

Video Sharing-The Communion Cup of Betrothal

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Text

[All Scriptural references are from KJV or MKJV; other texts may be used for clarity of translation but only when they are in accord with KJV or MKJV]

Mat 26:26 *And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat, this is My body.*

Mat 26:27 *And He took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink all of it.*

Mat 26:28 **For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**

Mat 26:29 *But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on, until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom.*

I. **Betrothal At Mt Sinai**

a. **The Bride & Bridegroom**

Exo 6:6 *Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and **I will redeem you** with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:*

Exo 6:7 *And **I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God**: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.*

Exo 6:8 *And **I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am the LORD.***

1. The Bride price: redemption from Egyptian slavery
2. The Bride: Israelites
3. The Bridegroom: YAHWEH
4. The Bride will be taken to the Father's land [house]

b. **The Best Man- Moses**

Exo 19:17 *And **Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God**; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.*

c. **The Ketubah [Marriage Contract]- the Torah**

*The Torah: On the first day of Shavuot [Pentecost], Jewish congregations read **Exo 19:1-20:23***

d. **The Chuppah [the canopy under which the betrothal is conducted]**

The Israelites stood at the foot of Mt Sinai. YAHWEH appeared at the top, providing the covering.

e. The Oath by the Bridegroom

Exo 19:5 Now therefore, **if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people:** for all the earth is mine:

f. The Oath by the Bride

Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant and read in the audience of the people: and **they said, all that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.**

Exo 24:8 And **Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people,** and said, **Behold the blood of the covenant,** which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

g. The Covenant [Torah-Ketubah- Marriage Contract] was sealed with clean animal blood

II. Jewish Betrothal: As good as married.

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, **although I was an husband unto them,** saith the LORD:

III. Adulterous Israel

Eze 16:32 But as **a wife that committeth adultery,** which taketh strangers instead of her husband!

Right at the foot of Mt Sinai, while Moses was still on top with YAHWEH, the Israelites worshipped the golden calf. Idolatry is spiritual adultery!

IV. Under Torah: Divorce because of adultery

Deu 24:1 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her **a bill of divorcement,** and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house.

Deu 24:2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

V. YAHWEH Divorced Israel

Isa 50:1 Thus saith the LORD, **where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away?** or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, **for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.**

VI. Under Torah: No Return for a Divorced Woman who Married Again

Deu 24:3 *And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife;*

Deu 24:4 *Her **former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD:** and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.*

VII. The New Covenant Betrothal

At the Last Supper Yeshua broke bread and gave to His disciples. He also gave the Cup of Wine to His disciples to drink.

At a typical Jewish betrothal, the Bridegroom paid the Bride price and presented the Ketubah [betrothal agreement]. When the prospective Bride accepted, she drank from the Cup that he gave to her, signalling her acceptance.

VIII. Sealed With His Blood

The Sinaitic Covenant [Old] was sealed with the blood of clean animals. The New Covenant was sealed with Yeshua's Blood.

IX. Bride's Vow of Obedience

- a. At Mt. Sinai, the Israelites covenanted to obey God and His Torah
- b. The Church too is obligated to obey YAHWEH & His Torah because the New Covenant is about Torah being written on our hearts and minds and the Holy Spirit is given to us to help us obey:

Heb 8:10 *For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:***

Heb 8:11 *And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.*

Heb 8:12 *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*

Eze 36:26 *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.*

Eze 36:27 *And **I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.***

c. Subject to Christ

Eph 5:22 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.*

Eph 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.*

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

d. Keep His Commandments

1Jn 2:3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.

1Jn 2:4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.

X. A Chaste Virgin

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

XI. Salvation for Those Who Obey Him

Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

Heb 5:9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him;

XII. Yeshua The Bridegroom Will Return For His Bride: The Rapture

Joh 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, so that where I am, you may be also.

XIII. The Way of Return for Unfaithful Israel

The Torah forbids a divorced wife who has remarried from returning to her former husband. How then can Israel return to YAHWEH? The answer is Christ's death and resurrection. When the husband dies, she is free to remarry:

Rom 7:2 For the married woman was bound by law to the living husband. But if the husband is dead, she is set free from the law of her husband.

Israel can marry the resurrected Christ.

XIV. Wrath is Coming on the Children of Disobedience

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Read also: Eph 2:2; 5:8

Jn 3:36 ESV) Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

XV. Does YAHWEH have Two Wives?

The answer is no. Gentiles who come to Christ are grafted onto the same olive tree and belong to the Commonwealth of Israel:

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and became a sharer of the root and the fatness of the olive tree with them,

Eph 2:11 Therefore remember that you, the nations, in time past were in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

Eph 2:12 and that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from **the commonwealth of Israel**, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who were once afar off are made near by the blood of Christ.