a **falcon**. The best **animal** is a **lamb**, which is **docile**. **The Mark of The Beast** has to do with **the worst type of behavior**. God tells you who these **beasts** are. This **mark** has **three** outstanding **characteristics** (Revelation 13:17-18). Being in business will be difficult (that is, if you are buying and selling or attempting to be an entrepreneurial person). This is a time of **world prosperity because of globalization**. That is why **the merchants of the world cry and moan** when **The Beast** is **destroyed**. God warns **His people** to "**come out of her [Babylon] [repent]**" (Revelation 18:4). Some **Christians** and **Israelites**, who are not **growing spiritually** (but want to be **Christ's Bride**), must go through **The Great Tribulation**. They have **The Mark of The Beast**. They are part of **the world's system** having a **wrong behavior**. These Christians and Israelites need **deep repentance** to **love The Groom** and **God** and be willing to **die** for

Him. All world merchants will be happy and anxious to sell their products and services. This end-time is when competition is, first and foremost, in the minds of most individuals. This is a time of **The Ten Toes of The Great Image** in Daniel 2. These are The Ten Toes or ten world leaders who will be competing for the world's assets, which will be running out. Competition will be primary in all people. That is why the toes are made of iron and clay. This is a time when the world prospers because of globalization. At the same time, greedy competition keeps each of the ten world leaders in a frenzy for their share of the world's assets. The world will wonder if there will be world peace or war, just as they wonder today. The end-times are almost here!

The second sign of **The Mark of The Beast** is the number of a man. Finally, that number is 666. What three men were like beasts in control of the world? The three men who acted as beasts were Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, Cyrus of Media-Persia and Alexander, The Great. They were like a lion, bear and leopard (Revelation 13). All these three beasts were most violent. Combined, you get 666, and they become **The Fourth Beast – The Roman Empire Image**. Today's world is escalating to be **The Image of The Beast** – the last one ending at their gathering at **Armageddon** – to attack **Jerusalem**, which is now, **Babylon, The Great Whore** (Zechariah 14).

The Seventh Trump

When Joshua had The Priests march around the city blowing the trumpets for seven days, it was a warning of a very serious event which was to take place. God wants humans to repent. God pleads with mankind to change, so He can bless them. He has great love for His creation. Christ has proved Himself wor-

thy as **The Slain Lamb** (Revelation 5). With The Great Tribulation underway, those with The Mark of The Beast (competitive behavior) have God sending His **Seven Trumpets** as **warnings**. With all its global **prosperity**, **the greed** of humanity will be at its **world pinnacle**. Nothing will stop them from coveting all the world's assets. Even God's **intervention** with (**The Seven Trumpets**) the world, although fearful, they will still **not repent**. In Jericho, on The Seventh Day, when the trumpets sounded, **the city walls fell** and Jericho was taken captive. Likewise, as The Seventh Trumpet sounds, this **Gentile-ruled world** will be at an end. The **battle** of World War III is about to occur. All the nations of the world surround Jerusalem and **a great earthquake** splits the city. Half of the people are **taken captive** when Christ begins to return. Human life, as in The Days of Noah, suddenly comes to an end. Jesus has to **return** to **save the world** from suicide.

The Seventh Trump ushers in two **great events**. One is The Return of **The Prince** for **His Wife**, who is now also **worthy**. It is at this time, human rule will end and The Kingdom of God will begin on **earth**. As Christ comes out of **The East** and **the lightning strikes** in the sky, **He** meets **His Wife** in the clouds. As **He** descends as **a knight in shining armor** on **His white horse**, **The Seven Last Plagues** are unleashed upon those with **The Mark of The Beast**. Read all of Revelation 19. **The Engagement Period** of The Groom is about to be announced. For 1,000 years the world will be called continually to **The Wedding Feast**. All the world is invited. (Both **the bad** and **the good**). During this period, Christ and His **Wife-to-be** are Priests and Kings, **judging the world**. Satan and the false prophets are thrown into a Lake of Fire. **No deception** takes place during this **Engagement Period**. It is a **time** when Israel, as a nation, is **saved** and will be **God's witnesses** to the rest of the world (Romans 11:26).

CHAPTER 6

CHRIST'S WIFE

As Jesus said, “the last [Gentiles] shall be first and the first [Israel] last” (Matthew 20:16). Now, the virgins who were wise (worthy) were to be Christ’s Wife, from both The Gentiles and Israel. Chapter 11 in Romans states, “Israel is grafted back into The Natural Olive Tree.” Both are God’s Faithful Witnesses. It is time for The Wedding Feast.

What Is The Feast?

The Wedding Feast is more than a party. It is a **way of life**. Christ’s **return** ushers in The Kingdom of God and represents a Sabbath’s **delight**. God promises that **if you delight in His Sabbath**, you will be in **eternal rest**. “**Then shall you delight yourself in the Lord; and I will cause you [Israel] to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed you with the heritage [inheritance] of Jacob your father: for the mouth of The Lord has spoken it**” (Isaiah 58:14). Starting with **The Millennium**, The Kingdom of God rules and continues right into **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth** with **The Wedding Feast**, “**And in this mountain [government] shall The Lord of Hosts make unto [with] all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees [over abundance], of fat things full of marrow [health], of wines on the lees well refined**” (Isaiah 25:6). What is this **time period**? **Death will end** and **all the world** will know **The Truth of God** (Isaiah 25:7-9). “**...He might gather together in one all things [God is All In All] [universe] in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which**

are on earth; even in Him” (Ephesians 1:10). This is the time when the entire world will bow and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:10-12). The New Heaven and The New Earth is **a feast** for everyone who is in The Kingdom of God. The Sabbath’s Delight of **The Wedding Feast** is celebrated by everyone, except those who are not allowed, because they rejected God’s **Holy Spirit**. These are those who are not righteous and must go through **The Lake of Fire** and are, at this time, in **outer darkness** (Revelation 22:14-15). Everyone else rejoices at **The Wedding Feast**, which **does not end**, but continues – **eternally**.

CHAPTER 7

HOW THE BRIDE BECOMES THE WIFE

What does it mean for The Bride to be worthy? In general, you are to become like Christ – who is perfect (Ephesians 4:13). The Bride is to become perfect, like Her Husband. How does she become perfect?

Jesus Was Thirty

Many are not aware, but Jesus had to grow in **grace** and **knowledge**. Joseph and Mary made sure Jesus completed everything required by The Law (Luke 2:39). In fact, Christ had to be a **firstborn son**. “**As it is written in The Law of The Lord, Every male that opens the womb [firstborn] shall be called holy to The Lord**” (Luke 2:23). “**And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon Him**” (Luke 2:40). **Jesus, as a child**, had to grow **spiritually** like all Christians. However, He had God’s **Holy Spirit** from **birth** (John 3:34). He had to climb up **the spiritual ladder** – **fear, mercy, wisdom, understanding, faith, judgment and finally, love**. When He was twelve, Jesus amazed the hierarchy with His **understanding** (Luke 2:42). “**And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man**” (Luke 2:52). Jesus did not have to **repent**, because He already knew He came to do **God’s will** and to speak **God’s word**. As a human you must **repent** and seek **God’s righteousness** – **God’s Very Word** (John 5 and 6). When Christ was thirty, a very important **event** took place. To be in The Levitical Priesthood, a man had to be thirty

years of age when he entered God's **service** as a **Priest**. Christ was thirty when He entered His **commission** as Melchizedek, God's **High Priest**. What happened next?

John, The Baptist, acknowledges Christ as The Bridegroom (John 3:29). Jesus is about to accept His **anointing** to be The Savior of The World and be **worthy** to be **The Husband** of His **Bride**. "**And Jesus, answering said unto him [John, The Baptist], *Suffer it be so now: for thus it becomes us to fulfill [complete] all righteousness***" (Matthew 3:15). Christ received baptism to show He was willing to **die** for His **Bride** and the world. He had 3½ years to complete His **mission**. After His **resurrection**, it was, then, a time for **The Church** to be **The Bride of Christ**. She must be accounted **worthy** to marry **Her Husband**. Christ did not have to **repent** since His **mind** was filled with God's **Holy Spirit** from **birth**. Now, it's time for The Bride to prove herself. The prospective **Bride**, (just as **His Disciples**) has to **repent**, be **baptized** and **grow spiritually**. Jesus asked Peter three times whether or not he **loved Him** (John 21). Christ said Peter would be **crucified**, just as He was. As with all **Christians**, **The Bride** has to **love The Groom**, as **The Groom** loves **The Wife**.

Revelation

The Book Of Revelation is about the prophecy becoming Christ's **Bride – The Wife**. What must each **virgin** do to become Christ's **Wife** (Revelation 2 and 3)? Some grew and had no need to go through more testing. Others did not grow spiritually and must go into The Tribulation to wake-up. At this time, **the remnant** of The Israelites go into The Tribulation. Twelve thousand of each tribe, except Dan, become **worthy** to be **witnesses** as Christ's **Bride**. They **prove their love** for **The Groom** by going through **The Tribulation** (they are, The 144,000) (Revelation 7:14). As

The Tribulation progresses, The Angel of The Lord declares, “**And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me [John], Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in The Lord from henceforth: Yea, says The Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them**” (Revelation 14:13). The Bride, those protected by Jesus, are kept in safety because they have grown spiritually.

Now, the rest are being tested as to their love for Jesus and must qualify in The Tribulation to prove that **love** for their Husband. The next prophetic **event**, The Return of Jesus for **His Bride**, is now ready to occur. The Bride is **worthy** to be Christ’s **Wife**. She has climbed The Spiritual Ladder to God’s **agapé love** and **died** for Jesus. “**And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto The Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of The Temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in your sickle [on the earth], and reap: for the time is come for you to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe [first resurrection]. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped**” (Revelation 14:14). After The Time of The Heavenly Signs, much distress occurs in the nations because of The Six Trumpets. Humanity will be in great stress, “**for the powers of heaven shall be shaken [in turmoil]. And then shall they see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory**” (Luke 21:26-27). Revelation and Luke 21 are in **exact agreement**.

No Man Knows

For centuries, humanity has tried to **forecast The Return of Jesus**. Christ said, “**Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and *that* hour knows no**

man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither The Son, but The Father. Take you heed, watch and pray: for you know not when the time is” (Mark 13:31-33). Can't be any plainer!

No one knows The Time of Christ's **return**. Yet, preachers keep trying to tell you when **Christ will return**. Only God, The Father, will decide when Jesus comes for **His Bride**. There is **no set date** or **specific time**. God will not allow **His Son** to take a **Bride** until she **loves Him as much as He loves Her**. It is **the spiritual growth** Jesus went through and **The Bride** also will have to go through. Revelation and *The Gospels*; Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21 **confirm** it. No date or **time is set**. It is **all conditional**. First, **The Groom** has been **ready** and **The Bride** must, also, get **ready** (Revelation 5). Both **prove their worthiness**. **Both must be righteous or totally good** and **Holy**, like God. *The Book of Revelation* is the last book in *The Bible*, because it foretells **The Messiah is ready to return** for **His Bride** at anytime! Once she becomes **worthy** to be **His Wife**, **Christ will come** (Revelation 19:7-9). That is what the **entire Bible** is all about. Christ will come to **restore** what **was lost** (Matthew 18:11). The Bride (Israel) was **lost** (not ready or worthy) and there can be no **Wedding Feast** until she is ready. You are about to understand why **The Wedding Feast** is so significant. It is a **feast** which **never ends**. It never **ends** for a **very good reason**. It ushers in an event which **affects the universe**. The Wedding is about to **occur**. **The Groom, Christ**, is **worthy** and so is **The Bride**.

The reason for **The Millennium** is that it is **The Engagement Period** announcing **The Coming Wedding**. The **invitation** goes out to **the entire world, both to the bad and good** (Matthew 22). No one is **excluded**. God **loves every inhabitant of the world** and will not allow anyone to be left behind! He was responsible for **the creation** of every man, woman and child.

CHAPTER 8

THE WEDDING FEAST

Paul said The Administration of Death, *The Old Covenant*, written in stone (*Ten Commandments*) had such a glory that Israel couldn't look at Moses' face (II Corinthians 3:7-14). This glory was to be done away. "How shall not the ministration of The Spirit be rather glorious" (II Corinthians 3:8)? The Administration of The Law under Christ was more glorious. In what way was Christ's glory better than Moses'? Moses had to wear a veil each time he came down from the mountain. Why?

Christ's Glory

Christ asked for God to give Him the glory He had before (John 17:5). Why did Jesus want The Father's **glory**? **God's glory is all of God's goodness or righteousness** (Exodus 33:18-19). The Hebrew and Greek words convey "weighty" – "all God's riches or heavenly blessings." God's **glory** is The Pearl of Great Price. It is all God is, can be and will be. He is the "I AM THAT I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God can be whatever He wants to be. God, through Christ, wants to give you **His glory** as He gave it to Jesus. Israel, being **blinded**, reading *The Old Testament* out of **fear**, could see **The Law of Moses and its works** as their way to **righteousness**. Because of **the veil** they could **not see or understand** all of The Goodness of God. They had a **wrong heart** and, therefore, **God blinded them**. They did not understand He allowed them to be **blind**, so their **sins would not be**

held against them (John 9:41). Many Christians today are in the same situation about **The Purpose of The Law** and are **blind** (for their own good). Israel, as Christ's **Bride**, was **not worthy** to be His **Wife** so Moses had to wear **the veil** to hide The Glory. It is so to this day. That is why, during The Tribulation, only 144,000 Israelites will be able to have their Bridal Veil removed to see **her righteousness**. Just as Esther, the future bride of a king, had to continue to be purged of **all blemishes** (to become **blameless**), so must Israel be purged. In time, you will read that **the whole world** will have this **veil** or **blindness removed**.

A Wife

When **The Wife** is **worthy** and ready, Jesus can, then, come for **His Bride**. Once the decision is made, **The Engagement** is **announced**. **The Engagement** announces The Wedding and God has allotted 1,000 years for the world to accept The Wedding Announcement. This is known as **The Millennium**. God controls **His prophecy** as conditions **unfold**. When "**prophecies**" **forecast failure it conveys** "**held back**" or "**a pause**" in Greek (I Corinthians 13:8). God does not decide for **the world** how **they should behave**. They have **free choice**. God does not **control** you, as **Satan tries** to do. Therefore, God alters His **prophecies** which are conditional upon an individual's **repentance**. Finally, by your **free choice**, God will see His desire and **pleasure come to pass** (Isaiah 46:10).

God pleads with **humanity**, but never forces or removes their **free choice**. God grants His **Holy Spirit** to those who **fear Him** and **work righteousness** (Acts 10:34-35). That is **the purpose** of **The Announcement to The Wedding Feast**. God has allotted 1,000 years until all the world has **The Knowledge of The True God**. If the world responds sooner, then The Time of The Engagement

will be **cut short** (Matthew 24:42). After the 1,000 years end everyone on **earth** shall know God. “**They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of The Lord, as the waters cover the sea**” (Isaiah 11:9). All will be invited to **The Wedding Feast**. The Wedding Feast is **at hand**. Both **the good** and **the bad** will know God and will be invited to The Wedding. The only question is, will **every-one** be ready. The guests are to be dressed with **The Wedding Garment of Righteousness** (Revelation 19:7-8).

No Wedding Garment

During The Millennium, Satan is kept bound in prison. Since this is The Engagement when all are invited to The Wedding, God removes all **blindness**. Everyone must know **The Truth**. **The Groom** and **The Bride** announce their coming wedding. Satan, at the end of the 1,000, years is released. **The Guests invited** to The Wedding will be tested by Satan. Everyone will know **The Truth**, because there is **no Satan** during The Announcement Period (Revelation 20:3). But, as the 1,000 years are fulfilled, Satan is released for a **short time**, to test the world again. Those in **The Second Resurrection**, must be **judged** whether or not they are qualified to attend The Wedding Feast. **The Time of The White Throne Judgment is at hand**. At The White Throne Judgment, Jesus separates the sheep from the goats (Matthew 25:32). The sheep enter **The Kingdom of God**. The goats go into the fire (Matthew 25:41). Read the outcome of Jerusalem after God’s **wrath**, in Isaiah 66:8-14. The Time of The New Heaven and The New Earth is at hand. God is ready to burst forth and have His **children**. God will be calling everyone to The Wedding Feast, but those not worthy will go into **the fire**. At The Judgment, everyone has to be dressed in **righteousness**. **The Saints who are worthy will be The Wife** while **The Faithful** are **the nations** who will be

The Guests at The Wedding Feast. The Wife is resurrected in **The First Resurrection** and **The Guests** in **The Second Resurrection** (John 5:25-29). **The Bride** (Church of God and Israel) has become **worthy** to be **The Wife** of **The Groom** (Revelation 19:7-9). Now **The Groom** and **The Wife** are **both worthy**. Both, will have proved they are **willing to die** for **each other**. **God, The Father**, approves **The Wedding Feast**. Both are dressed in white (righteousness). The wife in a bridal gown and Christ on the white horse (Revelation 19:11).

The Guests

Those who are called to **The Marriage Supper of The Lamb** are **blessed** (Revelation 19:9). They are **dressed** in “**white**” which is “**righteousness.**” **The Wife** consists of **The Saints**, who are dressed in **pure white**, while **The Guests** or **Bridesmaids** have varied **colors**. Those written in *The Book of Life* are those in *The Marriage Registry*; **The Groom, Bride, Bridesmaids and Guests**. This is why **The White Throne Judgment** is called **A White Throne**. They are **royalty** dressed in **white** or **righteousness**. “**And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True and in righteousness He does judge and make war**” (Revelation 19:11). He is **The King of Kings** getting **His Bride** and inviting all **Guests** to **The Wedding Feast**. This is **The First Group**. Before **The Wedding Feast** (on **The New Earth** and **The New Heaven**), **The White Throne Judgment** begins. Those in **The Wedding Registry** are allowed to attend **The Wedding**. The rest are **thrown into The Lake of Fire** (Revelation 21:27). **The Tree of Life** is their **Salvation**, with **no curses** or **death** (Revelation 22:1-4)! Everyone **lives, forever**, including those who were in **The Lake of Fire**. Christ is ready to come quickly, but it all depends upon **The Bride** being **worthy** (Revelation 22:7). There is **no set date**

for **The Wedding**, only a **condition**. The Bride must **cloak** herself in a **vail** until she is **not only beautiful on the outside**, but **on the inside**, too. The Guests to be worthy must be faithful. Those who are **faithful** keep God's *Commandments*, which gives them a **right** to **The Tree of Life**. **Spiritual growth** or **The Process of Salvation** continues in The New Heaven and The New Earth. This is The Second Group. Send for the book *God's Will* for details. Then, **The Third Group** is mentioned, "**For without [or left out] are dogs and sorcerers and whoremongers and murderers and idolaters and whosoever loves and makes a lie**" (Revelation 22:15). Then, "**And The Spirit and The Bride say, Come. And let him that hear say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely**" (Revelation 22:17). This **Water of Life** comes from **The Throne of God** and Christ, which has **healing (therapia)** leaves to heal **the nations** (Revelation 22:1-2). **Salvation** or **spiritual growth** continues in **The New Heaven** and **The New Earth**. Those in **The Lake of Fire** are changed from **mortal** to **immortal when death is swallowed up in victory** (I Corinthians 15:54). "**As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy [here]: and as is the heavenly, such are they [all humans] also that are heavenly**" (I Corinthians 15:48). "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive**" (I Corinthians 15:22). Quite plain! The word "**all**" is in the **aorist subjunctive mood**. "**All**" does not mean "**all**" until "**specific conditions take place**." What are these **conditions**? First, **death** or **The Curse of The Law** must be **defeated**, which Jesus accomplishes (I Corinthians 15:26). *The Blood Covenant* **guarantees life** for everyone when certain conditions are followed, such as **repentance**.

The point is, everyone is **made alive** or **resurrected**, even those in **The Lake of Fire**. At **The Wedding Feast (The New Heaven and The New Earth)** God makes **all things new**. The Time of

Restoration, **“For The Son of man is come to save that which was lost”** (Matthew 18:11). What was **lost** was **The Tree of Life, which will be restored in The Kingdom of God. The Process of Salvation continues in The Kingdom of God!** What happens to those at **The Wedding Feast**? Many will come and sit with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob at The Wedding Feast, while others will not be allowed into The Wedding (Matthew 8:11-12). They will be **cast out into outer darkness**. Who are they? These are those who are not allowed into New Jerusalem where The Wedding Feast takes place (Revelation 22). **The Process of Salvation** will continue in **The Kingdom of God**. To come into New Jerusalem year by year, they must **mature to The Stature of Christ** (Ephesians 4:11-15). **No deathbed repentance will be accepted!**

Now, **for The Wedding Feast**. What happens? John is told he will be shown **The Lamb’s Bride, His Wife** (Revelation 21:9). The time for **the unveiling of *The Book of Revelation* will have been completed**. The Apocalypse – **The Unveiling** takes place because **The Groom and Bride are worthy to marry**. Now **the veil** over Moses’ face (**God’s glory – The Shekinah**) is revealed to **the world** and **the beauty** of The Groom and Bride **reflect God’s glory**. Christ is **The Glory of God**, like a **diamond** reflecting **The Light of God** to everyone on **The New Earth**. Those farthest away are in **darkness** and in **torment** (“**overwhelmed**” – “**kolasis**”). Later, **Christ’s Wife, in all her righteousness of God’s glory, glistens like many diamonds of many colors with The Apostles** showing The Glory of God.

Mother Of Us All

The Wedding Feast takes place, and now, **New Jerusalem (The Wife of Christ, in The House of God)** becomes **The Mother of All**. During this **earthly existence**, the **unfaithful bore more**

children than the faithful. The **Legitimate Wife** had only a few children in **the world.** What occurs in **heaven** regarding Jerusalem? Paul relates *The Old Covenant Law* was in **bondage (slavery – representing Hagar).** *The New Covenant under Christ, The New Marriage Contract,* is **New Jerusalem in heaven and not the earthly Jerusalem** (Galatians 4:21-27). “**But Jerusalem which is above [heaven] is free, which is The Mother of Us All**” (Galatians 4:26). It includes all of mankind.

What is this “**Mother of Us All**” told to do? “**Rejoice, you barren that bears not; break forth and cry, you that travail not [birth pains]: for the desolate [outer darkness] has many more children than she which has an husband**” (Galatians 4:27). When The Wedding Feast takes place, Jesus and His **Wife, legally,** are to become parents. Christ can complete what He came to the earth to do, “**And we have seen and do testify that The Father sent The Son to be The Savior of The World**” (I John 4:14). You have a **loving God** and a **loving Son.** The Wife is **now a Mother** and will bring **Salvation to The World.** Is there a formula you are to follow? You must do your homework each and every day to become **righteous.** It’s a very big job, but God and Christ will help you along the way. Your **Spiritual Degree** is worth all your prayers. Study to show yourself approved. You have a lot of homework to do to reach The Stature of Jesus Christ. The Wedding Feast will be the talk of the world. Everyone will give their **eye teeth** to be able to be there. Make sure you are on this list. Do everything you can to be The Bride or The Guests at The Wedding Feast.

In conclusion, here is what Jesus said, “**Blessed is he that keeps the sayings of the prophecy of this Book**” (Revelation 22:7). You have heard what Jesus expects of you. What is your decision? It’s not too late, you still have time to make the right choice.