



Congregation Notes Shoftim

Are You Ready for the Marriage of the Lamb?

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Deut. 16:18-21:9; Isa. 51:12-52:12; John 14:9-20

***Leviticus 19:15** You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.

***Genesis 18:19** For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD may bring about what He has promised Abraham.

***Deuteronomy 16:18** You shall appoint judges and officers in all your gates, which the Lord your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge the people with just judgment.

***Joshua 6:1** Now the gates of Jericho were securely barred because of the Israelites. No one went out and no one came in.

***Deuteronomy 21:18-21** If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and does not listen to them when disciplined, 19 his father and other are to lay hold of him and bring him to the elders of his city, to the gate of his hometown, 20 and say to the elders, This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious; he does not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard. Then all the men of his city will stone him to death. So you must purge the evil from among you, and all Israel will hear and be afraid.

***Nehemiah 15:15-18** In those days I saw people in Judah treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading donkeys with wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them about the day on which they were selling provisions. ¹⁶ Men of Tyre dwelt there also, who brought in fish and all kinds of goods, and sold them on the Sabbath to the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. ¹⁷ Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said to them, "What evil thing is this that you do, by which you profane the Sabbath day? ¹⁸ Did not your fathers do thus, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Yet you bring added wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath. Then I posted some of my servants at the gates, so that no burdens would be brought in on the Sabbath day.

***Psalm 118:19-21** Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go through them, And I will praise the Lord. ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord, Through which the righteous shall enter. ²¹ I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

***John 10:9** I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

***Matthew 22:1-2** And Yeshua answered and spoke to them again by parables and said: ² The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son,

***Matthew 8:11-12** And many will come from the east and the west and will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth..

***Hebrews 3:7-8a** Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: Today, if you hear His voice, 8 do not harden your hearts.....

***2 Corinthians 6:2** For God says, "At just the right time, I heard you. On the day of salvation, I helped you." Indeed, the "right time" is now. Today is the day of salvation.

I Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

***John 3:16** For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

***Isaiah 60:1-2** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness **החשך** shall cover the earth, And deep darkness **וערפל** the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

***Deuteronomy 4:11** Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness **השך**, cloud **ענן**, and thick darkness **וערפל**.

***Matthew 23:3** and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.⁴ Again, he sent out other servants, saying, Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding.⁵ But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business.⁶ And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them.⁷ But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.⁸ Then he said to his servants, The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.⁹ Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.'¹⁰ So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

***Matthew 8:11-12** And many will come from the east and the west and will recline at the table with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

***Matthew 22:11-13** But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment.¹² So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless.¹³ Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

***Deuteronomy 4:11** Then you came near and stood at the foot of the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire to the midst of heaven, with darkness חֹשֶׁךְ, cloud עָנָן, and thick darkness וּבְרָקָל.

***Exodus 20:20-21** And Moses said to the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you, that you sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

***Isaiah 60:1-2** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

***Matthew 24:4** And Yeshua answered and said to them: Take heed that no one deceives you.

***Exodus 20:21** So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

***Revelation 3:20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock.

***2 Peter 3:11-12** Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to conduct yourselves in holiness and godliness 12as you anticipate and hasten the coming of the day of the Lord.

***Matthew 5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

***Isaiah 25:6-7** And in this mountain The Lord of hosts יְהוָה _____ will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees. ⁷ And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering.

***Revelation 19:20** Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence... These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

***Revelation 19:7-9a** Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." ⁸ And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.⁹ Then he said to me, Write: Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!

***Genesis 22:17** ...your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.

***Genesis 28:17** How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

***Deuteronomy 16:20** Justice, justice shall you pursue, that you may live and possess the land the Lord your G-d is giving you.

***Matthew 5:16** so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and may glorify your Father who is in the heavens.