1 - **The Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride**

**Revelation Chapters 21:1-6**

2 – **Context**

* Even **those facing immediate trials need hope** of how things will ultimately unfold.
* **Continuing in signs and symbols of the end for the faithful.**
* **Victory is for *“the Lamb”* and those who remain with Him.** (Revelation 17:14)
* **Satan and his angels will be defeated. (Revelation 18)**
* **The *“books”* will be *“opened”* and judgment will take place.** (Revelation 20:11-15)

3 - **The Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride**

Revelation 19:7-9;

Three marriage customs we need to appreciate:

1. **The betrothal.** (Matthew 25:1-13)

More of a commitment than our concept of being engaged.

Two components: **Commitment** & **Devotion**! (Luke 9:57-62; Philippians 3:12-14; 1 Kings 8:61; 11:4; Jeremiah 2:2-3; Luke 16:13)

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Three marriage customs we need to appreciate:

1. **The commitment of the bride - already his wife.**
	* **Examples** (Deut. 22:23-24; Matthew 1:18, 20)
	* **God betrothed to Israel**. (Jeremiah 2:2, 32; Isaiah 54:5-7)
	* **The church is betrothed to Christ**. (2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:22-23; Romans 7:4; John 3:29; Rev. 21:9)
	* **The dowry paid**. (Ephesians 5:25; Acts 20:28)
	* **The actual union/consummation is after the judgment**. (Revelation Chapters 21 & 22)
	* The **need for the bride to make herself ready**!

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Three marriage customs we need to appreciate:

1. **The wedding garments**.
* **The bride must be properly adorned by being prepared w/ clean garments.** (Matthew 22:11-13)
* **Must be clothed with purity.** (Ephesians 5:27; 1:4)
* **By the grace of God!** (Heb. 10:19-22; Rev. 7:14; 22:14)
* **Our responsibility?** (Romans 6:3-4; Revelation 16:15; 2 Corinthians 7:1; )

6 - **The Marriage Of The Lamb & His Bride**

**The invitation: (Revelation 19:9)**

1. **Called or invited through the gospel.** (1 Cor. 1:9;
2 Thessalonians 2:14)
2. **All are invited, who will offer excuses?** (Luke 14:16ff)
3. **All are invited, who will accept?** (Matthew 22:3-9)
4. **All are invited, who will prepare?** (Matthew 25:1-13)
5. **All are invited, who will humble themselves?** (Matthew 11:28-30)