

MARRIAGE COVENANT FROM JEWISH PERSPECTIVE



EPHESIANS 5: 25 -27- THE MYSTERY

HEBREW LANGUAGE – ‘VERBS’ ARE EMPHASIZED

HUSBANDS – ‘LOVE’ YOUR WIVES

JUST AS JESUS CHRIST WHO

‘GAVE’ HIMSELF UP FOR HER TO

✓ ‘MAKE’ HER HOLY

✓ ‘CLEANSE’ HER

✓ ‘WASH’ WITH WATER – THE BAPTISM, THRO WORD

✓ ‘PRESENT’ HER TO YOURSELF RADIANT

WITHOUT STAIN / WRINKLE /BLEMISH,

HOLY AND BLEMISH-LESS

NISSUIN / KIDDUSHIN- WEDDING = KODESH - HOLY



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JESUS DOES ALL THESE TO

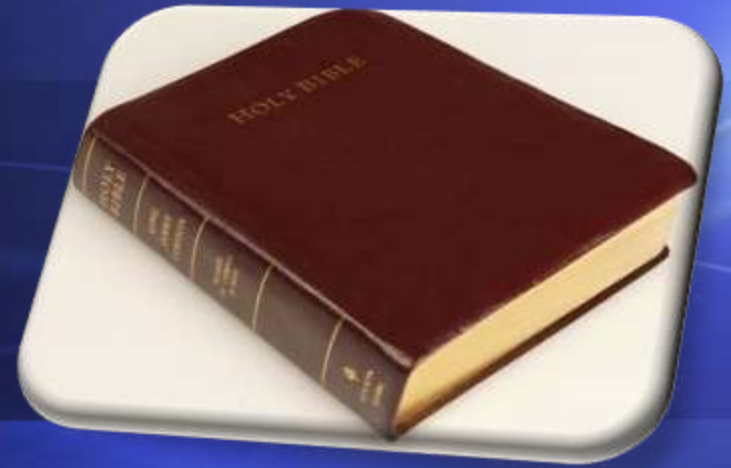
‘PRESENT’ HIS BRIDE TO HIMSELF

FULL OF GLORY.

-THROUGH THE “WASHING” – WITH SCRIPTURES”

HENCE, THE PURPOSE OF THE WORD OF GOD:

- TO PREPARE THE BRIDE
- TO GET HER MARRIED TO JESUS CHRIST



**THEN IS THE BIBLE FOR
A STATEMENT OF DOCTRINES
OR
FOR PREPARING THE BRIDE?**

ARUSA - NISSUIN

FIRST WEDDING
FINAL WEDDING



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ARUSA

AS GOOD AS WEDDING

ARUSA ONLY AFTER THE GROOM WRITES THE 'KETUBAH' AGREEMENT

KETUBAH



**‘that which is written’
BETROTHAL CONTRACT BOOKLET**

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KETUBAH



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PARENTS + 2 / 7 WITNESSES VISIT THE HOME OF THE BRIDE TO BE



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PARENTS & THE GROOM COME TO THE BRIDE'S HOME



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CHUPPAH



There is a tradition followed by some whereby the bride walks around the groom under the Chuppah before the rabbi begins the wedding ceremony.

This tradition has ties to Jeremiah 31:22, where the prophet says that a woman encompasses and protects a man.

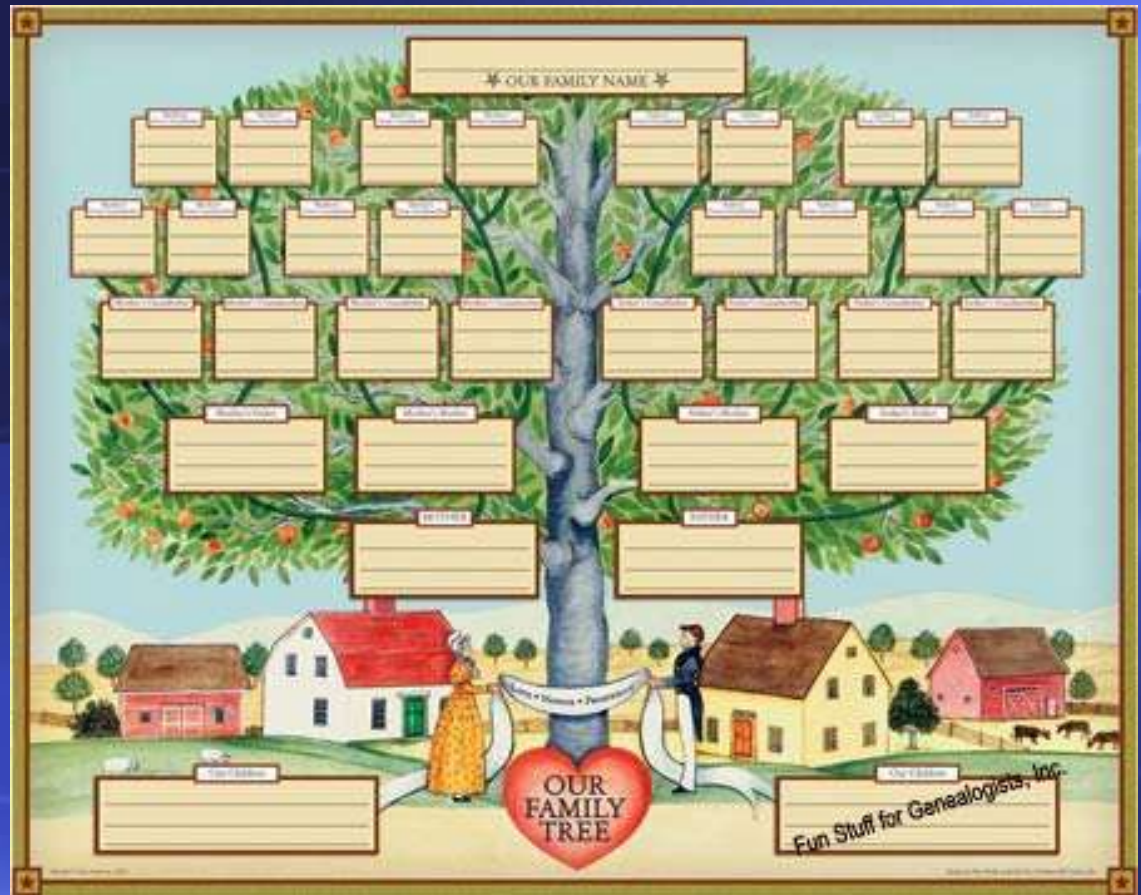
KETUBAH CONTAINS 3 SECTIONS



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I. FATHER-

WRITES HIS FAMILY'S GENEALOGY DETAILS
TO LEARN ABOUT THE FAMILY
THE BRIDE COMES INTO



3 SECTIONS



II. MOTHER WRITES ABOUT HER

- ❖ SON'S BIRTH,
- ❖ UPBRINGING,
- ❖ CHARACTER,
- ❖ TEMPERAMENT,
- ❖ LIKES AND DISLIKES.

TO LEARN ABOUT HOW TO WIN OVER THE
HUSBAND BY PLEASING HIM

3 SECTIONS



III. BRIDE GROOM-

- ✓ WHAT HE FEELS ABOUT THE BRIDE
- ✓ WHAT GIFTS HE HAS IN STORE FOR HER
- ✓ HOW HE WOULD TREAT HER
- ✓ WHAT HE PROMISES HER

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CLEAR & PRECISE DETAILS WRITTEN ARTISTICALLY



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GROOM TO AFFIX HIS SIGNATURE IN PRESENCE OF ALL IN THE CEREMONY



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KETUBAH READ OUT & OATH GIVEN



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Other brides circle seven times.

As Joshua circled the wall of Jericho seven times, and then the walls fell down.

So, too, after the bride walks around the groom seven times, the walls between them will fall and their souls will be united.

THE JEWISH VIEW OF MARRIAGE

MARRIAGE IS THE IDEAL HUMAN STATE.

Judaism views marriage as holy,
as a sanctification of life.

kiddushin, which means "sanctification"

WHEN REFERRING TO MARRIAGE- KADOSH-
SANCTIFIED

fusion of the souls, a partnership for life

God created the first man, Adam, and
the first woman, Eve, from one body.
Marriage returns us to oneness.
Men and women become complete
through marriage.

WITH GOD OR WITH FIRE

Rabbinic tradition teaches that a marriage will only be peaceful if God is a part of the union.

The Hebrew word for man is

EISH, which is spelled <Aleph - Yud – Shin>.

The Hebrew word for woman is

EISHA, which is spelled <Aleph - Shin – Hay>.

The letters Yud and Hay combine to form the Hebrew name for God.

Removing the letters Yud and Hay (God) from the words EISH and EISHA, leaves the letters <Aleph and Shin>.

Aleph and Shin spell **ESH**, which is the word for 'fire'.

Thus, Judaism teaches that if God is not made a part of the union between a man and a woman, then the couple will be left with fire.



Some brides will circle three times.

Tradition from Hosea 2:21-22, **God says to Israel:**

"I betroth you to myself forever;

I betroth you to myself in righteousness and in justice, in love and in mercy;

I betroth you to myself in faithfulness..."

JEWISH CULTURE

BETROTHAL –

THEN 12 – 15 MONTHS GAP BEFORE FINAL
WEDDING CEREMONY

MIKVEH – ARUSA IS OVER

TECHNICALLY BRIDE IS UNDER HER HUSBAND
BRIDE – TREASURES KETUBAH,
READS, REREADS, REREADS..

REALIZES THAT

- ✓ MY HUSBAND IS RICH,
- ✓ MY HUSBAND HAS COMPLETED BAR-MITZWAH
- ✓ HENCE, HE IS A MAN OF SCRIPTURES-
- ✓ HENCE, KNOWS HIS RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES
- ✓ ABLE TO DISCERN THE WILL OF GOD
- ✓ ABLE TO HEAD & LEAD THE FAMILY

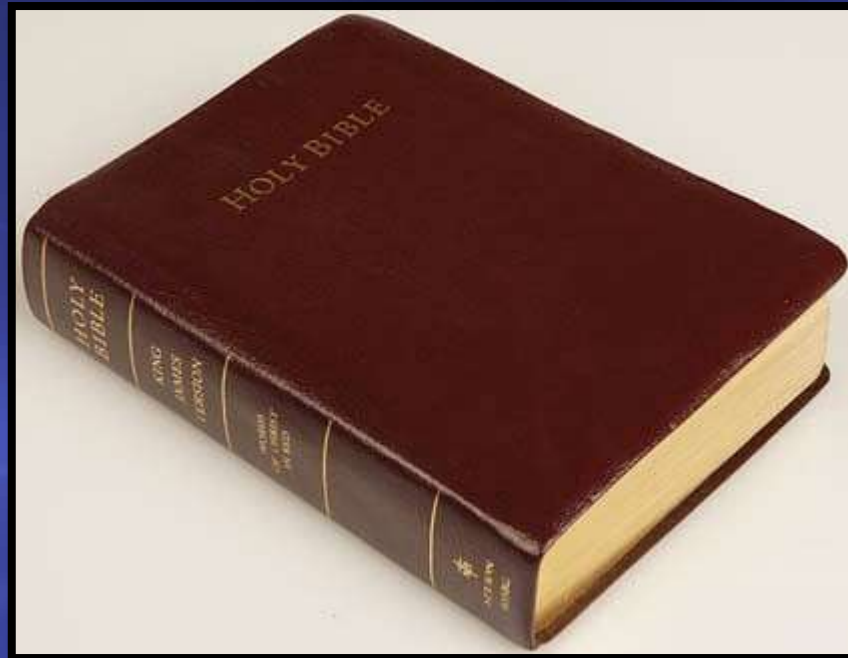
BAPTISM – ARUSA IS OVER

‘NOW WE ARE BETROTHED TO JESUS’

TECHNICALLY WE ARE UNDER ‘OUR’ HUSBAND
CHURCH– THE BRIDE TREASURES THE BIBLE,
READ, REREADS, REREADS..

- ✓ MY HUSBAND IS KING OF KINGS – RICH, MAJESTIC..
- ✓ MY HUSBAND IS HOLY & RIGHTEOUS
- ✓ MY HUSBAND IS STRONG & WISE
- ✓ MY HUSBAND IS FAITHFUL & TRUSTWORTHY
- ✓ MY HUSBAND LOVES ME SO MUCH.....

KETUBAH - IT IS THE FAMILY ALBUM OF MY GROOM



EXODUS 19:5; 20:1-3

MOUNT SINAI

I AM THE LORD.....

IF YOU ACCEPT MY OFFER THEN YOU
WILL BE MY TREASURED POSSESSION.....

MERE 'LAW'?

WORD OF GOD SHOULD REVEAL MY BRIDEGROOM

- BIBLE IS NOT A BOOK OF 'LAW' FOR LEGALISM
- BIBLE IS NOT FOR DOCTRINE
- BIBLE IS NOT A RELIGIOUS BOOK
- BIBLE REVEALS WHAT PLEASES MY HUSBAND
- BIBLE IS INSTRUCTIONS TO THE BRIDE TO BE

SHEMA - KNOW THAT THE LORD IS ONE

**‘KNOW’ = RELATIONSHIP &
IT DOES NOT MEAN MERE
INTELLECTUAL IDENTIFICATION**

CHURCH

- ✓ A BEAUTY PARLOUR
- ✓ BRIDE SUBMITS FOR BEAUTIFICATION TREATMENT
- ✓ INNER BEAUTY – FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT
- ✓ BRIDE GLOWS DUE TO DIGNITY RECEIVED
- ✓ COMMUNICATES WITH HER BETROTHED
- ✓ NO MEDIATOR CAN COME IN

RABBOTH



GROOM SHOULD PREPARE
A HOUSE / BEDROOM – “RABBOTH”
IN HIS FATHER’S HOUSE

GOSPEL JOHN 14:1-6

PREPARE A PLACE FOR THE BRIDE

1 “Do not be worried and upset,” Jesus told them.

“Believe in God, and believe also in me.

2 There are many rooms in My Father’s house, and I am going to prepare a place for you. I would not tell you this if it were not so.

3. And after I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to myself, so that you will be where I am.

2ND COMING OF CHRIST

- FATHER LOOKS AT SON'S PREPAREDNESS
- PREPARES A BIG DOWRY IN HEAVEN
- "GO BRING YOUR WIFE NOW"
- JESUS WILL RETURN TO US THEN

TETELESTAI !

IT IS DONE !

IT IS READY !

HENCE, MARRIAGE IS HOLY.

MARRIAGE IS GOD'S INSTRUMENT FOR
HOLY RACE AND RELATIONSHIP.

TALLITH PRAYER SHAWL



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UNITED UNDER ONE TALLITH- THE WORD OF GOD



AFTER WEDDING THE COUPLE SLEEP ON THE TALLITH FOR
EVIDENCE OF GIRLS PURITY –
HUSBAND THEN SHOUTS TETELESTAI “IT IS OVER- SHE IS PURE”

'TETELESTAI – IT IS FINISHED'

- TILL THEN WORRIED & FRIGHTENED WIFE & HER FAMILY REJOICE THAT SHE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AS PURE BY HER HUSBAND.
- WIFE THEN GLOWS WITH DIGNITY RECEIVED.
- CHURCH SIMILARLY PREPARED BY HOLY SPIRIT AND ACCEPTED BY JESUS CHRIST AS A GIFT FROM FATHER GOD.
- JESUS SPILLED 'HIS' BLOOD & DECLARES TRUSTING CHURCH AS PURE. 'TETELESTAI !"
