



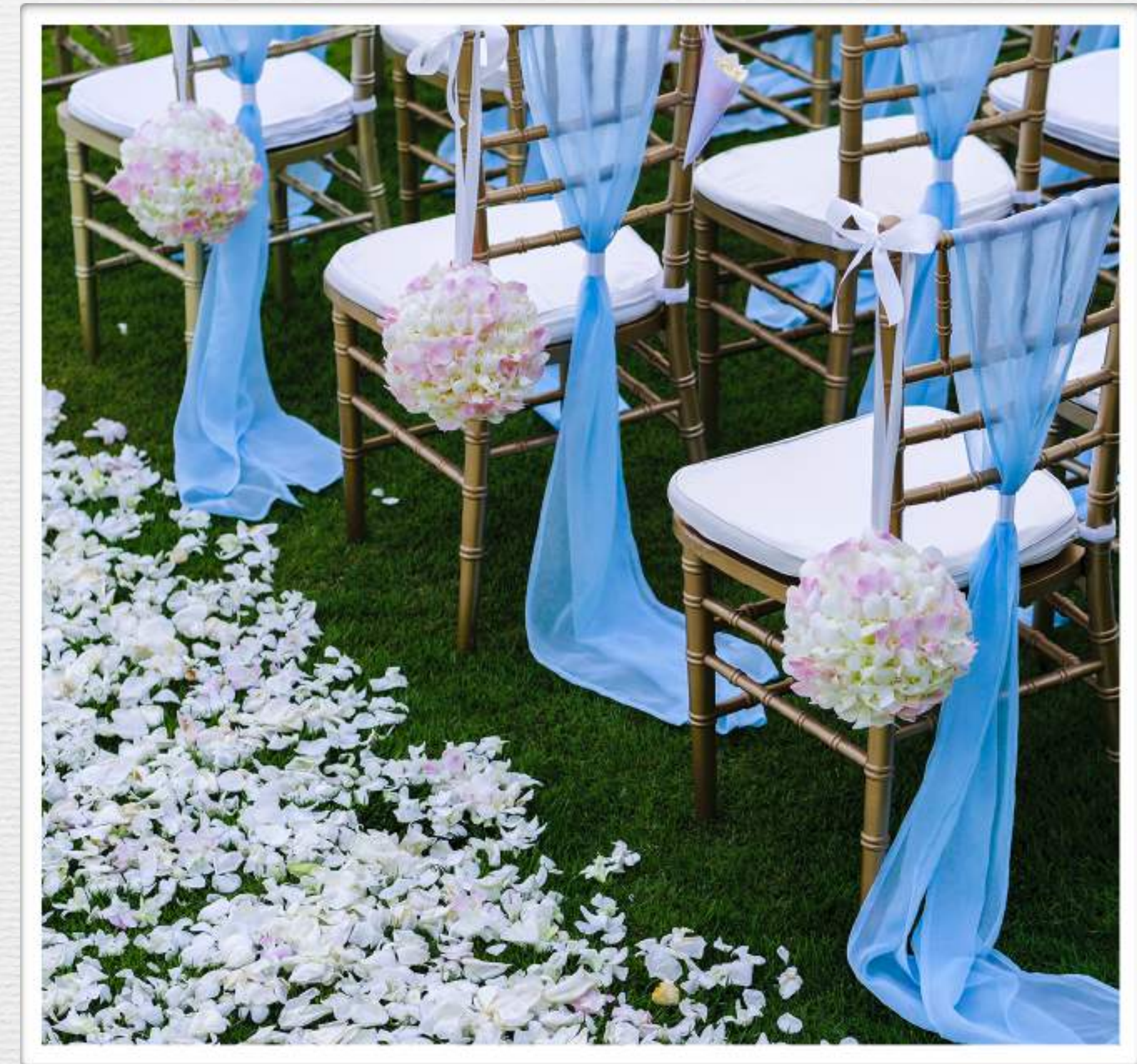
# Resurrection of the Bride

Week 9 / Gasper Sifuentes



# Recap

- In week 8 we learned about the End of Days.
- We discussed the Gog/Magog war.
- Daniel 9:26-27 as the antichrist stands in the temple making it desolate.
- We reviewed Luke 21 and the signs.
- We learned that the Fig tree is Israel.
- And we learned that it appears that the “This” generation Jesus spoke of, is currently existing on the earth today and we are near the close of the Church age.





# Learning Objectives

- At the end of this lesson the student will understand the covenants made by God for the nation of Israel and the Church.
- The student will also understand the metaphor of a Galilean Wedding used by Jesus to create a new covenant between himself and the church. The student will learn how the aspects of this wedding reflect the relationship each believer has with Christ and the rewards of the rapture of the Church.
- Again, sharing this knowledge with non-believers is extremely important in this time, as time appears to be very limited.



# Getting Started

- So I looked through my Blue Letter Bible NKJV for “Bride of Christ”.
- It wasn’t there. HMMMMMM?!?
- So I looked for “Bride”.
- And I found some interesting topics.





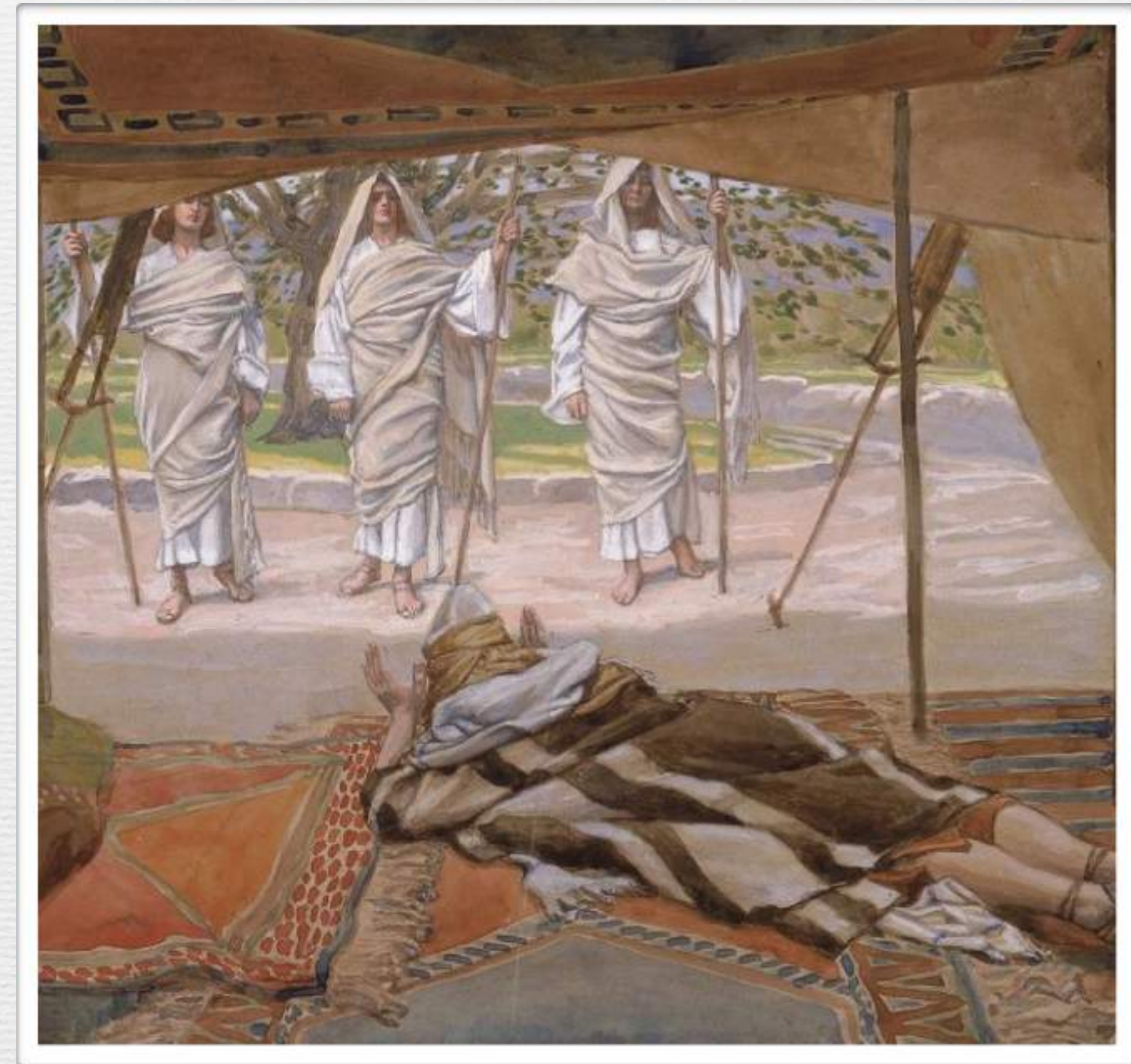
# Marriage = Covenant

- **Marriage** - a formal union and social and legal contract between a man and a woman(Individuals) that unites their lives legally, economically, and emotionally
- **Covenant** - a usually formal, solemn, and **binding agreement**; a **written agreement** or promise usually **under seal** between two or more parties especially for the performance of some action



# God appears to Abram

- Gen 17:1 ¶When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless.
- Gen 17:2 “And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.”
- Gen 17:3 Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying:
- Gen 17:4 “As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.





# Abram to Abraham

- Gen 17:5 “No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations.”
- Gen 17:6 “I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.”
- Gen 17:7 “And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.”
- Gen 17:8 “Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”
- Gen 17:9 ¶And God said to Abraham: “As for you, you shall keep My covenant, you and your descendants after you throughout their generations.”



# Signed in Blood

- Gen 17:10 “This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised;
- Gen 17:11 “and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a SIGN of the covenant between Me and you.
- Gen 17:12 “He who is **eight days old** among you shall be circumcised, **every male child** in your generations, **he who is born in your house or bought with money from any foreigner who is not your descendant. (Gentiles)**
- Gen 17:13 “He who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money must be circumcised, and My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.
- Gen 17:14 “And the uncircumcised male child, who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that person shall be cut off from his people; he has broken My covenant.”



# Covenant Flows to Issac

- Gen 17:15 ¶Then God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
- Gen 17:16 “And I will bless her and also give you a son by her; then I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be from her.”
- Gen 17:17 ¶Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, “Shall a child be born to a man who is one hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?”
- Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to God, “Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!”
- Gen 17:19 ¶Then God said: “No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; **I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him.**





# Terms of the Agreement

- Meeting was “In Person”.
- Parties to the contract are “God and Abraham.”
- Time Frame - It is “Everlasting.”
- Who is effected - Abraham , his descendants and anyone born in his household to include **purchased Foreign servants.** (Gentile servants)
- Where is the signature - The Circumcision.
- Default - Anyone Not circumcised.  
(Don't get Eskared! I'll explain.)





# The Benefits

- Gen 17:2 ...Multiply you exceedingly.
- Gen 17:4 made a father of many nations.
- Gen 17:5-6 Given a New Name, fruitful, nations and Kings will come from you.
- Gen 17:8 The land of Canaan and I will be your God.





# “My Delight is in Her” & “Married”

- Isa 62:4 You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called **Hephzibah**, and your land **Beulah**; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married.
- Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you.





# As a young man marries a virgin

- Pure, Innocent, Blameless, without sin, an Honest Woman.
- Remember the 144,000 from the 12 tribes of Israel.
- After the 6th Seal is opened.
- They are sealed with the Mark of God in Rev 7.





# Rev 7 And Rev 14

- Rev 14:1 ¶Then I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's name written on their foreheads.
- Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.
- Rev 14:3 They sang as it were a new song before the throne, before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.
- Rev 14:4 These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb.
- Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.



# Quick Summary

- We see that God sets a covenant with Abraham and his descendants.
- We see that it is everlasting because the 144,000 are a remnant of Israel.
- We can also see that something must have gone wrong because history tells us that from 70 AD until 1948, the Jews were not in the Land to fulfill this contract.



# What goes wrong??

- Hos 8:1 ¶“Set the trumpet to your mouth! He shall come like an eagle against the house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My covenant And rebelled against My law.
- Jer 2 & 3 - Declares in detail the transgressions of God’s Bride Israel and a call for her to return.
- In short, God Turns his face from Israel, but explains a future plan for their redemption.





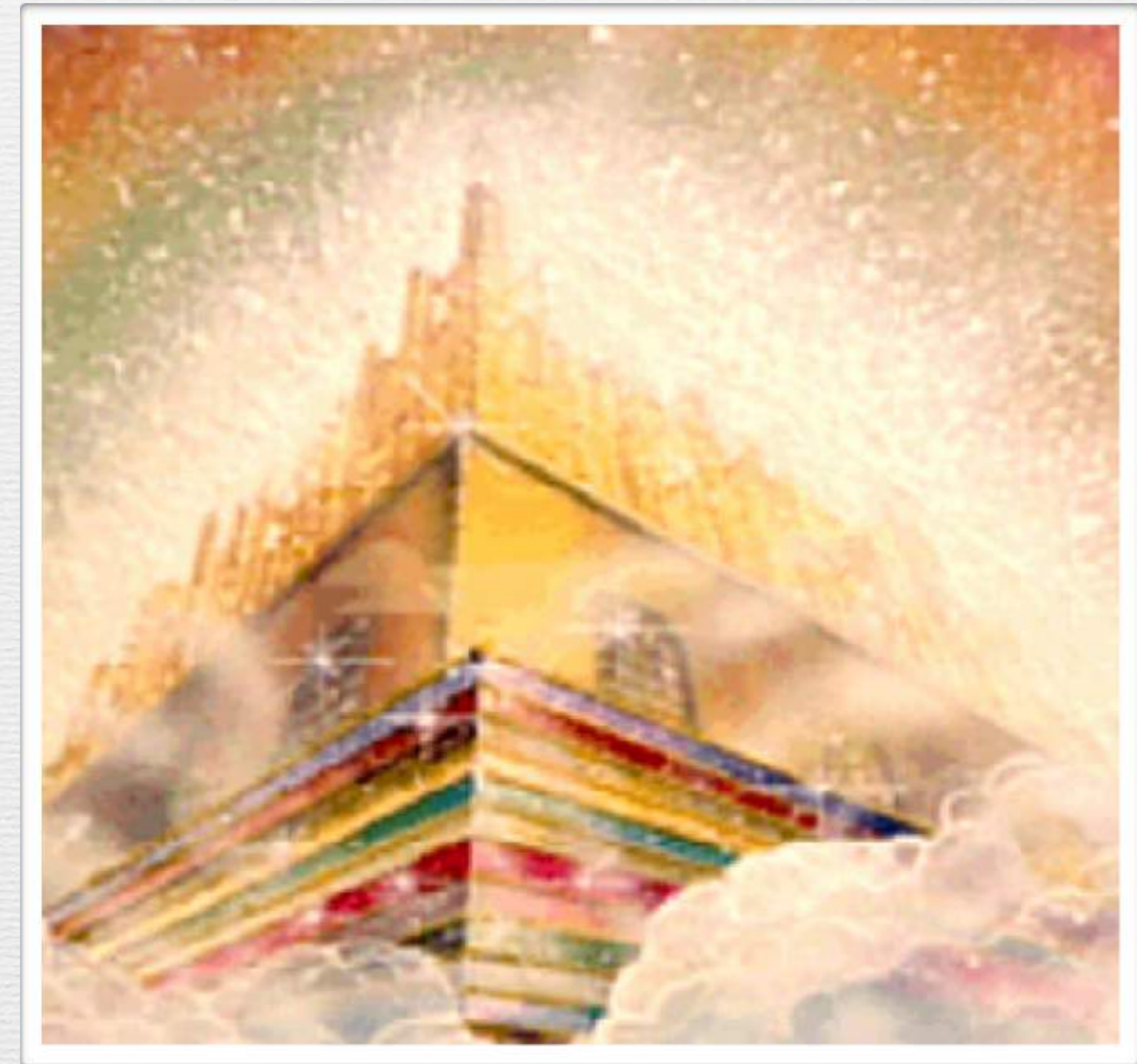
# Summary

- So from these scriptures we see that God is married to the land and people of Israel. This is based on a covenant made between Abraham and God which extends to his descendants which is the current Nation of Israel.
- We also see that Israel breaks the contract and they are set on a destructive path, until they reach redemption.
- The Law was too hard for them to maintain.
- So who is “The Bride of Christ?”



# New Jerusalem

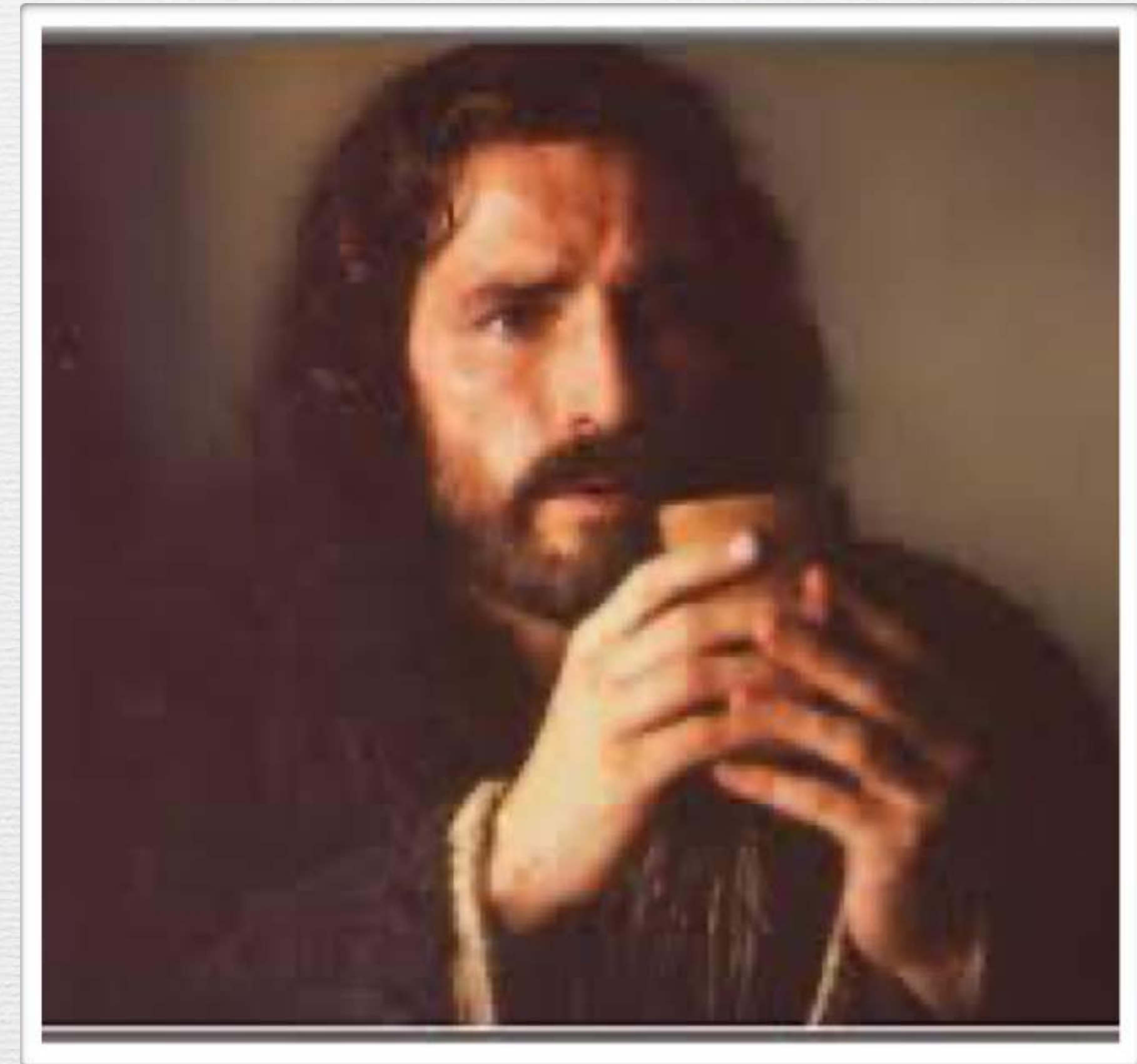
- Rev 21:9 ¶Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, “Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”
- Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- Is the bride a city, a place or is it a people?





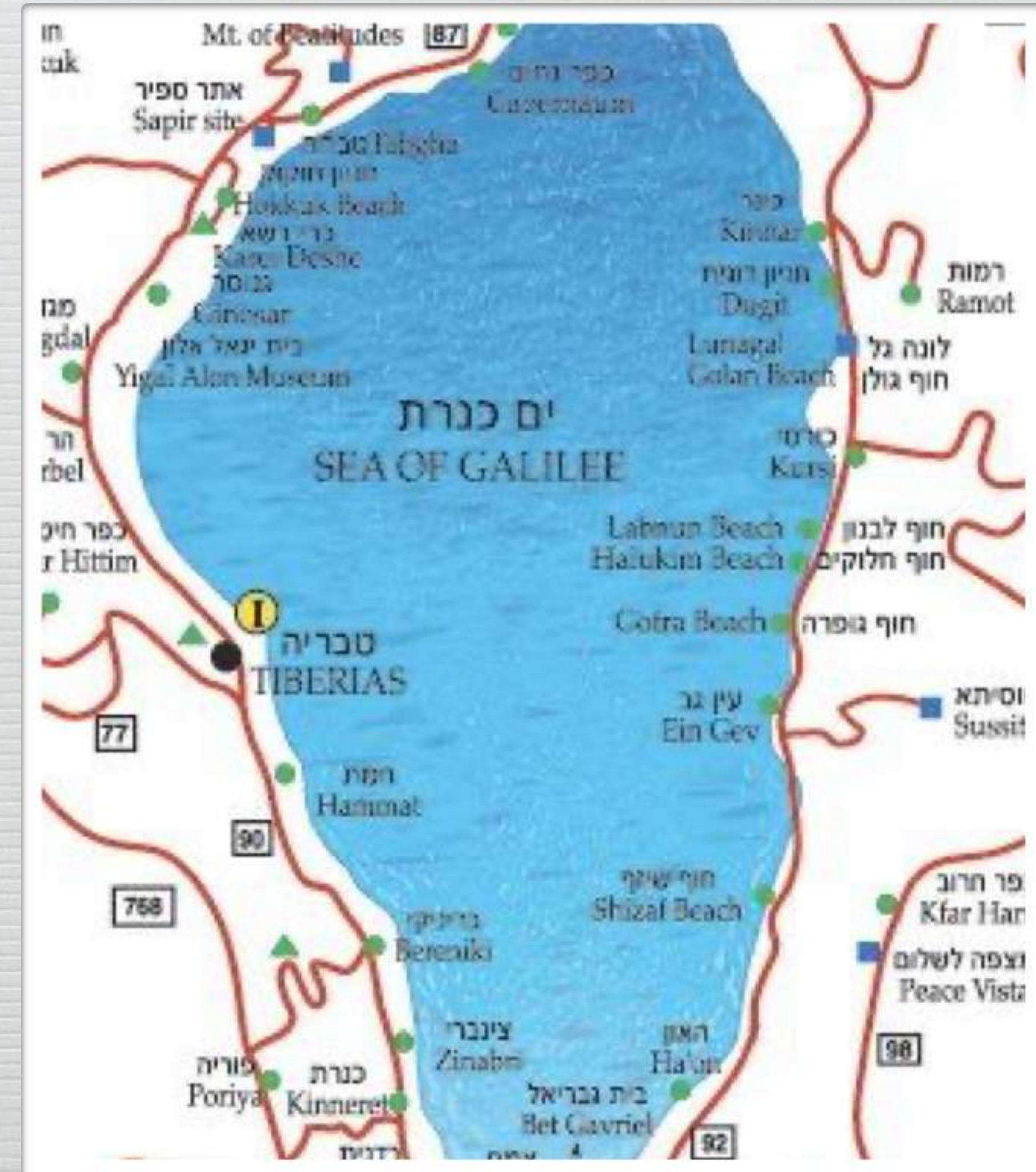
# Jesus Makes a Covenant

- Luk 22:20 ¶ Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the **new covenant** in My blood, which is shed for you.
- This covenant was between Jesus (God) and his Disciples (Abraham) who developed the Church (Descendants) for Jesus Christ.
- Purchase Price was His Blood.
- Believe in him.
- Parties are present, Verbal and they all drink in agreement to seal the deal.





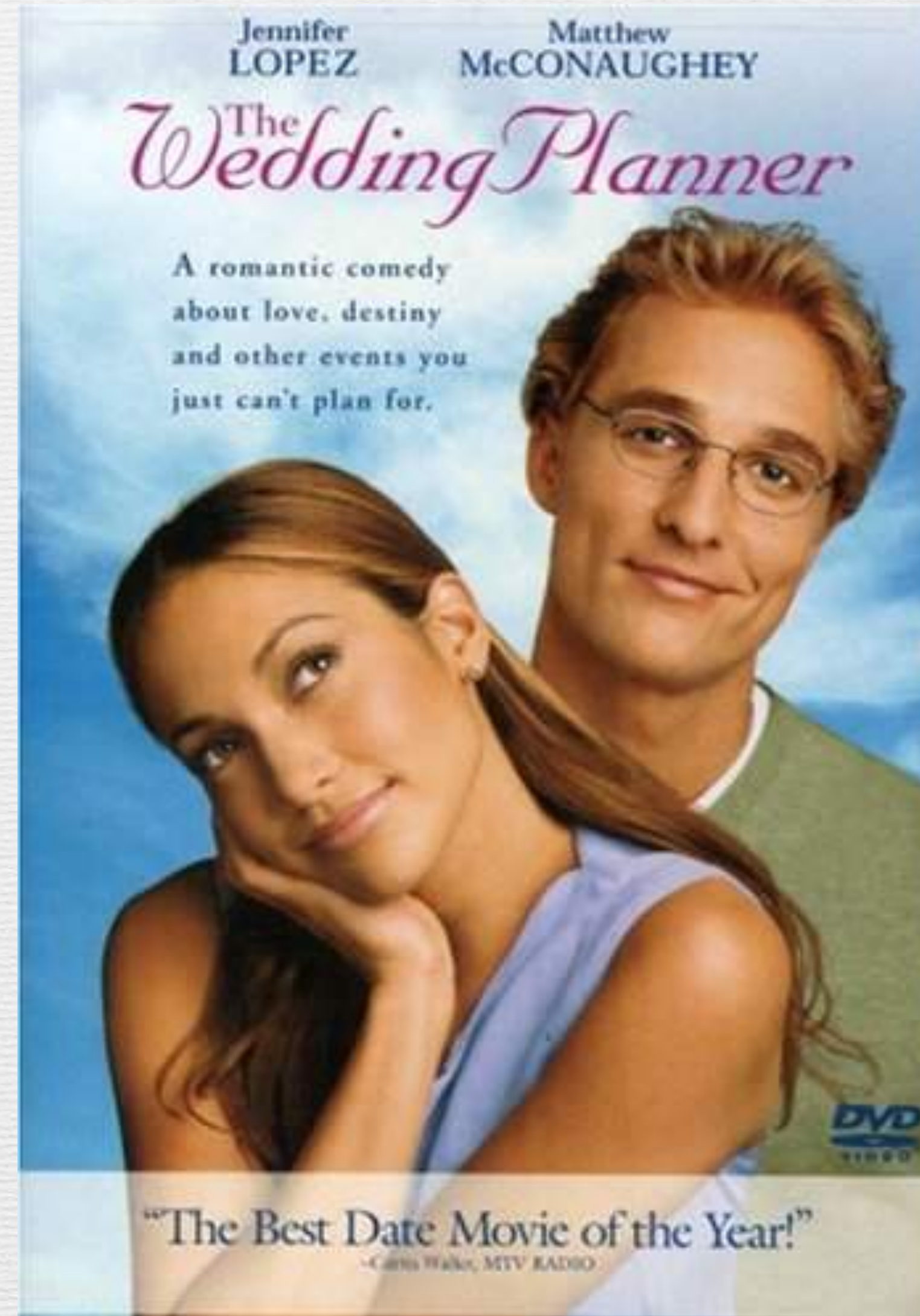
# The words of Jesus.





# Get used to Different.

- A Galilean wedding was culturally different from a traditional Jewish Wedding.
- All the disciples where from the region of Galilee and would have easily understood the references that Jesus was making when he spoke to them explaining that His plan, was outlined in the same manner as a Galilean wedding ceremony.
- No, Salina was not a wedding Planner.





# Pre-Arranged

- Father of the groom selects the bride, (kallah).
- Father of the Bride and Father of the Groom discuss the Dowery.
- Not a purchase, like a slave, but to assure the bride was cared for.



# I Do !

- Even though it was pre-arranged, the bride had to consent.
- Mikvah. A Spiritual cleansing.
- This was performed in a stone pool that collects pure rain water. There are 7 steps down into the pool. A covering is placed around the pool as the couple are naked. This represents a time in the womb while they were still sinless. When they step out, they then refer to themselves as Born Again.





# The betrothal is a legal binding covenant

- At this point they are considered married.
- No Consummation until the ceremony.  
Usually about a year later.
- Married under a Huppa, which represents the Holy Spirit. And the Glory of God comes down upon the couple.





# Bethrothed

- The Groom then offers the Bride a Ring, a Gift and drink of wine from his cup.
- Once she drank from his cup, the deal is sealed.
- The Groom then says, “I shall not drink from the fruit of the vine, until I drink it with you, in my Father’s house.”
- Now there is a “waiting period” of a year to assure the bride remains a pure virgin and is not pregnant. Erusin Period.





# The Groom Prepares

- The groom returns to his fathers house and prepares a room where he and his new bride will live.





# The Bride Prepares

- The Bride and Bridesmaids work on their dresses.
- After the year, (alloted time period) the bride and bridesmaids had to be ready to go AT ANY TIME.





# What day or hour?

- Traditionally, neither the bride nor bride groom would know the day or the hour, only the Father of the groom would know. Only when the Father was satisfied that the wedding chamber the bride groom had prepared was complete, would He signal his son in the middle of the night to go get his bride.





# Blow a Trumpet

- Once the Father signals his son to retrieve his bride, the groom blows a shofar to alert the towns people to join the procession.
- The bridesmaids would also have to assure they had enough oil in their lamps, not just to get the bride ready, but to light their way in the darkness, back to the Grooms fathers house.





# Swept off her feet !

- Once their eyes meet the Father shows the contract to prove everything is legal.
- The bridegroom guides his bride to a chair where she is lifted up and carried the rest of the way to the wedding chamber, in the Fathers house.





# Then they consulate the wedding!

- So the guests give the couple time to, well you know.
- And they assure the bride was indeed a virgin. Witnesses assure this is the case as the groom must produce bloody bed sheets. As this shedding of blood seals their covenant and they belong to each other forever.
- This revealing, causes Great Rejoicing of Groom and the guests.
- The doors are locked to anyone who is late to the wedding and they are not allowed in.





# The Wedding Feast

- 7 Days of celebration in the Fathers house.
- After this celebration, the couple returns to the Brides home for another celebration.





# What Jesus Said.

- Luke 22:19-20 “And he took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, ‘This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.’”
- Matthew 26:29 “I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom.
- John 14:2-3 “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.” And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”



# More...

- Matt 24:36 “But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”
- Matthew 24:43-44 43 “But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.44 Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”



# Wise & Foolish Virgins

- 25 1“Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish.3 Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ 7 Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9 But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.
- 11 “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ 12 But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’
- 13 “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.”



# The Ten Virgins

- The oil represents the Holy Spirit.
- The wise Virgins are the Holy Spirit filled Church. A willing bride, born on the day of Pentecost.
- The Foolish Virgins represent Israel.





# Israel & The Church

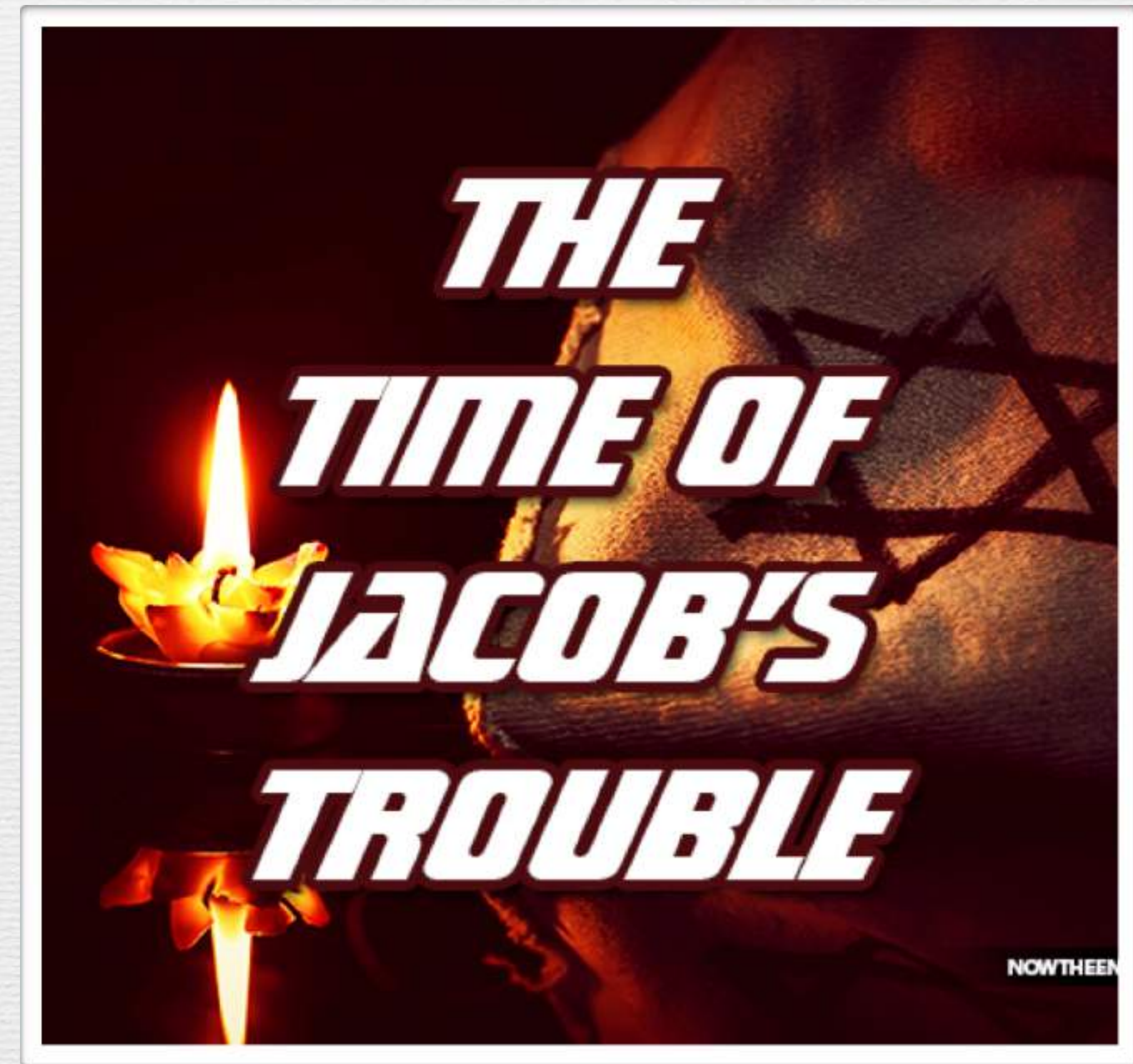
- It would seem there are two brides on two paths.
- The one that God put away because she went after false gods, idolatry and broke the covenant. Then they rejected Jesus.
- This led to a New Covenant with one that would be made pure for The Lamb. A willing bride, The Church.





# Not a Replacement

- The church is not a replacement for Israel.
- Remember, the Abrahamic covenant covers foreigners purchased into the household. Jesus paid a price for us and is of this line.
- Israel will have to be purified through the tribulation to understand that Jesus IS the Messiah. Remember, it is called The Time of Jacob's Trouble. The Seventieth Week as prophesied by Daniel for ISRAEL.
- “One will be taken,(The Church) the other one, left.”  
(Israel)





# How will Rapture take place?

- Revelation 4:1 “After this I looked and saw a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had previously heard speak to me like a trumpet was saying, “Come up here, and I will show you what must happen after these things.”
- 1 Corinthians 15:52 in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.”
- I Thessalonians 4:16-18, “16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will be the first to rise. 17 After that, we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words....”



# We are NOT subject to Wrath.

- I Thessalonians 5:9 “For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ”
- Wrath does two things.
- It Brings Judgment. Non-believers.
- And It Purifies. Israel.
- Revelation 3:10 “Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth”.





# Are you sure we are there?

- Rev 4:1 ¶ After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.”
- Rev 4:2 ¶ Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.
- Rev 4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.
- Rev 4:4 Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.
- Rev 4:5 And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.
- Rev 4:6 ¶ Before the throne there was a SEA of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.



- Remember, concerning prophesy, the Bible will interpret itself.
- Rev 17:1 ¶Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, “Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters,
- Rev 17:15 ¶Then he said to me, “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.



# Comparison

- We can see that “waters” and “Sea” can certainly mean the exact same thing.
- Why there would be a Sea that is pure and clean like glass or crystal before the throne of God, at this part of the scripture, it would make sense that this “Sea” is representative of us, those received in the rapture.
- Rev 22:17 ¶And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.



# Summary

- We learned about the the covenant God made with Abraham and that this everlasting covenant is for Israel.
- We learned about the New covenant that Jesus made with his willing bride, the church, through the disciples.
- We saw the amazing contrast between a Galilean wedding and how Jesus described he would return for his church.
- And we see scriptural proof of the church being raptured before the Tribulation.
- The Spirt and the Bride say “Come!”



# Come Drink Freely!

- **A**dmit that you are a sinner.
- **B**elieve that Jesus is the only path to salvation.
- **C**all upon the name of the Lord.





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- Next Wednesday, Pastor Jim will teach on “The Departure of Christ”.
- If you need a Bible I will send you one.
- Email me if you have any questions or comments.
- Be Bold and tell someone this week about Jesus.
- Visit us this Sunday at 10:30 am, 7530 Bandera Rd.