




END TIMES



**The Rapture
Concealed**

**The Rapture
Revealed**

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At every Jewish wedding there are several items that are part of that ceremony:

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(mikveh)
- a written marriage agreement
(ketubah)

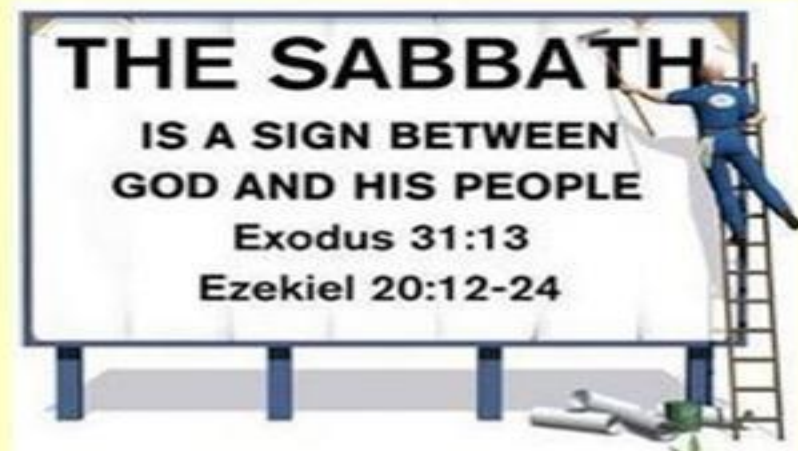


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- a place of covering or a canopy
(chuppah)

and

- a visible, tangible expression of the love
(ôth)





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ז Remember the day, *Shabbat*, to set it apart for God. You have six days to labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a *Shabbat* for *ADONAI* your God. On it, you are not to do any kind of work — not you, your son or your daughter, not your male or female slave, not your livestock, and not the foreigner staying with you inside the gates to your property. For in six days, *ADONAI* made heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. This is why *ADONAI* blessed the day, *Shabbat*, and separated it for himself.

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At Mount Sinai With Moses

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1. A Mikveh (מִקְוֵה) - Yahweh commands the people to cleanse themselves and make themselves ready for the marriage ([Exodus 19:10-14](#)).
2. A Ketubah (כְּתוּבָה) - The two copies of the Ten Commandments; one copy for the husband, one for the wife. Yahweh trusted his bride so fully both copies were given for her to hold and to keep. The Ketubah is read. ([Exodus 20:1-17](#)).
3. A Chuppah (חופּה) – The people were covered by the cloud. Not only does Yahweh cover the entire mountain with a cloud, but the Hebrew scripture can literally be translated “they stood under the mountain” ([Exodus 19:17](#)).
4. An Ôth (אוֹת) - Yahweh institutes the Sabbath as a weekly sign that he and his bride belong to each other and enjoy each other's presence ([Exodus 20:1-17](#), [Exodus 31:16-17](#)).

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Technically, Moses



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THE SABBATH

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Exodus 31:13

Ezekiel 20:12-24





At A Jewish Wedding

The Journey to the Bride's Home

- In a Jewish marriage, the husband-to-be (groom) would leave his father's home and travel to his betrothed's (bride's) home.

The Writing of the Ketubah

- At this point, the groom would establish and pay the purchase price for the bride. The groom would compose and verify a written marriage contract, the Ketubah, with the bride's father.
- The groom would then go back to his father's home and build an addition for himself and his bride, promising to return for his betrothed.

The Mikveh, And The Ôth

- At the end of the separation, the groom would show up unannounced to take his bride home, but only after his father had given him permission to do so. Her Mikveh is her father's home.
- When the groom got to his bride's home, he would wait outside for the bride to join him. The bride is "lifted up" and carried to the new home - the ôth.

The Walls are Raised



And the Door is Hung



The Furniture is Delivered



The Food Arrives



The Father Says: Go Get Your Bride

Mark 13:37 *“And what I say to you, I say to everyone: Be alert!”*

At the time of Yeshua, refrigeration did not exist.

So, when the townsfolk saw the food arrive, they knew without any shadow of doubt that the Father had given the Groom permission to go get his bride, and that the Wedding would begin either that night or the following night.

And the announcement, thanks to the next-door neighbor, went out: *“The Wedding is ON. Stay alert, get ready, because the groom is ready, near, at the door!”*



*The Chuppah is Erected and
Transportation for the Bride is Arranged*



No One Knows The Day Or Hour

Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32

“When that day and hour will come, no one knows – not the angels in heaven, not the Son, just the Father.”

A Hebrew Idiom - No One Knows The Day or Hour



The Most Common Usage

The common answer given by the bridegroom during ages past to someone asking the question: “*When’s the wedding date?*” was a well know Hebrew idiom: “*I don’t know, the angels don’t know, ask my dad!*”

Today, if depression over the length of time taking to build the new home and furnish it to his father’s expectations had set in, the bridegroom might very well reply with one of today’s favorite idioms: “*When the time is right!*”

By using this expression, “*You do not know the day or the hour*”, Yeshua may have simply been using a common wedding idiom to answer his disciple’s questions about the sign of his coming and of the end of the age. In short, he merely answered at the Pashat level of understanding: “*It will be revealed when it is the appropriate time to do so.*”

This is in accordance with a similar answer given to Daniel: “*keep these words secret, and seal up the book until the time of the end*” (**Daniel 12:1-4**).

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The Word Tense

The word translated *knows* in **Matthew 24:36** and **Mark 13:32** is the Greek word *eido* [εἶδω G1492], and is in the perfect tense.

The perfect tense describes something that was true or completed in the past, was still presently true at the time it is spoken, but which would not necessarily be true in the future.

Therefore, it can't be taken dogmatically that no one will ever know, which would be in violation of numerous scriptures that clearly state that the Bride of Yeshua will know and will not be taken by surprise (**Amos 3:7, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, Hebrews 10:25, Revelation 3:3**, etc.).

There are stark and complete reversals throughout scripture: prophecy sealed (**Daniel 12:4**) and then prophecy unsealed (**Revelation 22:10**). No one can know (**Matthew 24:36, Mark 13:32**) and now you do know (**1 Thessalonians 5:1-5, Revelation 3:3**).

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Furthermore, the word eido can be translated as: to make known. Paul uses it this way in **1 Corinthians 2:2**, saying in essence: *“I have determined not to make known to you, or to openly declare, anything except the crucified Yeshua Ha’Mashiach.”*

If this is the manner in which Yeshua used the word eido in **Matthew 24:36** and **Mark 13:32** then the verse would read more properly: *“Neither I nor the angels will make known or declare that day, only my father in Heaven will reveal or declare it.”*

The 1930 Concordant Version of the Sacred Scriptures does just that, translating **Matthew 24:36**: *“That day and hour not yet anyone has perceived, not yet the messengers [angels] of the heavens, not yet the Son, [but] the Father only.”*

This takes all emphasis off of no one can know the timing and places it distinctly into the realm of mystery – a fact currently concealed and not yet revealed because it isn’t the time to do so, and fully agrees with the rest of scripture which says we will know the day and hour if we remain alert and watching!







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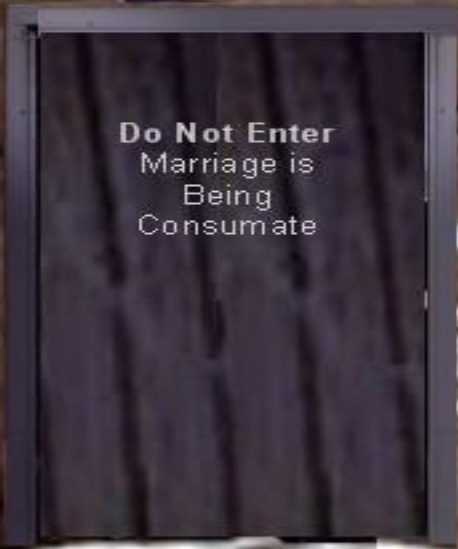
Taking The Bride Back To The Father's Home

- The bride is "lifted up" and carried to the new home - the ôth.

At The Father's Home

The bridegroom and his bride then go inside his new home and are concealed for seven days.

And the Door is Closed for Seven Days



Do Not Enter
Marriage is
Being
Consumate

The Chuppah, The Ketubah, & The Concealment

Matthew 25:10 – *“The bridesmaids who were ready went in with the bridegroom to the wedding feast. Then the door was closed and locked.”*

The groom and bride go to his fathers house and the wedding ceremony takes place under the **Chuppah** (marriage canopy). The Chuppah is generally open on all sides, The reading of the **Ketubah** text is given, outlining the groom's responsibilities – to provide his bride with her daily physical needs (daily bread) as well as her emotional needs. The couple is then concealed in the marital chamber. Once inside they shut and lock the doors and stay **Concealed** within for seven days.

In English thinking, we get the idea that you simply go into a bedroom and shut the door. However, in Hebrew, the picture is one of concealment – the husband and wife go into the chamber and are hidden away for seven days.

Matthew 25:10 tells us the door is “*closed and locked.*” **Isaiah 26:19-21** gives us the image of those who come into their chambers, “*lock the doors, and hide for a little while . . .*” This is repeated in Song of **Solomon 2:8 and 13:10** – “*My lover spoke and said to me, ‘Get up, my darling; let’s go away, my beautiful one’.*”

These three patterns are perfect pictures of the concealment of the Bride of Christ in Heaven for seven years during the time of Yahweh/Yeshua's indignation or wrath (i.e.; the tribulation period).

The Revealing And The Marriage Supper

Revelation 19:7-10 – *“Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Yahweh, for the marriage of Yeshua has come and his wife has made herself ready. It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean . . . Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper . . .”*

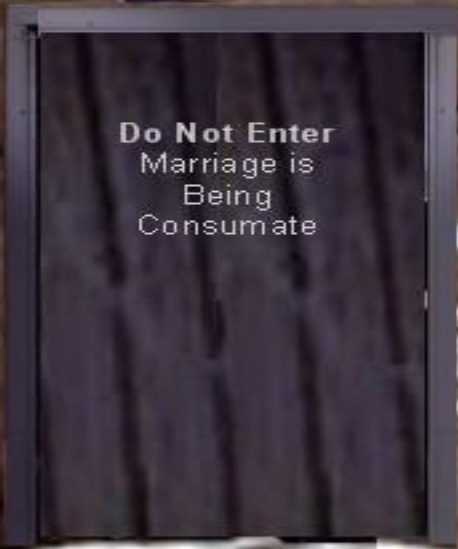
At the end of the seven day period, after the concealment and consummation of the marriage, the husband and wife exit for the marriage supper or celebration meal. Everyone's works have been evaluated and rewarded at the Bema Seat of Yeshua. The husband brings forth his wife so that everyone can see her **Revealed**, and the **Marriage Supper** begins.

At the end of the tribulation period Yeshua will come with all His saints and every eye will see Heaven opened and his wife adorned in fine, pure, white linen! After the supper is over, both will reign throughout the millennial kingdom.





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