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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's vision shows the fulfillment of all covenant promises, the marriage between Christ and His people.

† The New Jerusalem is not a physical city, but the redeemed community of believers, the Bride herself.

† "Coming down out of heaven" reveals the union of heaven and earth through the completed redemption.

† The bride's adornment represents righteousness and glory given by the Lamb, not earned by works.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she would be holy and blameless.

† Paul described the purpose of Christ's love, to prepare His bride through sanctification and cleansing.

† The "washing of water with the word" points to the inner transformation by truth and Spirit.

† The church's beauty is not external but spiritual, the perfection of holiness through union with Him.

† The presentation of the church "in all her glory" is the marriage scene completed in Revelation.

Isaiah 62:4-5

It will no longer be said to you, "Forsaken," nor to your land will it any longer be said, "Desolate"; but you will be called, "My delight is in her," and your land, "Married"; for the Lord delights in you, and to Him your land will be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so your sons will marry you; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so your God will rejoice over you.

† Isaiah prophesied of the covenant's renewal long before its fulfillment in Christ.

† The once-forsaken Jerusalem now becomes "Married", the restored relationship between God and His people.

† The Lord's delight in His bride expresses eternal satisfaction and completion.

† What was once desolation under the old covenant is now joy under the new.

Hosea 2:19-20

I will betroth you to Me forever; yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and in justice, in lovingkindness and in compassion, and I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness. Then you will know the Lord.

† Hosea's prophetic marriage to Gomer symbolized Israel's unfaithfulness, yet also God's promise to restore.

† The "betrothal forever" finds its fulfillment in the eternal covenant sealed by Christ's blood.

† This marriage is built not on law but on righteousness, compassion, and faithfulness.

† Knowing the Lord in this context means intimate, covenantal relationship, the full restoration of communion.

Revelation 19:7-8

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. 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.

† The marriage supper of the Lamb represents the final union of covenant and fulfillment.

† The bride's readiness shows that redemption had reached completion, no further preparation required.

† The "fine linen" given to her signifies the imputed righteousness and faithful witness of the saints.

† This is the moment creation awaited, heaven and earth joined as one in the eternal kingdom.

Matthew 22:2-3

The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were

unwilling to come.

† Jesus used this parable to show that the covenant invitation was first sent to Israel.

† Those who refused represented the unbelieving nation that rejected their Messiah.

† The invitation later went to all nations, fulfilling the prophecy that "many will come from east and west."

† The feast symbolizes the joy and completion of covenant relationship in the new creation.

John 3:29

He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. So this joy of mine has been made full.

† John the Baptist recognized his role as witness, not groom, his joy was seeing the union completed.

† The "bridegroom's voice" represents the announcement of fulfilled promise.

† His joy being "made full" mirrors the completion of all expectation in Christ.

† Once the bridegroom came, the new covenant marriage began in full glory.

How it applies to us today

† We live as the bride of the Lamb, joined forever in an unbreakable covenant.

† Our relationship with Christ is not distant but intimate, built on love, truth, and eternal unity.

† Every believer shares in this marriage joy, clothed in righteousness and peace.

† The old covenant has passed; the new covenant stands complete, radiant, and everlasting.

† The marriage of the Lamb is not a future event, it is the reality

we now live in daily.

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

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