

# ***“The Jewish Wedding”***

Lesson Text: **Matthew 25:1-13.**

## **I. The Selection Of The Bride.**

- The Father Would Select A Bride For His Son- **Genesis 24:1-4.**
- We are Chosen by God As Jesus’s Bride- **Ephesians 1:3-4; Revelation 17:14.**

## **II. The Bride’s Consent.**

- Rebekah Consented To Marriage To Isaac- **Genesis 24:57-59.**
- We Consent To Be The “Bride” By Willingly Obeying The Gospel.

## **III. The Price Of The Bride.**

- The Dowry Is Called The “*mohar*” In Hebrew.
- God Gave His Son To Secure Us- **John 3:16; Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:20.**

## **IV. The Gifts For The Bride.**

- **Genesis 24:51-53.**
- God Gave Gifts For The Church- **Ephesians 4:7-8; Greatest Gift- Romans 6:23.**

## **V. The “Mikvah” Or Washing.**

- The Bride And Groom Are Immersed In Water To Symbolize Purity & New Life.
- We Are Immersed By Water To Start A New Life Of Purity- **Romans 6:3-4.**

## **VI. The Betrothal Or “Erusin.”**

- The Betrothal—Engagement of Today, But With Much Greater Commitment.
- The Couple Would Make A Covenant “Ketubah” (Vows And Promises) At This Time.
- **Matthew 1:18-19; We Are Betrothed By The New Covenant— 2 Corinthians 11:2.**

## **VII. The Cup Of The Covenant.**

- The Betrothal Promises Are Sealed With Both Drinking From The Cup.
- **Matthew 26:27-29.**

## **VIII. The Departure Of The Bridegroom.**

- The Bridegroom Leaves To Go Prepare A Place For His Bride (1-3 years).
- **John 14:2-3.**

## **IX. The Consecrated Bride.**

- While Her Betrothed Is Gone, She Awaits Her Husband’s Return (**Matthew 25:1-5**).
- She Is To Be Consecrated To Him, Prepare For Wedding, Keep Lamps Burning.

## **X. The Return Of The Bridegroom.**

- **Matthew 25:6-7.** The Bridegroom Returns For His Bride.
- We Must Always Be Ready To Meet The Bridegroom— Jesus. **Matthew 25:13.**

## **XI. The Homecoming And Wedding Feast.**

- The Marriage Is Finally Complete When The Bridegroom Comes Back (**John 14:3**).
- **Revelation 19:7-9.**