

## Scriptures – God Being Married to Israel

- **God is married to Israel**

- **God as the Husband**

**Isaiah 54:5** For **thy Maker is thine husband**; The LORD of hosts *is* his name; And thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called.

- **Israel as the Bride**

**Hosea 2:19** And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; Yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgment, And in lovingkindness, and in mercies.

**20** I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness: And thou shalt know the LORD.

- **The Covenant**

**Jeremiah 31:32** — God speaks of a covenant "which my covenant they brake, although I was an **husband** unto them, saith the LORD."

- **Love and Faithfulness**

**Lamentations 3:22** *It is of* the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

**23** *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

- **The Ultimate Reunion**

**Revelation 21:2** And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**3** And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God *is* with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

- **Scripture with Marriage Language**

- **Jeremiah 3:14** Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; **for I am married unto you:** and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

**15** And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

- **Ezekiel 16:8** Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time *was* the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord GOD, **and thou becamest mine.**

**9** Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.

**10** I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.

**11** I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck.

**12** And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.

**13** Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment *was of* fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.

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**14** And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty: for it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord GOD.

**15** But **thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot** because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.

**16** And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places with divers colours, **and playedst the harlot thereupon: *the like things*** shall not come, neither shall it be so.

- **Warning about breaking the “marriage covenant”**

- The marriage metaphor captures the covenantal nature of God’s relationship with Israel, expressing both the intimacy of their bond and the gravity of Israel’s unfaithfulness.
- The symbolic depiction of the intimate covenant relationship between God and Israel as a “marriage” establishes a foundation for understanding Israel’s solemn commitment to Yahweh in terms of his demands for absolute loyalty and obedience in return for his love and protection.
- Unfaithfulness constitutes adultery.
- When Israel worshipped other gods, they were committing whoredom.
- **Exodus 34: 14** For **thou shalt worship no other god**: for the LORD, whose name *is* Jealous, **is a jealous God**:  
**15** Lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice;  
**16** And thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters **go a whoring after their gods**, and make thy sons **go a whoring after their gods**.

- **God made a covenant with Israel (What was the covenant?)**

- **I will be your God, and you will be my people.**
- **Exodus 6:6** Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:  
**7** And **I will take you to me for a people**, and **I will be to you a God**: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.  
**8** And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD.