

John 3:29~ He that has the bride, is the bridegroom. However, the friend of the bridegroom, when he stands and hears him, has a great deal of joy, on account of the voice of the bridegroom. Therefore, this joy of mine has been made full.

1· John the Baptist then showed, that the one possessing the bride is the bridegroom, thus referring to Jesus having all these disciples, for they were the bride, and he was the bridegroom. John the Baptist now compared himself to the best man, the friend of the bridegroom, who has a great deal of joy when he sees the bridegroom, his friend, about to marry. John the Baptist then stated; This joy of mine had been made full, for the things God had told him about this coming one, had all come true.

[Question] Who has the bride, and what does the friend of the bridegroom feel when he marries?

[Question] How then, did John the Baptist feel, upon seeing many go to Jesus?

2· The kingdom of the heavens **has** become like a man, a king, that **made** a marriage feast for his son. (**Matthew 22:2**)

[Question] What did Jesus illustrate, that the Kingdom of the heavens was like?

3· For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy, for I personally promised you in marriage to one husband, that I might present you as a chaste virgin to the Christ. (**2 Corinthians 11:2**)

[Question] How did the apostle Paul feel about his ministry, for who were all the disciples he helped, promised in marriage to?

4· Husbands, continue loving your wives, just as the Christ also loved the congregation, and delivered up himself for it. (**Ephesians 5:25**)

[Question] How should husbands love their wives, and who set the example for this?

5· And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, which were **full** of the seven last plagues, and he spoke with me and said; Come here, I will show you the **bride**, the Lamb's wife. (**Revelation 21:9**)

[Question] What is shown in the Revelation vision, standing with the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ?

- 6· **For, look! As the sound of your greeting fell upon my ears, the infant in my womb leaped with great gladness. (Luke 1:44)**

[Question] How did John the Baptist react, while still within the womb, to the voice of Jesus' mother, Mary?

- 7· **With me from Lebanon, O bride, with me from Lebanon may you come. May you descend from the top of Anti-Lebanon, from the top of Senir, even Hermon, from the lairs of lions, from the mountains of leopards. (Song of Solomon 4:8)**

[Question] How does the Song of Solomon describe the coming forth of this bride?

- 8· **I have come into my garden, O my sister, my bride. I have plucked my myrrh along with my spice. I have eaten my honeycomb along with my honey. I have drunk my wine along with my milk. Eat, O companions! Drink and become drunk with expressions of endearment! (Song of Solomon 5:1)**

[Question] How is the love of this couple described in the Song of Solomon?

- 9· **Without fail I shall exult in Yehowah. My soul will be joyful in my God. For he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, with the sleeveless coat of righteousness he has enwrapped me, like the bridegroom who, in a priestly way, puts on a headdress, and like the bride, who decks herself with her ornamental things. (Isaiah 61:10)**

[Question] How did Isaiah prophetically speak of the joy of this bridegroom, and his bride?

- 10· **At this Jesus said to them; The friends of the bridegroom have no reason to mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them, do they? But days will come, when the bridegroom will be taken away from them, and then they will fast. (Matthew 9:15)**

[Question] What did Jesus tell his disciples, that the friend of the bridegroom has no reason to do, when?

[Question] Yet when would they find reason, to fast or mourn?

- 11· Then the kingdom of the heavens will become like ten virgins, that took their lamps and went out to meet the **bridegroom**. (**Matthew 25:1**)

[Question] What did Jesus equate the Kingdom of the heavens to being like?

- 12· And Jesus said to them; While the **bridegroom** is with them, the **friends** of the **bridegroom** cannot fast, can they? As long as they have the **bridegroom** with them, they cannot fast. (**Mark 2:19**)

[Question] What did Jesus tell his disciples, that the friends of the bridegroom cannot do, while the bridegroom is still present with them?

- 13· Jesus said to them; You cannot make the **friends** of the **bridegroom** fast, while the **bridegroom** is with them, can you? (**Luke 5:34**)

[Question] What did Jesus show, that you cannot make the friends of the bridegroom do, while he is still present?

- 14· Let us rejoice and be overjoyed, and let us give him the glory, because the marriage of the Lamb **has** arrived, and his wife **has** prepared herself. (**Revelation 19:7**)

[Question] What time approaches for the groom and his spiritual bride today, per the Revelation account?

- 15· I saw also the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, and prepared as a **bride** adorned for her husband. (**Revelation 21:2**)

[Question] How does the Revelation account show the approach of the bride of Christ, and what is she also described as?