

THE BRIDE- THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Revelation 19:7, 8)

(part 3)

Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has prepared herself. She has been permitted to dress in fine linen, dazzling and white- for the fine lines is her righteousness.

It all began when God called and chose His bride before the foundation of the world, to be molded into the image of His Son (Romans 8:29b). When He chose her, He justified and glorified her unto Himself to be witness of the manifold of His wisdom to the angelic rulers and authorities in the heavenly sphere (Ephesians 3:10). He called her to stand firm in her faithfulness to follow Him, to strip off and throw aside every unnecessary weight which will entangle her, keeping her from running her race with patient and endurance to the end. The bride-the body of Christ is called to fix her eyes only on Jesus the author of her faith, who will come and will not delay fulfilling His promises to her. I will go and will prepare a place for my bride, for I want her to be where I am (John 14:1, 2, and 3). Yes, He also affirmed that she was to have tribulation in this world, but with that He promised her victory for He has overcome the world. Clearly this is not the wrath of God coming upon her, but these are problems of everyday life for living in the world. They are so very necessary for her molding and sanctification under the sovereign will of God. The bride-the body of Christ is hidden in Him, separated for Him, and no one can snatch her out of the Father's hand (John 10:28-29). She is under no condemnation, no wrath, no charge, no accusation; she is acquitted by God, for she has been chosen to salvation, sanctification and to glorification. Hidden in Him, nothing can separate her from the wonderful, powerful love of God. When His wrath comes, she will not be the recipient of it, for she was chosen to be His bride, not to receive His wrath, she was not called to be under his wrath. God's plan for His bride is not entwined with Jacob's trouble- the process to bring Israel back to Him through refining of the nation. And in all the land, says the Lord, two-thirds shall be cut off and perish, but one-third shall be left alive. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined and will test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will hear and answer them. I will say, it is My people; and they will say, The Lord is my God (Zechariah

13:8, 9). For the bride (the apostate church) who forsook Him, she will be refined in the tribulation time, but God will give her another chance for repentance, which will cost her life at that time. For it is impossible [to restore and bring again to repentance] those who have been once for all enlightened, who have consciously tasted the heavenly gift and have become sharers of the Holy Spirit, and have felt how good the Word of God is and the mighty powers of the age and world to come, if they then deviate from the faith and turn away from their allegiance [it is impossible] to bring them back to repentance, for (because, while, as long as) they nail upon the cross the Son of God afresh and are holding [Him] up to contempt and shame and public disgrace (Hebrews 6:4-6). No sacrifice is there left to offer in atonement for this people, but only the wrath of God.

At the time [of the rapture], two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the hand mill; one will be taken and one will be left. Watch therefore, for you do not know what kind of a day your Lord is coming (Matthew 24:40-42). The bride is told to be ready for the coming of her bridegroom, for the hour of His coming is unexpected. Are you going to be taken or be left behind? For what are you waiting, for the rapture, or for the tribulation? May you be counted among the faithful ones, and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved sound and complete and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (1Thess.5:23). **To Him be the glory, honor and power forever and ever amen! Even so come Lord Jesus.**

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