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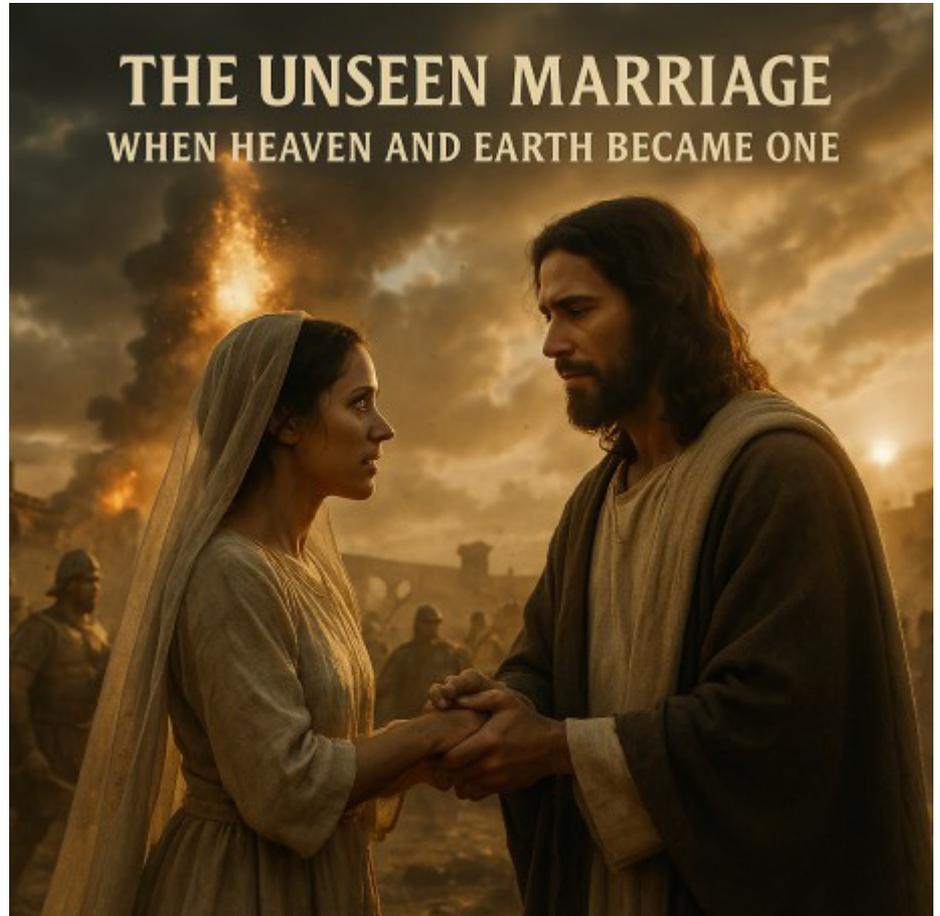
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Revelation 21:2

And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband.

† John saw not a literal city, but the Church, descending in covenantal union with her Lord. The "holy city" represents the people of God, now purified and indwelt by His presence.

† The imagery of "coming down out of heaven" shows that this is a divine creation, not man's work. The new Jerusalem isn't built by human hands, but revealed from heaven when the old covenant system fell.

† The bride imagery points back to covenant language throughout Scripture. In the prophets, Israel was often called God's wife (Jeremiah 3:14, Hosea 2:19). The new Jerusalem is the restored, faithful bride, the redeemed body of Christ.

† The word "adorned" speaks of completed readiness. She is not waiting to become the bride, she already is, clothed in righteousness through Christ's finished work.

Revelation 21:9-10

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and spoke with me, saying, "Come here, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.

† The same angel who poured out judgment now reveals glory, showing that judgment and restoration are two sides of the same event. The fall of old Jerusalem made way for the descent of the new.

† The bride is clearly identified as the city, confirming that the "new Jerusalem" is symbolic for the Church, not a geographical location.

† Being "carried in the Spirit" links this vision to prophetic revelation, like Ezekiel's temple vision (Ezekiel 40). The "mountain" represents God's kingdom, which Isaiah said would be established above all nations (Isaiah 2:2).

† The descent of the city shows the moment when heaven and earth became one. The dwelling place of God is now with men (Revelation 21:3). The separation caused by sin and the temple veil is forever removed.

Ephesians 5:31-32

For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great, but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

† Paul takes the first marriage in Genesis and applies it directly to Christ and His Church. Adam and Eve's union foreshadowed the greater spiritual marriage that would unite heaven and earth.

† The leaving of father and mother mirrors Christ leaving the glory of heaven to join Himself to His bride. The union in "one flesh" symbolizes the covenantal oneness believers now share with Him.

† The "great mystery" reveals that human marriage was never the final picture, but a shadow of divine union. The Church is now bone of His bone, flesh of His flesh (Ephesians 5:30).

† This covenantal marriage was fully realized when the Old Covenant system was dissolved, removing the former "wife" that played the harlot (Jerusalem) and revealing the faithful bride.

Genesis 2:21-24

So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh at that place. The Lord God fashioned into a woman the rib which He had taken from the man, and brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

† The first marriage prefigured Christ and the Church. Just as Eve came from Adam's side, the Church came from Christ's side when blood and water flowed at His death (John 19:34).

† Adam's deep sleep represents death, from which God brought

forth his bride. Christ's death brought forth His own bride, the Church, born from His sacrifice.

† The phrase "one flesh" reveals the covenant unity between the two. This was never about biology alone, but a picture of complete covenantal union.

† The typology moves from creation to redemption, from Adam to Christ. The new creation is the fulfillment of that first pattern.

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son."

† The wedding feast represents the arrival of the kingdom in its fullness. The son's marriage points to the union between Christ and His Church.

† The destruction of the murderers and their city (verse 7) matches the judgment of Jerusalem in AD 70, clearing the way for the wedding feast to begin.

† Those invited but unworthy represent Israel under the old covenant, while the new guests gathered from the highways are the nations entering the New Covenant kingdom.

† The garment requirement (verse 11) points to righteousness in Christ. The new bride is clothed in fine linen, which is the righteous acts of the saints (Revelation 19:8).

How it applies to us today

† We live in the completed union of heaven and earth. The dwelling of God is with His people, not in a building or future city, but within us as His new creation.

† The Church is the bride, already married to Christ, enjoying the privileges of that oneness. We're not waiting for a future wedding, we're living in the marriage now.

† Our worship is heavenly because we are seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). There is no longer a veil between God and man.

† Every act of faith, every word of truth, and every work of love

now flows from this marriage union, heaven expressing itself through redeemed humanity.

† When the world sees the Church living as one with Christ, they see heaven and earth united before their eyes.

† This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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