

**“The Marriage Ceremony of the Lamb”**  
**Matthew 22:1-14, 25:1-13, Revelation 19:6-10**

**Participants in the Wedding of the Lamb**

1. God, the Father – Host of the Wedding – Matthew 22:1-3
2. The Bride(Groom), Jesus – Luke 5:34, II Corinthians 11:1-2
3. The Bride, the Church – Ephesians 5:25-27
4. Wedding Guests, OT Saints & Trib Martyrs – Daniel 12:2, Rev. 20:4, Rev. 19:6-10

**The Jewish Wedding**

**Step #1- The Betrothal “Engagement” ... Matthew 1:18**

- Marriage contracts were arranged by the father who chose the bride for his son
- The father would sign a legal contract before a judge pledging his son to a chosen girl
- The father would offer a proper ‘Bride Price’ a ‘down payment’ if you will
- There are 2 stages to this engagement- the selection of the bride & the payment for the bride
- God chose for His Son, Jesus the Church to be His bride – Ephesians 1:4
- The ‘Bride Price’ has been paid in full through His blood of Jesus, also one with God – I Peter 1:18-19

**Step #2- The Presentation “Wedding Ceremony” ... John 14:1-3**

- There are also 2 parts to the wedding ceremony, the legal papers sealed by the father of the groom – Ephesians 1:13-14 AND an unexpected rush of the groom & his groomsmen to the bride’s house at any time he wanted. Many times it would be in the middle of the night to surprise the bride when she wouldn’t expect it!!!
- The Holy Spirit is the legal sealing of the agreement
- The Rapture is the unexpected visitation from the Groom, Jesus Himself!

**Step #3- The Celebration “Wedding Reception” Revelation 19:6-10**

- After the private marriage ceremony was completed, the public marriage supper would begin. Many guests would be invited to this celebration!
- The average Jewish Wedding lasted for 7 days! Our wedding in heaven will last for 7 years after the Judgment Seat of Christ!
- The wedding reception will take place on earth after the Second Coming! – Revelation 19
- This reception will probably last for 1,000 years in the Millennium!
- The faithful Jews & Gentiles who didn’t take the Mark of the Beast will be invited to the 1,000 year reception – Matthew 25:1-46