

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb



Marriage Backgrounds in Jewish Literature

- Marriage depicts Christ's love for the church (Eph. 5)
- The order of marriage customs parallels church eschatology



The First Century Wedding Procession

**Groom's House
(at his Father's House)**

- The groom's procession parallels Christ's return for His Bride, the Church. At the Rapture, He will come to bring believers back to the Father's House.

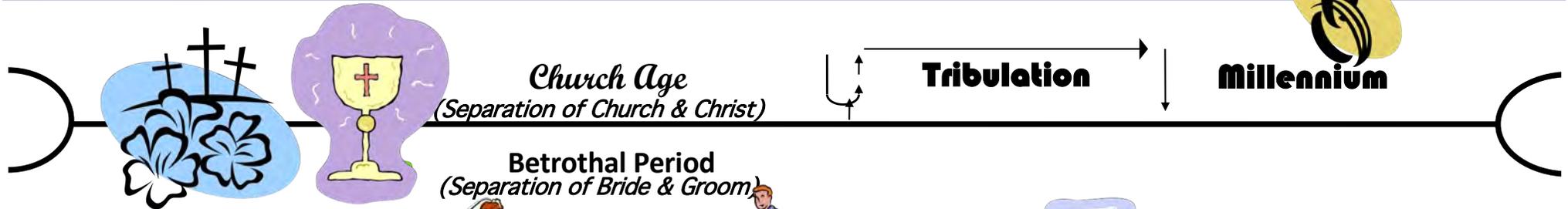
Bride's House



Marriage & the Church Timeline



<i>Election</i> God the Father chose those to be saved (Eph. 1:5, 11)	<i>Purchase</i> Christ paid the Father His blood to redeem the church (1 Pet. 1:18)	<i>Sign</i> New covenant began with the cup of the Supper (Luke 22:20)	<i>Our Job</i> Holiness for Christ during church age (2 Cor. 11:2)	<i>Christ's Job</i> Preparing heaven for church until He returns (John 14:1-3)	<i>Rapture</i> Christ brings church to heaven at unexpected time w/ shout (1 Thess. 4:14-18)	<i>Wedding</i> Church cleansed & presented unspotted (rewarded) in heaven (Eph. 5:26)	<i>Supper to Come</i> Church unites with Christ & glorifies Him for imparting righteousness (Rev. 19:7-9)	<i>Second Coming & Supper</i> Saints & Christ return to earth to reign (Rev. 19:11-20:6)
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<i>Choice</i> (Shiddukhin) Father chose a bride for his son (Tobit 4.12-13; 7.9-13; Ecclesiast. 7.23; Sirach 7.25; Mishna Kiddushin 2.1)	<i>Purchase</i> (Mohar) Groom paid bride's father gold & silver or service as dowry (Tobit 8.21; Jub. 28.2)	<i>Sign</i> (Ketubah) Marriage covenant began with contract & cup of betrothal (Tobit 7.14-15; Kidd. 2.2; Ketuboth 1.2)	<i>Bride's Job</i> (Kedesht) Maintained virginity (set apart for groom) one year (Mishna Sotah 1.1, 5; 5.1; Sirach 42.10)	<i>Groom's Job</i> (Huppah) Prepared bridal chamber and place in home of his father (1 Macc. 3.56; 2 Enoch 61.2)	<i>Procession</i> (Nissuim) Groom unexpectedly arrived, called bride & escorted her to his father's house (Adam & Eve 22.3; 4 Ezra 6.23)	<i>Wedding</i> (Sheva Brachot = 7 Nuptial blessings) bride washed, adorned, presented by groom as beautiful virgin (Tobit 7.13) & declared married	<i>Wedding Supper</i> Intercourse (Mishna Ketuboth 1.1; 3 Macc. 1.19; 4.6) began a 7-14 day feast (Tobit 8.19-20; 9.6); guests given white linen & groom praised for beauty given to the bride	<i>Married Life</i> Bride & groom lived in society to serve God together (Gen. 2:24; Matt. 19:4-6)
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"We will rise to
meet Him"
(1 Thess. 4:16)





**“The
Judgment”
at the
Sistine
Chapel**

**The Second
Coming
(Rev. 19:11-20)**



**THE INVITATION IN
REVELATION 19:7-9**



⁷ “Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the **marriage** of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready.”

⁸ It was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

⁹ Then he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who are invited to the **marriage supper** of the Lamb.’ ” And he said to me, “These are true words of God.”

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“Pre-Trib” Rapture



The Marriage & Supper Contrasts (19:7-9)

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Symbols	Wedding	Feast
Verse	7	9
Tense	Aorist (past)	Present
Involvement	Church as Bride	Israel as Guests
Time Period	Tribulation	Millennium
Place	Heaven	Earth
Characteristics	Procession, Wedding	Friends invited to Wedding Feast
Explanation	Bride/Church brought to Father's house	Bride/Church introduced to friends/Israel
Scripture	Rom. 7:1-4; 1 Cor. 6:17; 2 Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:27	Isa. 25:6-8; Matt. 8:11; 26:29; Luke 12:35-37



"... a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True" (19:11)

Life's Most Important Question:

*What Will **You** Do With Jesus?*

Yes No ?

Is Jesus **God** made man?

Did Jesus **die for your sins**?

Did Jesus **rise** from the dead?

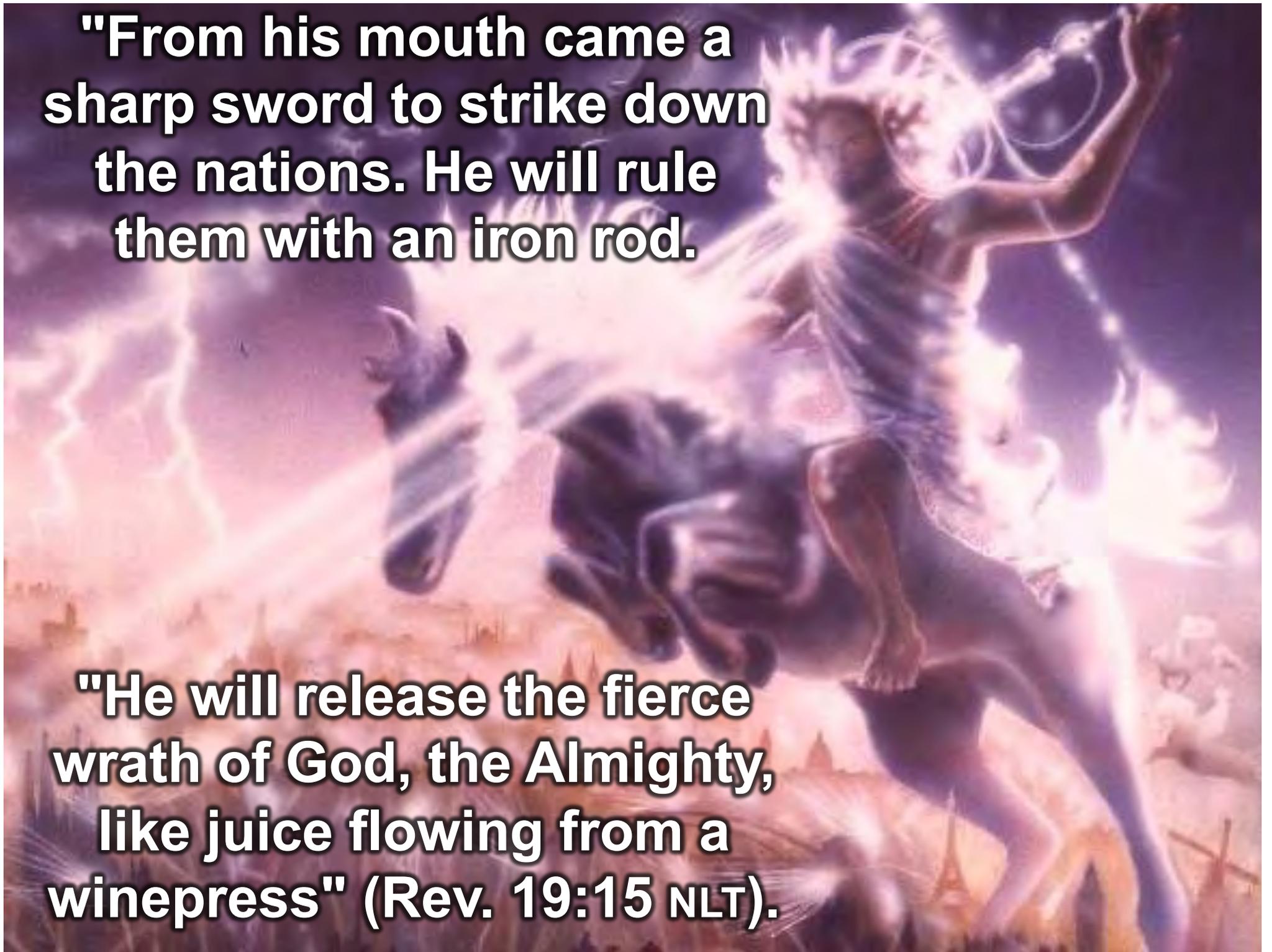
Are you **trusting in Jesus**?

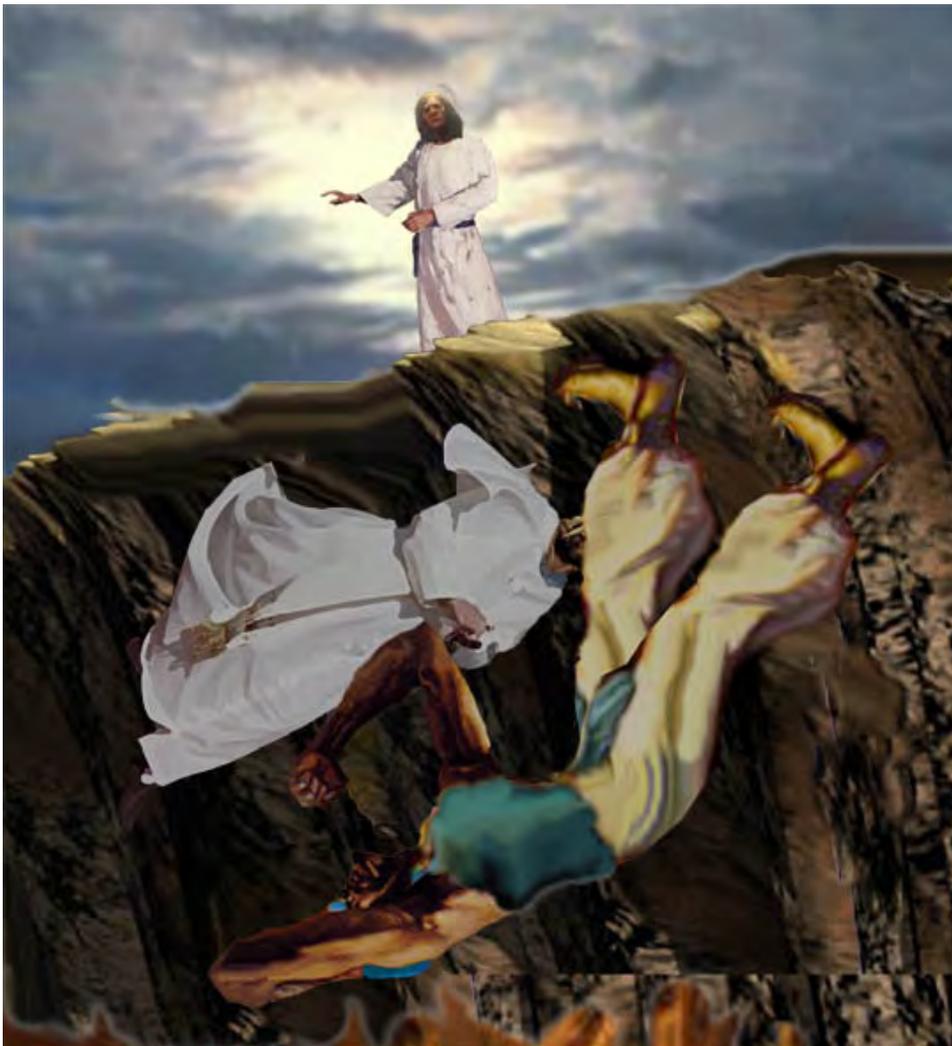
Did Jesus give you **eternal life**?

Will Jesus **return** to earth for you?

"From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod.

"He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress" (Rev. 19:15 NLT).





**Beast & False
Prophet cast
into lake of
burning sulfur
(19:20)**

The Eastern Gate

Isaiah 25:6-8

⁷ In Jerusalem [Heb. *On this mountain*; also in 25:10],
the Lord of Heaven's Armies will spread a
wonderful feast for all the people of the world.

It will be a delicious banquet
with clear, well-aged wine and choice meat.

⁷ There he will remove the cloud of gloom,
the shadow of death that hangs over the earth.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever!

The Sovereign Lord will wipe away all tears.
He will remove forever all insults and mockery
against his land and people.

The Lord has spoken!

Matthew 8:11; 26:29 NLT



“Many Gentiles will come from all over the world—from east and west—and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom.”

Luke 12:35-38 NLT

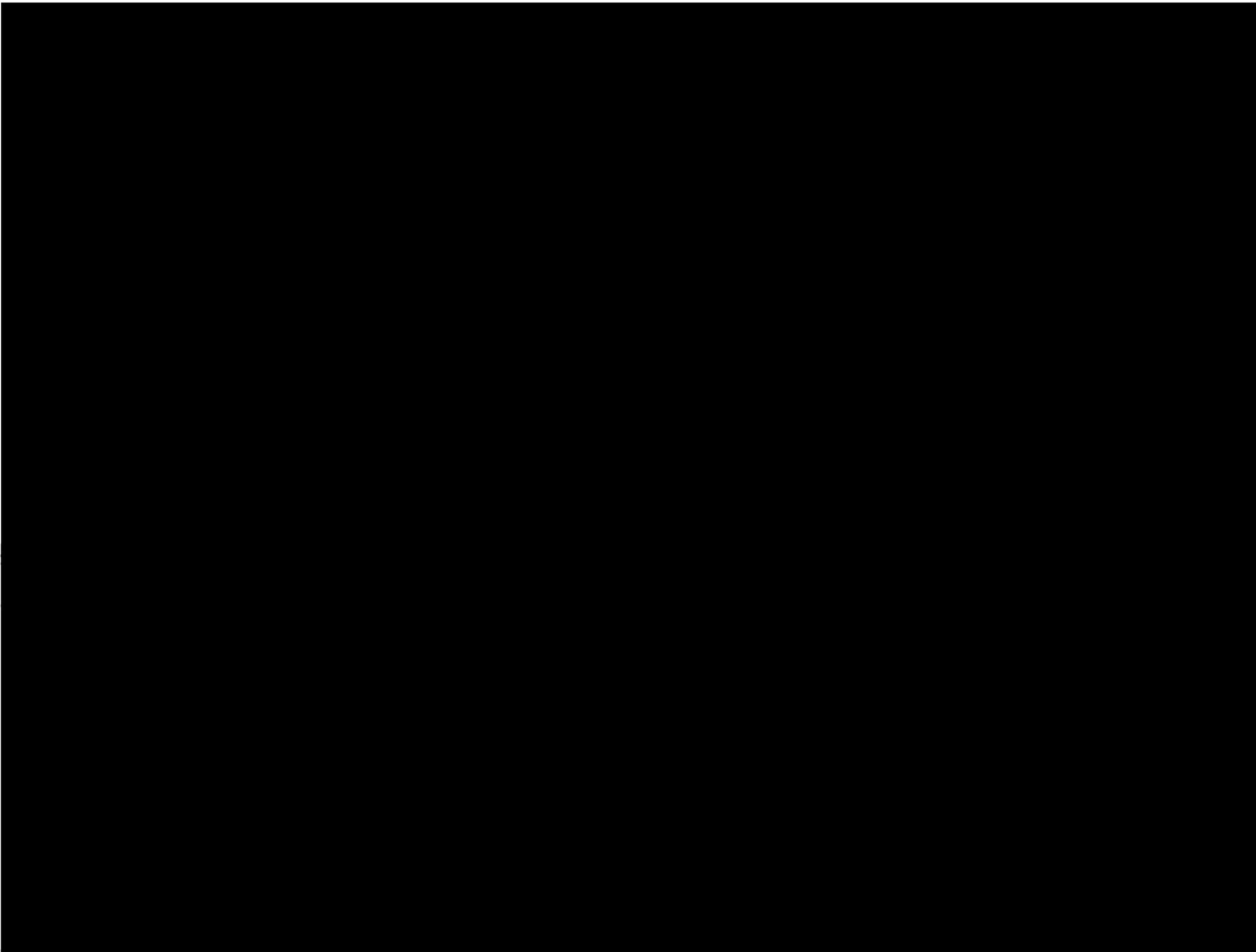
³⁵“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. ³⁷The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.

**“He will put the sheep on his right
and the goats on his left”
Matthew 25:33**





Questions about the Wedding and Supper?



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