

## Marriage Above

### A. The Jewish Wedding Ceremony

#### 1. The betrothal (history)...

a. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the price for His bride (Eph. 5:25; Jn. 3:16; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).

b. Moreover, Jesus instituted \_\_\_\_\_ as a way of remembering His covenant for us (Matt. 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:25).

#### 2. The preparation (present)...

a. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ to His Father's house to prepare a place for His bride (Jn. 14:2)...

b. Meanwhile, the bride is \_\_\_\_\_ for her Bridegroom and she is to prepare herself for marriage to Him. (Eph. 5:25-27; 1 Cor. 1:2; 6:11, 19-20; Heb. 10:10; 13:12)

#### 3. The Return (future)...

- a. Jesus returns to \_\_\_\_\_ His bride for the wedding. (Jn. 14:3; 1 Cor. 15:50-54; 1 Thes. 4:13-17).

4. The Marriage Ceremony (future after the rapture)

- a. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with our bridegroom for 7 years (Rev. 4-18)

- b. We are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ (1 Cor. 3:11-15; 2 Cor. 5:9; Rom. 14:10; Rev. 19:7-8)

5. Why does this matter?

- a. We find \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in whatever circumstances we find ourselves in now (1 Thes 4:18; 2 Thes. 2:16-17; Titus 2:11-13)!

- b. We should desire to be \_\_\_\_\_ when our Bridegroom comes for us (1 Jn. 2:28)!

- c. There is a \_\_\_\_\_ involved for those who read, hear, and keep the words of this prophecy (Rev. 1:3)