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# *The Messiah and the Jewish Wedding*



# Part 1 - Erusin or Kiddushin Engagement



# 1. The Arrangement

John 6:44

"No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day."



## 2. The Groom's Promise:

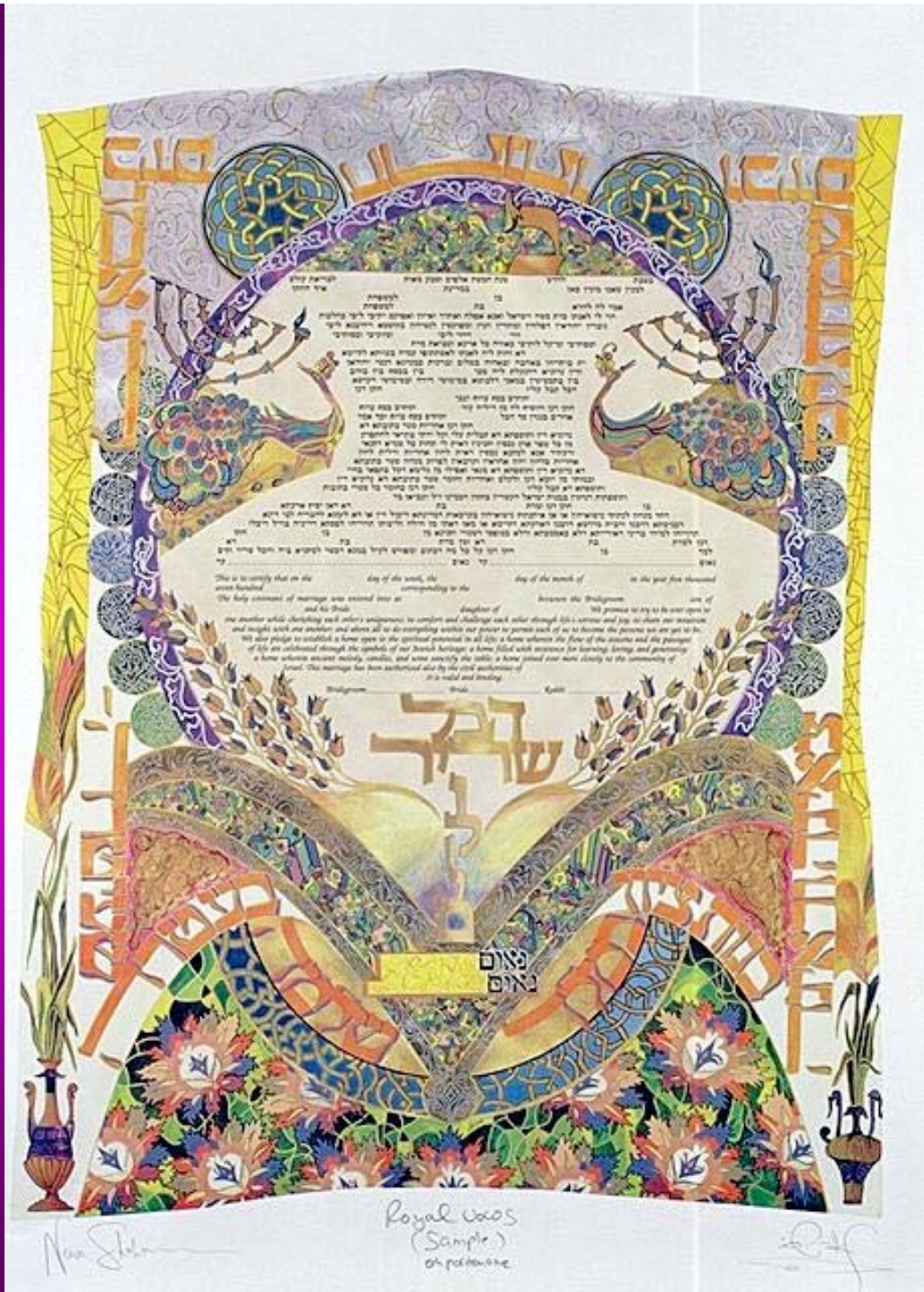
### 1 Corinthians 6:12

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



# A Covenant Relationship Ketubah Contract

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### John 14

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And where I go you know, and the way you know."





# 4. The Engagement



# 5. The Fast

## Prepare for holiness

### *Jesus Teaches About Fasting*

Luke 5:33-34 Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."



# 6. The June Wedding

Weddings are not held during holidays or fast days. This is why the three week period between Shavout (Feast of Weeks) and the Fast of Tammuz (Babylonian attack) is an ideal time to have a wedding celebration lasting a week. Thus June is known as the wedding month.



# Part 2 Nisuin or Nuptials



# 1.The Mikvah

## - Ritual Immersion

Today, the Jewish Bride and sometimes the Groom are immersed in a ritual pool of Mayim Chaim, Living Water, known as a Mikvah.



## 2. The Bride Waits for the Groom

**Luke 12:40**

Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



# 3. The Wedding Garment Kittel

## The Parable of the Wedding Feast

### Matthew 22:1-14

But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?'





# 4. Bedeken

## Veiling the Bride

### Genesis 24:64

Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and when she saw Isaac she dismounted from her camel; <sup>65</sup> for she had said to the servant, "Who *is* this man walking in the field to meet us?"

The servant said, "It *is* my master." So she took **a veil and covered herself.**



## 5. The Bridesmaids:



Unmarried friends who attend to the bride and provide light for the groom who comes at night. This is a traditional custom for friends to light havdalah candles in the processional or during the veiling ceremony. Light is a symbol of God's presence, the Shekinah Glory.

# *Parable of the Ten Virgins*

## *- Matthew 25:1-13*

"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Now five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. <sup>3</sup> Those who *were* foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept.

<sup>6</sup> "And at midnight a cry was *heard*: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> "Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'

<sup>13</sup> **"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.**



# 6. The Shofar

## Announcing the Groom

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 –

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the Shofar, trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first. Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.



# 7. The Kiddush

## The Cup of Wine

### John 2 – The First Miracle

Jesus said to them, “Fill the waterpots with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And He said to them, “Draw *some* out now, and take *it* to the master of the feast.” And they took *it*. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. <sup>10</sup> And he said to him, “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the *guests* have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!”



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## The Cup of Wine

Matthew 26:27-29



Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."



# The Seven Blessings

Blessed art thou, O Lord our  
God, King of the Universe,  
Who has created everything  
for His glory.





# The Seven Blessings

Blessed art thou, O Lord our  
God, King of the Universe,  
Who has created mankind.



# The Seven Blessings

Blessed art thou, O Lord our  
God, King of the Universe,

Who has made mankind in  
thy image, in the image of  
thy likeness and prepared for  
him a building for eternity.



# The Seven Blessings

Blessed art thou, O Lord, who fashioned mankind.

Bring intense joy and exultation to the barren one through the ingathering of her children amidst her in gladness. Blessed are You, O Lord, Who makes Zion joyful through her children. Gladden the beloved companions as You gladdened Your creature in the Garden of Eden. Blessed art thou O Lord, who makes the bridegroom and the bride rejoice.



# The Seven Blessings

Blessed art thou,  
O Lord, our God, King of the Universe,

Who created joy and gladness, groom and bride, mirth, glad song, pleasure, delight, love, brotherhood, peace and companionship. O Lord, our God, let there soon be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the grooms jubilation from their canopies and of youths from their song-filled feasts.



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Who gladden the groom with  
the bride.



# The Seven Blessings

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of the vine.



# 8. Breaking of the Glass



*A Traditional end to a Jewish wedding serves as a reminder of the fragility of life, even during the most joyous of celebrations. Life is fragile. We break this glass as a symbol of our past. Forgiveness is an end to a shattered past. As the Groom smashes the glass everyone will shout Mazel Tov! Which means Good Fortune, may your lives not be shattered, but full of fortune and joy.*



## 9. Yichud - Seclusion

After the Wedding Ceremony the Bride and Groom now retreat to a private room to enjoy one another. This is a time of togetherness before the great feast that awaits them.



# 10. Festive Meal-

The ancient custom is to celebrate the wedding with an elaborate feast that would last for a week or longer.

We will celebrate with the Messiah at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

Revelation 19:5 Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed *are* those who are called to the **Marriage Supper of the Lamb!**'



# 11. The New Life Together

The new couple goes to the father's house to begin married life.

We too, will go to the Father's house for the Marriage Feast of The Lamb, then go with The Messiah to reign in His kingdom, the new earth, for 1000 years.

Revelation 21: 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.



