

The Bride

Revelation 21

9 *“One of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb.”*

God's Word is quite clear that there is a bride to be married to the Lamb. Whether you believe in a pre-tribulation rapture, mid-tribulation rapture, post-tribulation, or whatever, it's hard to disprove the existence of the bride of Christ. This is what we should all be striving for.

From the parable of the 10 virgins to the words of Revelation, there are given several characteristics of the bride and Bridegroom. As one studies the subject more and more, it becomes apparent that there is a certain amount of preparation entailed in becoming “the bride.” As the following verses from Revelation 19 states, the bride makes herself ready:

Revelation 19: 7-9

7 *“Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. 8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear. (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) 9 Then the angel said to me, Write: ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!’ And he added, these are the true words of God”*

Just as any bride would prepare herself for her earthly bridegroom, so should every Christian prepare themselves to meet their heavenly Bridegroom. Just as a bride would not wear blue jeans to her wedding, the bride of Christ will not be an average lukewarm Christian (read warning to the Church of Laodicea in [Revelation 3: 14-22](#)). *Revelation 19 says that the bride will be clothed in fine linen (and fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints). So clearly the bride will not only be clothed only in salvation, but also her righteous acts.*

The bride is made up of the wise virgins, the overcomers, and those who not only believe in their bridegroom, but long to see Him. As Revelation 20: 17 states, the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!”....

Revelation 20: 17

17 *The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!”; Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the tree of life*

Although the Bible does say that we will not know the day or hour of Christ's return, it doesn't say we won't know the season. Jesus even gives us the parable on the fig tree (which represents the nation of Israel) in [Matthew 24:32-35](#) to let us know when “summer” (or “the end” is near). There are actually many instances where God's Word comments on the importance of watching. Here are some examples:

Revelation 3

3 *Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you*

Matthew 24

43 *But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.*

1 Thessalonians 5

4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

Don't be like this:

Matthew 24

48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Luke 21

36 Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy^[1] to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man”

So although we do not know the exact day of Jesus' return, Jesus does tell us the importance of watching. In this world we're living in, watching isn't too hard. The wickedness of this age is no secret. [Daniel12: 4](#) tell us that in the time of the end transportation and knowledge shall increase. Obviously we've seen that fulfilled as well. The Scripture [Matthew24:5-14](#) (about wars, pestilences, earthquakes, etc.) often gets disregarded because “these things always happen”, but as verse 8 states, they will be like birth pains (increasing more and more as we get closer! to the end).

PLEASE read [Luke14: 15-27](#). Let us not make any excuses that could keep us from our Bridegroom!

The bride should be watching and saying (as Titus 2: 12-13 states) `No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the **blessed hope** and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ”.

May we all be looking and preparing for our Groom. May we be the wise virgins that continually “trim our wicks” and always have extra oil. May we be like John the Baptist when he states in John 3: 29:

29 The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy whence hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete.

May we all be ready!!! <><

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