

The Bride of Christ

Session 3

A House Restored

The Ultimate Love Story

Session 1 & 2 - Summary

The Bride of Christ - Our Journey To Know Him

- Does context Matter?
- What is Israel?
- What is The Church?
- Why should we Care?
- River Banks of Theology
- What is Sin?
- Shadow Chasing
- Groom who died for us
- What is The Covenant?
- **House Restored**

Big Statement!

A Great Tragedy

It is impossible to see and understand the fullness of His Plan of Salvation and Biblical Prophecy...

Without a true definition of what and who is Israel and a Hebrew Marriage Covenant perspective!

The Modern Church

Replacement Theology - Catholicism / Orthodoxy (everything is finished and can often lead to anti-Semitism – All Roads lead to Rome – Jesuit Order – fear based)
A Israel is no longer relevant and has lost its kingdom. The Church has now become 'spiritual Israel'. *A House rejected.*

Separatist Theology - Dispensationalism (Nelson Darby - birth of the denominations and often creates anti-Semitism & majority of denominations – fear based)
Israel and the Church are completely separate entities both physically and spiritually. Different roles and destiny. *A House divided.*

Covenant Theology - Messianic Movements
Covenant based – The Church and Israel are literally and spiritually united by means of the 'Wild Olive Tree' (those separated) being 'grafted' back into the Cultivated Olive Tree (Yeshua). The Covenant restored with His people Israel through the shedding of His blood. *A House restored.*

Spirit and Truth - The Body of Christ

<p>His Spirit</p>	<p><i>Evangelical</i> <i>Judaism</i> <i>Messianic</i> <i>Catholic / Orthodox</i></p>	<p>Marriage Covenant Based Faith?</p>
<p>Works Led (flesh)</p>	<p><i>Judaism</i> <i>Evangelical</i> <i>Messianic</i> <i>Catholic / Orthodox</i></p>	<p><i>Judaism</i> <i>Messianic</i> <i>Evangelical</i> <i>Catholic / Orthodox</i></p>
	<p>Talmud (flesh)</p>	<p>His Truth</p>

Spirit and Truth

“But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit and in truth**: for the Father seeks such to worship him.

God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in **spirit and in truth**.”

John 4:23-24

Our Theological River Banks



Your wrong!



I am right!

A beautiful picture of unity?

Biblical Context

Who said it?

When was it said?

Where was it said?

What was said?

Why was it said?

Does it line up with the whole council
of God?

Context Does Matter!

We need to look through the lens of the ancient Hebrew 'marriage covenant'...as He intended!

Biblical Hebrew Wedding Model

- Father of the Groom chooses “The Bride”
- Groom decides what he is willing to pay
- Contract was then written up (Ketubah)
- Bride decides whether she accepts
- Contract becomes legally binding (betrothed - Kiddushin)
- Mikvah – Water emersion both Bride and Groom
- Groom then returns to his fathers house to prepare a place for his Bride

Biblical Hebrew Wedding Model

- Bride prepares her garments for the wedding day
- Groom collects His bride only when the Father says it is time
(usually this occurs suddenly at night announced by the blowing of a shofar)
- There is then a ceremony back at the Fathers house where they are married under the Huppah. (only a few select guests - Nissiuin)
- Then a 7 day wedding feast open to the selected guests

Does any of this sound like the Plan of Salvation?

What is generally the next stage of a marriage union?

The Price of A Broken Covenant

What are the rules for a broken 'Betrothal'?

- Did you know that in the ancient Hebrew wedding model, if a Groom choose to break the Kiddushin during the Betrothal period for reason of Adultery...he still had to pay the Price he had agreed for Her?
- Did you know that she would be considered an 'Adulterous' women for as long as the Groom remained alive and they were not allowed to re-marry?
- Did you know that she was free to re-marry again whom ever she choose...once the Groom died?
- But what if she became repentant of what she had done?

What if the Groom died and rose again?

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Under The Law?

Has God Changed

What is the Definition of Sin?

Did God Have a Plan B?

Has the Law Been Erased?

But aren't we no longer under The Law?

Does it line up with the whole council
of God?

A Shadow of Things

“For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.”

Hebrews 10:1

A Shadow of Things

“Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a feast day or a new moon or a Sabbath.

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind,”

Colossians 2:16

Bridezilla Video?

Who was 'her' focus on?

How did it look?

How do you think it looks to others?

The Truth Will set you Free

“Then said Yeshua to those Jews which believed on him, If you continue in my word, [then] are you my disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:31-32

It is Written!

“But he answered, “It is written,
Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the
mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4

Stay With What is Written

“I have applied all these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, brothers, that you may learn by us not to go beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up in favor of one against another.”

1 Corinthians 4:6

Avoid Talmud!!!

Warning

“See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

Workers Without Law?

“On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’

And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of *lawlessness*.’ (without The Law/Torah)

Matthew 7:22-23

er-gä'-zo-mī (workers)

to work, labour, do work, to trade, to make gains by, trading, "do business", to do, work out

The Lawless one!

“For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom Yeshua Messiah will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming.

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.

Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,”

2 Thessalonians 2:7-11

Workers of Lawlessness

What does the actual originally-written Greek words, as written by the apostle Paul, that have been translated as "lawless & Lawlessness," mean?

- The original Greek word of the Scriptures, translated as man of "lawlessness" or man of "sin" in the above verse 2 Thessalonians 2:3 is **Harmartiah** (pronounced) *ham-ar-tee-ah*, means *sin*. Without Torah.
- The original Greek word of the Scriptures, translated as mystery of "lawlessness" or mystery of "iniquity" in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 is **Anomia** (pronounced) *an-om-ee-ah*, means *violation of the law*, as in *sin*.
- The original Greek word of the Scriptures, translated as the "lawless" one or that "wicked" in 2 Thessalonians 2:8 is **Anomos** (pronounced) *an-om-os*, means *people who are not subject to God's Law*. Destitute of (the Mosaic) law, departing from the law, a violator of the law, lawless, wicked

'Nomos' in Greek is translated 'Law' in English. Hebrew word 'Torah' translated into Greek is Nomos!

Parable of the Traffic Fines

Without New Zealand Law on
our Hearts

You Keep Speeding...

Someone Else Keeps Paying!!!

With New Zealand Law on our
Hearts

What about Eternity?

Called The Least

“Who ever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men to do so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but who ever shall do and teach [them], shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 5:19

God's Definition of A New Covenant!

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,

not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD.”

Jeremiah 31:31-32

God's Definition of A New Covenant!

“But this [shall be] the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Jeremiah 31:33

Written Our Hearts

“This [is] the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them;”

Hebrews 10:16

Record of Debt...Not The Law

“by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross”

Colossians 2:14

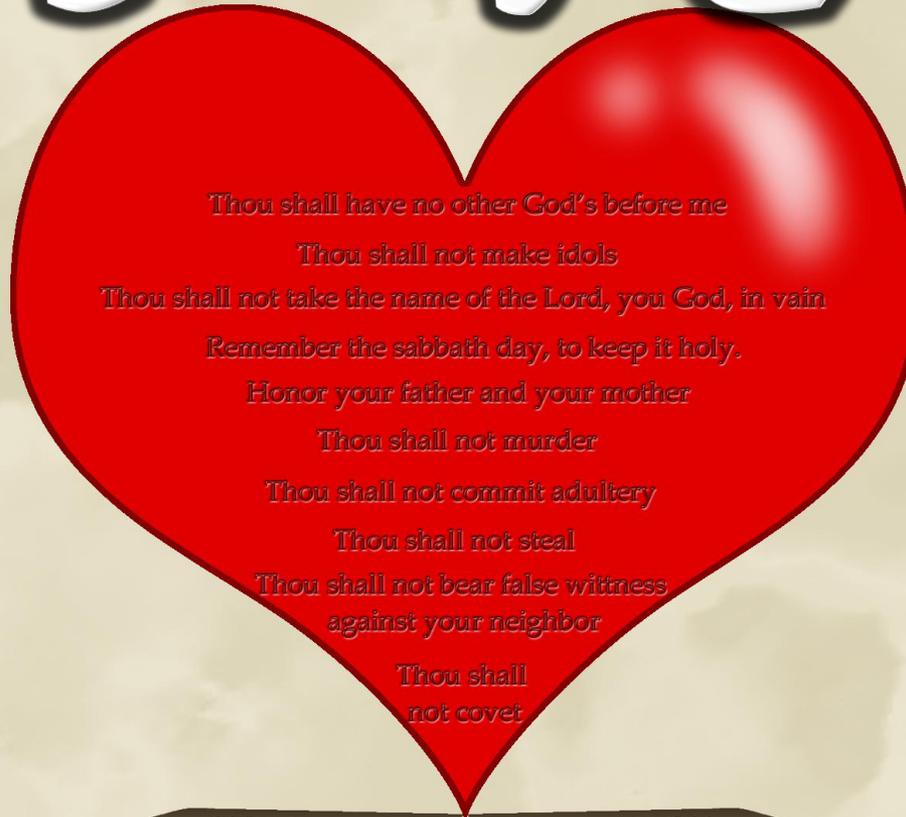
To Fulfil...Not Destroy

“Do not think I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I have not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

Truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass, not one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law,.” until all is fulfilled

Matthew 5:17-18

The Marriage Covenant



Thou shall have no other God's before me

Thou shall not make idols

Thou shall not take the name of the Lord, you God, in vain

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother

Thou shall not murder

Thou shall not commit adultery

Thou shall not steal

Thou shall not bear false wittness
against your neighbor

Thou shall
not covet

Do We Love Him?

“If you love me, keep my Commandments.

And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you for ever;

the Spirit of truth; who the world cannot receive, because it does not see him, neither knows him: but you know him; for he dwells with you, and shall be in you.”

John 14:15-17

A New Covenant?

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The Fullness of Christ

What shadow did Christ cast?

- Was He a Lamb without sin?
- Did He come to do His Father's will?
- Did he come to Destroy or fulfil the Torah? (Covenant, Appointed Times, Statute and Teachings)
- Was The Covenant written on His Heart?

Should we define what the Fullness of Christ looks like?

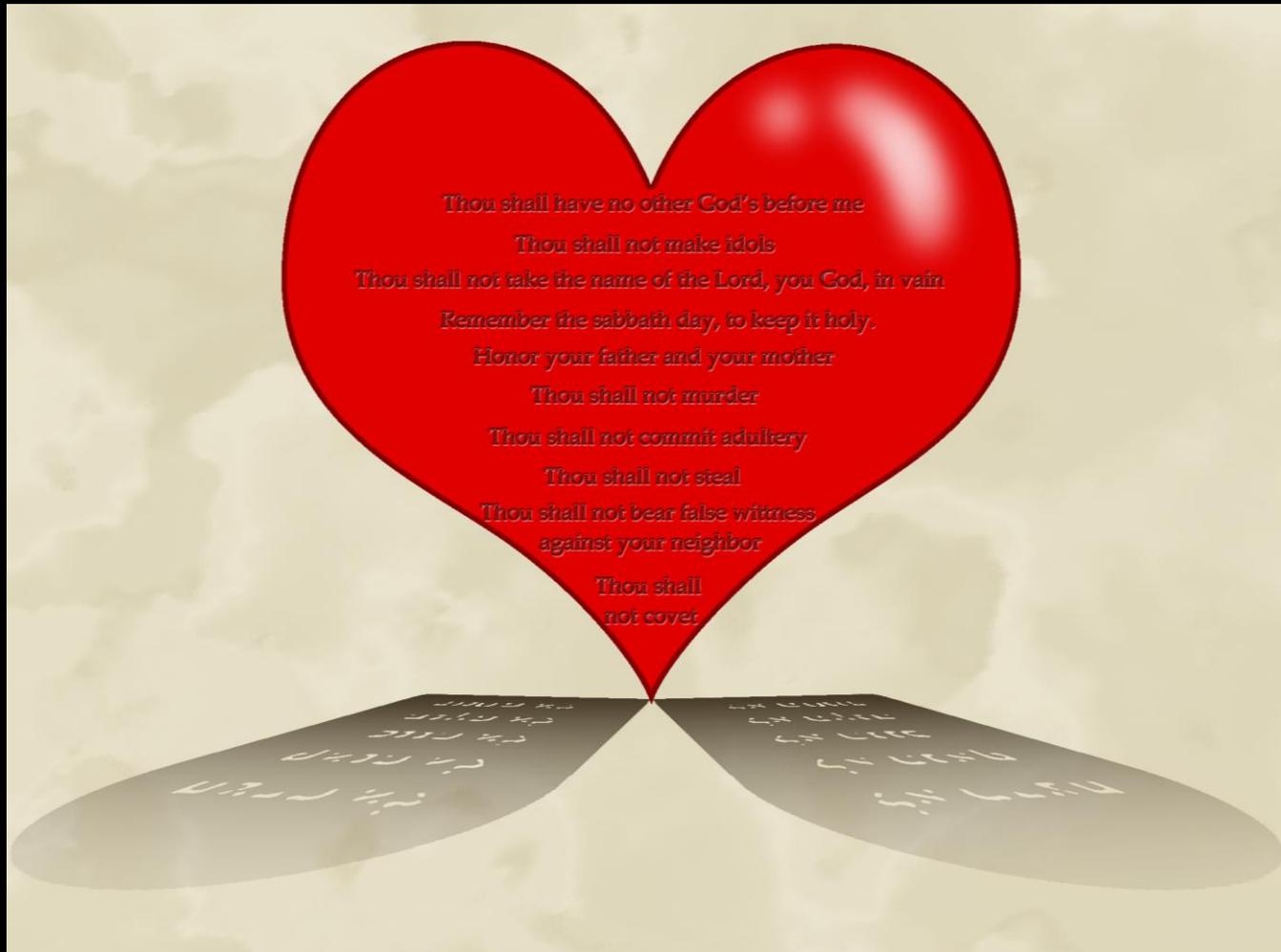
What does repentance truly look like?

Does God Change?

“Yeshua Messiah the same yesterday,
and today, and forever.

Hebrews 13:8

This Was His Shadow



God's Love Manifest in The Flesh!

I am Nothing?

“If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.”

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Without His Love

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.”

1 Corinthians 13:3-8

No Greater Love

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

No greater expression of love than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

John 15:12-13

What Shadow Are You Casting?



Does it really look like His?

Written On The Hearts of His Servants

“And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

And when you have multiplied and been fruitful in the land, in those days, declares the LORD, they shall no more say, “The ark of the covenant of the LORD.” It shall not come to mind or be remembered or missed; it shall not be made again.”

Jeremiah 3:15-16

We Are The Temple

“What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

1 Corinthians 6:16

We Are The Temple

“If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?

If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.”

1 Corinthians 3:14-17

The Ark of The Covenant in Heaven!

“The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. There were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.”

Revelation 11:18-19

Made Herself Ready?

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Revelation 19:7

Questions – The Ultimate Love Story

How do you see Him? (Saviour, Father, King, Groom)

How do think we should be preparing our wedding Garments?

Are you preparing for a wedding His way or yours?

Why do you think God desires us to love Him back and not just simply obey Him?

What is the Bible really
all about?

It is all about a 6000 year betrothal
broken because of an spiritually
that was restored and spiritually
on a wondrous Bride 2000 years
ago...

With the dissolution of their agreement
a repentant Wife

The Covenant with His beloved
people could only be fulfilled and
made sovereign through His death

To love, obey and know
To allow 'eternity' with His Bride
Him, or not
to be truly legitimate

This is His version of the
ultimate 'Love Story'...we
call it life!

His Truth, His Way...His Life

“Yeshua said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me”

John 14:6