

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

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Forerunners Made Simple

Understanding that the Bible Highlights Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge

In Jesus' final public message to Israel, He emphasized the Lord as a Bridegroom, King, and Judge. God The Father is preparing a wedding for His Son. An eternal plan (Mt. 22:1-14). He revealed the nature of the kingdom as a wedding that His Father planned.

"The kingdom... is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son..."

Matthew 22:2-3

In Jesus' final message to the apostles before the last supper in the upper room (Jn. 14-17), He revealed Himself as Bridegroom (Mt. 25:1-13), King (Mt. 25:31), and Judge (Mt. 25:32-46).

"Then the kingdom...shall be likened to ten virgins who...went to meet the Bridegroom... When the Son of Man comes... He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them [as the Judge]..."

Matthew 25:1, 31-32

The final revelation in the Word reveals Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge (Rev. 19-22).

"Give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come... In righteousness He judges and makes war... on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS..."

Revelation 19:7, 11, 16

Isaiah 62-63 is the clearest Old Testament description of the ministry of the Spirit in the generation the Lord returns as He reveals Jesus, the messianic redeemer, as Bridegroom, King, and Judge. The primary face of the Lord in Isaiah is as a king (Isa. 6:5; 32:1; 33:17, 22; 41:21; 43:15; 44:6).

1. Jesus delights in His people as a bridegroom rejoices over His bride (Isa. 62:4-5).
 - a. "As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you... Prepare the way for the people... [to enter Jerusalem to worship the King]..."
Isaiah 62:5, 10
2. When Jesus returns, He will judge His enemies—as He marches to Jerusalem (Isa. 63:1-3).
 - a. "Why is Your apparel red...? I have trodden them [nations] in My anger... their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes."
Isaiah 63:2-3

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Psalms 45 is the great love song of Messiah coming to earth as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge:

“Gird Your sword... O Mighty One [the Judge]... Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King’s enemies [Armageddon]... At Your right hand stands the queen [the Bride]...”

Psalms 45:3-9

It is very important we see Jesus as Bridegroom for us to walk in our bridal calling... we see His tender love and affection for us as His bride. He raises us up towards Him and for Him as we see Him in His faithfulness to His bride.

Prayer:

Father, help us to have eyes to see Jesus as Bridegroom, to understand your plan to give Him an eternal bride. We pray you show us how much we are loved... let our hearts yearn even more to be with Him. Thank you Jesus for your love for your bride...