

The Bridegroom and the Bride

New Light

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“I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.” Isaiah 61:10, 11.



Old Light and New Light

“In every age there is a new development of truth, a message of God to the people of that generation. The old truths are all essential; new truth is not independent of the old, but an unfolding of it. It is only as the old truths are understood that we can comprehend the new.”

When Christ desired to open to His disciples the truth of His resurrection, He began “at Moses and all the prophets” and “expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning Himself.” Luke 24:27.

But it is the light which shines in the fresh unfolding of truth that glorifies the old. He who rejects or neglects the new does not really possess the old. For him it loses its vital power and becomes but a lifeless form.” Christ’s Object Lessons, 127.



Let us Pray

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Recommended Studies:

1. The 10 Virgins – Matthew Chapter 25

<https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/Matthew-Chapter-25/>

2. To Meet the Bridegroom – Christ’s Object Lessons

https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_COL.416.1¶=15.1878

3. Without a Wedding Garment – Christ’s Object Lessons

https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_COL.307.1¶=15.1351

4. The Need of Evangelistic Workers – Evangelism

https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_Ev.3¶=30.4

5. At the Marriage Feast – Desire of Ages

https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_DA.151.1¶=130.664

6. The Revelation – The Acts of the Apostles

https://legacy.egwwritings.org/?ref=en_AA.582.2¶=127.2562

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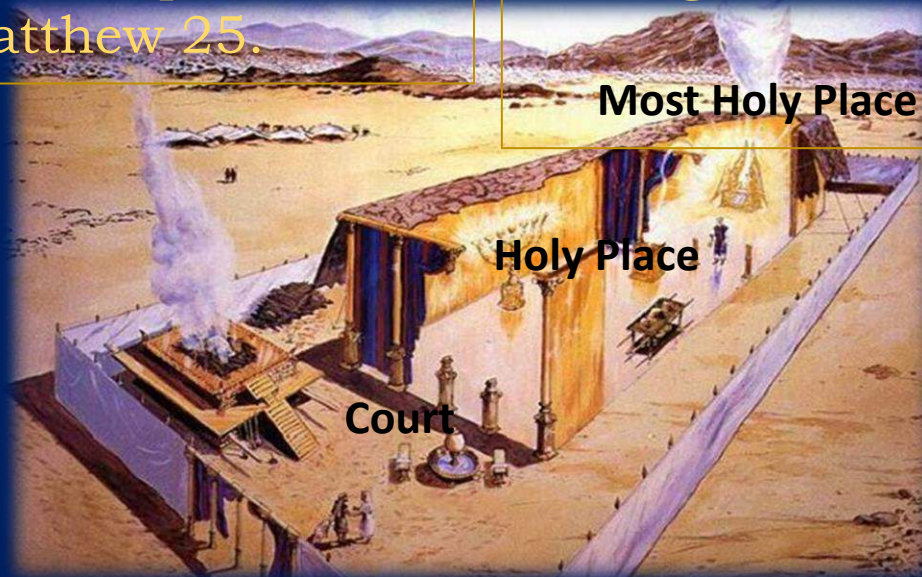
More to be Revealed....

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“The coming of Christ as our high priest to the most holy place, for the cleansing of the sanctuary, brought to view in Daniel 8:14; the coming of the Son of man to the Ancient of Days, as presented in Daniel 7:13; and the coming of the Lord to His temple, foretold by Malachi, are descriptions of the same event; and this is also represented by the coming of the bridegroom to the marriage, described by Christ in the parable of the ten virgins, of Matthew 25.

“In the summer and autumn of 1844 the proclamation, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,” was given. The two classes represented by the wise and foolish virgins were then developed—one class who looked with joy to the Lord’s appearing, and who had been diligently preparing to meet Him; another class that, influenced by fear and acting from impulse, had been satisfied with a theory of the truth, but were destitute of the grace of God. In the parable, when the bridegroom came, “they that were ready went in with him to the marriage.” Christ in His Sanctuary, 155.





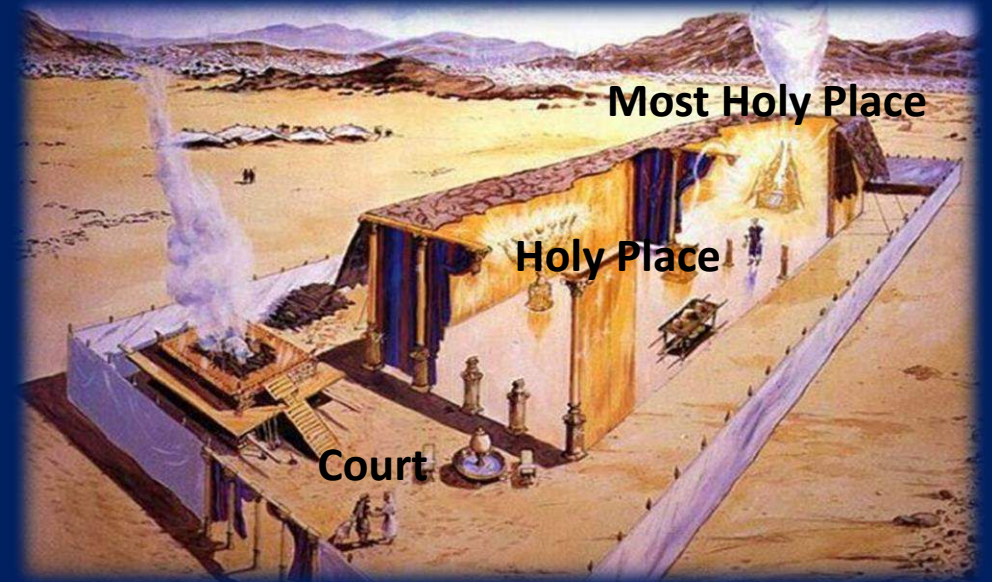
The Bridegroom Was Expected in 1844

“The proclamation, “Behold, the Bridegroom cometh,” in the summer of 1844, led thousands to expect the immediate advent of the Lord. At the appointed time the Bridegroom came, not to the earth, as the people expected, but to the Ancient of Days in heaven, to the marriage, the reception of His kingdom.

“They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut.” They were not to be present in person at the marriage; for it takes place in heaven, while they are upon the earth. The followers of Christ are to “wait for their Lord, when He will return from the wedding.” Luke 12:36. But they are to understand His work, and to follow Him by faith as He goes in before God. It is in this sense that they are said to go in to the marriage.” Christ in His Sanctuary, 156.

“In the parable [of the 10 virgins] it was those that had oil in their vessels with their lamps that went in to the marriage. Those who, with a knowledge of the truth from the Scriptures, had also the Spirit and grace of God, and who, in the night of their bitter trial, had patiently waited, searching the Bible for clearer light—these saw the truth concerning the sanctuary in heaven and the Saviour’s change in ministration, and by faith they followed Him in His work in the sanctuary above.

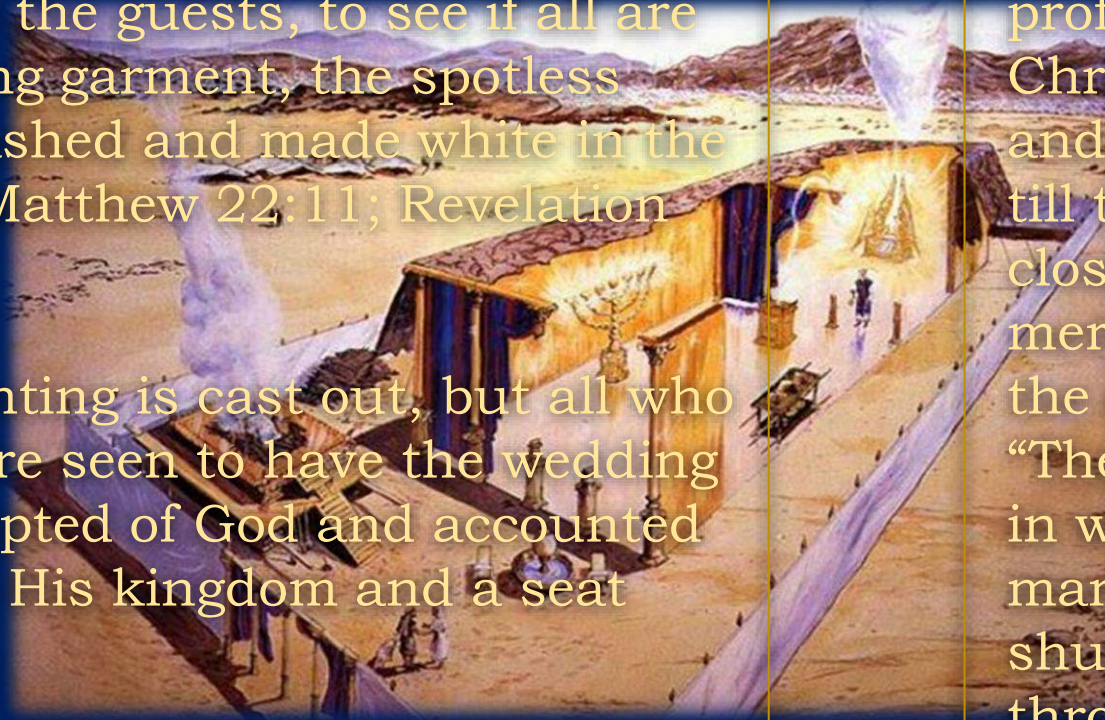
And all who through the testimony of the Scriptures accept the same truths, following Christ by faith as He enters in before God to perform the last work of mediation, and at its close to receive His kingdom—all these are represented as going in to the marriage.”
Ibid., 156.



“In the parable of Matthew 22 the same figure of the marriage is introduced, and the investigative judgment is clearly represented as taking place before the marriage. Previous to the wedding the king comes in to see the guests, to see if all are attired in the wedding garment, the spotless robe of character washed and made white in the blood of the Lamb. Matthew 22:11; Revelation 7:14.

He who is found wanting is cast out, but all who upon examination are seen to have the wedding garment on are accepted of God and accounted worthy of a share in His kingdom and a seat upon His throne.

This work of examination of character, of determining who are prepared for the kingdom of God, is that of the investigative judgment, the closing work in the sanctuary above.” Ibid. 157.



“When the work of investigation shall be ended, when the cases of those who in all ages have professed to be followers of Christ have been examined and decided, then, and not till then, probation will close, and the door of mercy will be shut. Thus in the one short sentence, “They that were ready went in with Him to the marriage: and the door was shut,” we are carried down through the Saviour’s final ministration, to the time when the great work for man’s salvation shall be completed.” Ibid. 158.

A large, dense bouquet of light pink and white roses, viewed from a slightly elevated angle. The roses are tightly packed, creating a full, rounded shape. The petals are delicate and layered, with some showing a soft gradient from white to light pink. The bouquet is set against a dark blue background that has a subtle glow around the flowers.

It may be fair to ask:

After 180 years since 1844, when are we to expect the Bridegroom to return and take His Bride and the Guests with Him in Heaven?

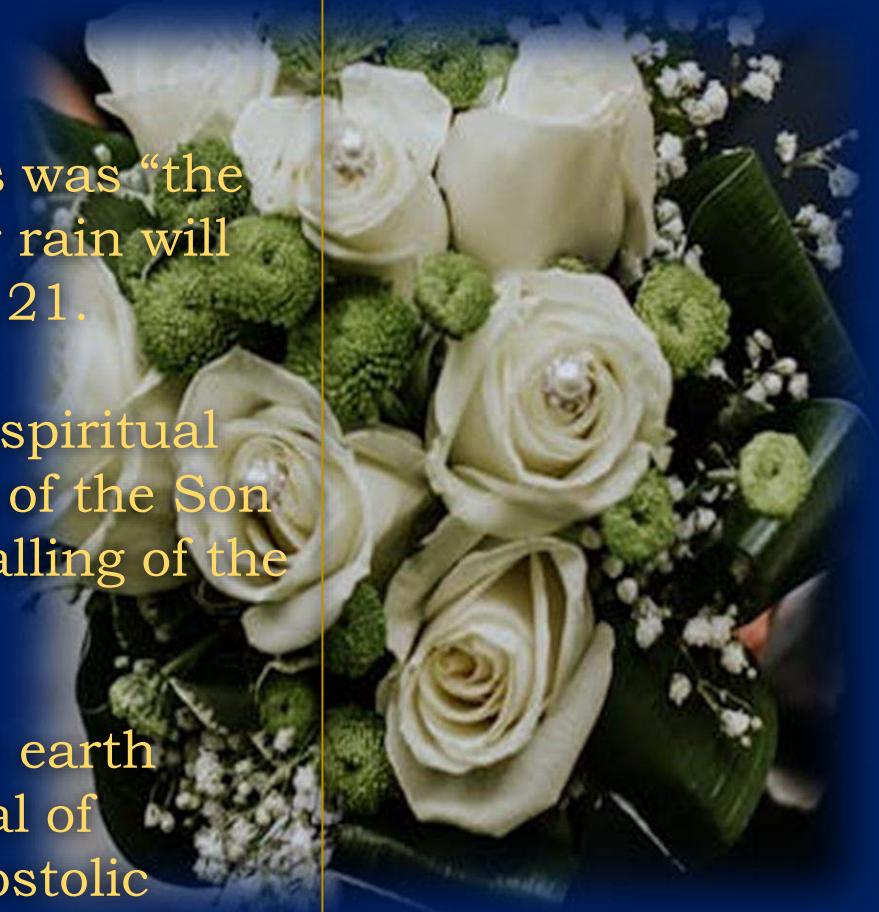
There Shall Be Signs – Matthew 24 – Physical

1. The Promise of the Latter Rain – Spiritual

“The outpouring of the Spirit in the days of the apostles was “the former rain,” and glorious was the result. But the latter rain will be more abundant.” Testimonies for the Church Vol. 8, 21.

“Near the close of earth’s harvest, a special bestowal of spiritual grace is promised to prepare the church for the coming of the Son of man. This outpouring of the Spirit is likened to the falling of the latter rain.” The Acts of the Apostles, 55.

“Before the final visitation of God’s judgments upon the earth there will be among the people of the Lord such a revival of primitive godliness as has not been witnessed since apostolic times. The Spirit and power of God will be poured out upon His children.” The Great Controversy, 464.



2. The Latter Rain Will Produce the Loud Cry

“At that time the “latter rain,” or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out.” Early Writings, 86.

3. Work similar to that of Pentecost

As the “former rain” was given, in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the opening of the gospel, to cause the upspringing of the precious seed, so the “latter rain” will be given at its close for the ripening of the harvest.” The Great Controversy, 611.

4. Time of Refreshing

“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” Acts 3:19.

5. The Latter Rain is The Loud Cry of the Third Angel

“I heard those clothed with the armor speak forth the truth with great power. It had effect.... I asked what had made this great change. An angel answered, “It is the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord, the loud cry of the third angel.”

Early Writings, 271.

Third Angel Message

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”
Revelation 14:9-11 and 18:4.



6. The Gift of the Holy Spirit

“Christ has promised the gift of the Holy Spirit to His church, and the promise belongs to us as much as to the first disciples. But like every other promise, it is given on conditions.

There are many who believe and profess to claim the Lord’s promise; they talk about Christ and about the Holy Spirit, yet receive no benefit. They do not surrender the soul to be guided and controlled by the divine agencies.” *Desire of Ages*, 671.



Who Are the Firstborn – Firstfruits – Church – Remnant
The Bridegroom – The Bride – The Guests
Repairer of the Breach – Restorer of Paths to Dwell In
Isaiah 58:12

Christ is:

- I. Firstborn – Of every Creature*
- II. Firstfruits – They that are His at His Coming*
- III. Seed of Abraham – And those in Christ*
- IV. Head of the Church – Redeemed – Judgment*
- V. The Bridegroom – The Bride are the Living Saints*
- VI. Great High Priest and KING of Kings*
- VII. The Bridegroom – Returning for the Bride*
 - Returning for the Guests*
 - Those who died in Christ*
 - The Great Multitude*

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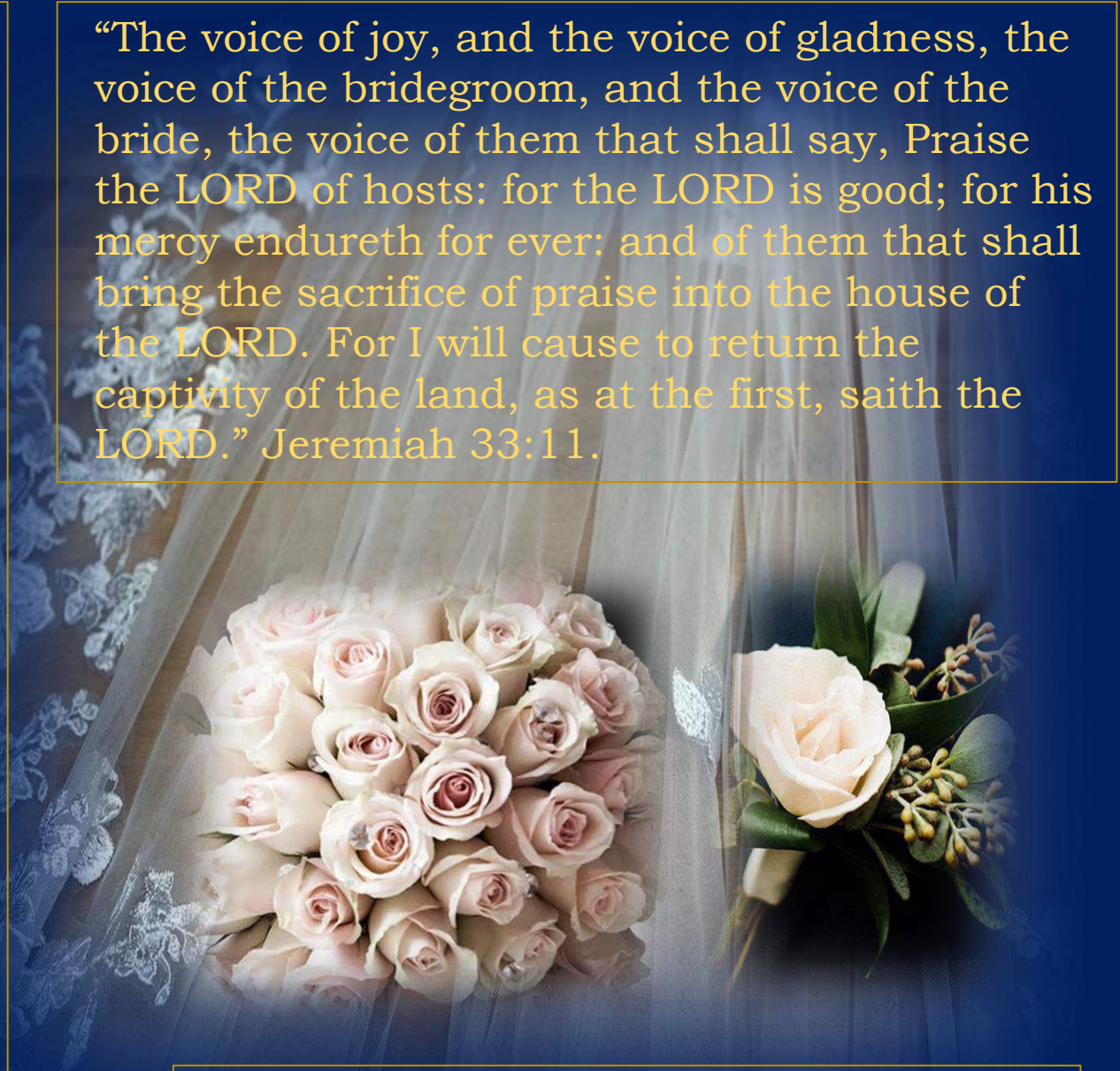
- I. Firstborn – Heirs of the Birthright*
- II. Firstfruits – Unto the LORD*
- III. Seed of Abraham – Sons of God*
- IV. Redeemed – By the Lamb – Remnant*
- V. Sealed – To Face the Plagues*
- VI. Kings and Priests with Him*
- VII. The Bride – Without guile – Spots – Wrinkles*
The Remnant – the Living Saints at His return

“Upon the crystal sea before the throne, that sea of glass as it were mingled with fire,—so resplendent is it with the glory of God,—are gathered the company that have “gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name.” The Great Controversy, 648.

“With the Lamb upon Mount Zion, “having the harps of God,” they stand, the hundred and forty and four thousand that were redeemed from among men.... And they sing “a new song” before the throne, a song which no man can learn save the hundred and forty and four thousand. It is the song of Moses and the Lamb—a song of deliverance. None but the hundred and forty-four thousand can learn that song; for it is the song of their experience—an experience such as no other company have ever had. “These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.” These, having been translated from the earth, from among the living, are counted as “the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.” Rev. 15:2, 3; 14:1-5.”

“These are they which came out of great tribulation;” they have passed through the time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation; they have endured the anguish of the time of Jacob’s trouble; they have stood without an intercessor through the final outpouring of God’s judgments. But they have been delivered, for they have “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” The Great Controversy, 648.

“The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.” Jeremiah 33:11.



“And the Spirit and the Bride say: ‘Come’. Revelation 22:17.



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