

The Ultimate Wedding (Revelation 19:6-9, 21:1-11)

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Ephesians 5:25b-27 (NIV) Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

1. Jesus wins the _____ for His bride

Revelation 19:6 (NIV) Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

1A. His bride makes herself _____

Revelation 19:7-8 (NIV) 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. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.)

1B. The _____ supper is prepared

Revelation 19:9 (NIV) 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."

2. Jesus prepares a _____ for His bride

Revelation 21:1-2 (NIV) Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

2A. Every _____ will be removed

Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV) And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

2B. Everything will be made _____

Revelation 21:5 (NIV) He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

3. Jesus and His bride live happily _____

Revelation 21:9 (NIV) 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."

3A. Jesus' bride consists of _____ of all time

Revelation 21:10 (NIV) And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

3B. Jesus' bride will be _____

Revelation 21:11 (NIV) It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

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Study Guide

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Intro. How would you explain the story of the Bible as a love story?

How did Jesus, the hero of the story, rescue His bride, the church (Ephesians 5:25-27)?

How would you explain the ending of the Bible's love story?

1A. Why is heaven celebrating in Revelation 19:1-6?

1B. How does the bride of Christ prepare herself for the wedding (Revelation 19:7-8)?

1C. Why are those blessed who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:9, Luke 14:15-24)?

1D. How can you prepare yourself for the ultimate wedding?

2A. Why is it important to realize that Jesus' home for His bride is the merging of heaven and earth (Revelation 21:1-2)?

2B. What is the most important result of the ultimate wedding (Revelation 21:3)?

2C. What enemies will Jesus remove from His bride (Revelation 21:4)?

2D. In what ways will the ultimate wedding usher in everything new (Revelation 21:5)?

2E. Are you excited and thankful about your eternal tomorrow with Jesus? Why or why not?

3A. How does the wedding of the Lamb and His bride provide an example for earthly marriages (Revelation 21:9)?

3B. Who will be part of the bride of Jesus (Revelation 21:6-7,10)? Who will not be part of Jesus' bride (Revelation 21:8-9)? Why?

3C. Why must everyone who is part of Jesus' bride have no stain of sin (Revelation 21:11)? How is that possible?

3D. How does the end of the Bible in Revelation 22:20 express the ultimate hope of every believer?

3E. In what ways does the ultimate wedding encourage you to be a witness for Jesus in these last days?