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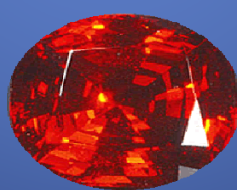
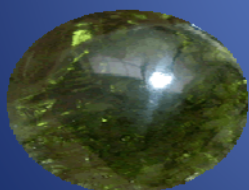
Revelation Chapters 4-5



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Revelation 4:1-11

1. After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven. "Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this."
2. Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and One sat on the throne.
3. And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald.



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4. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads.
5. And from the throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. Before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal.
6. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back.
7. The first living creature was like a lion, the second living creature like a calf, the third living creature had a face like a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle.

Living Creatures Reflect the Character of Christ

Creature Number	Appearance	Tribe	Characteristics	References
1	Lion	Judah	King or defender	Rev. 5:5
2	Calf (Ox)	Ephraim	Sacrifice	Lev. 4
3	Face of man	Reuben	Substitute or humanity	Phil. 2:5-8 Gen. 4:1
4	Flying eagle	Dan	Sustained	Ex. 19:4

Four faces referenced in Isaiah 6; Ezekiel 1, 10; Gospels; Numbers 2

God's Design of the Gospels

	Matthew	Mark	Luke	John
Presents as	Messiah	Servant	Son of Man	Son of God
Genealogy	Abraham (Legal line)	-	Adam (Blood line)	Eternal (Pre-existent)
What Jesus	Said	Did	Felt	Was
Written to the	Jew	Roman	Greek	Church
First Miracle	Leper (sin) cleansed	Demon expelled	Demon expelled	Water to Wine
Ends with	Resurrection	Ascension	Promise of Spirit (Acts)	Promise of Return (Revelation)
Camp Side Ensign Face	East Judah Lion	West Ephraim Ox	South Reuben Man	North Dan Eagle

They worship the Creator

8. The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"
9. Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,
10. The twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying:
11. *"You are worthy, O Lord,
To receive glory and honor and power;
For You created all things,
And by Your will they exist and were created."*

New Testament Greek for "Crowns"

English (KJV)	Strong's	Greek Root	Biblical usage
crowns	G4735	στέφανος <i>stephanos</i>	1) A Badge of Victory; like the Latin "corona" is the crown in the sense of a chaplet, wreath or garland for the games, civic worth, military valour, nuptial joy or festive gladness 2) A Crown as a mark of royal or exalted rank a) a wreath or garland given to victors in public games b) Metaphorically: the eternal blessedness which will be given as a prize to the genuine servants of God and Christ: the crown (wreath) which is the reward of the righteousness c) that which is an ornament and honour to one
crowns	G1238	διάδημα <i>diadēma</i>	1) Always a symbol of kingly or imperial dignity; a badge of royalty 2) A diadem: a) a blue band marked with white which Persian kings used to bind on the turban or tiara b) the kingly ornament for the head, the crown

Crowns Available (in General)

The Badge of Victory	Criteria	Reference	Verses (KJV)
Crown of Life	For those who have suffered for His sake	James 1:12; (also Revelation 2:10)	<i>Blessed the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.</i>
Crown of Righteousness	For those who loved His appearing	2 Timothy 4:8	<i>Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.</i>
Crown of Glory	For those who fed the flock	1 Peter 5:4	<i>And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.</i>
Crown Incorruptible	For those who press on steadfastly	1 Corinthians 9:25	<i>And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.</i>
Crown of Rejoicing	For those who win souls	1 Thessalonians 2:19	<i>For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming?</i>

Reserved Crowns

The Badge of Victory	Criteria	Reference	Verses (KJV)
Crown of Thorns (Jesus Christ)	Blasphemous masquerade of royalty by Roman soldiers made of <i>juncus marinus</i> or <i>lycium spinosum</i>	Mark 15:7 (also Matthew 27:29; John 19:2)	<i>And they clothed him with purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his head,</i>
A Golden Crown (Jesus Christ) (<i>diadēma</i>)	The Son of Man at the time of God's Wrath; ----- KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS	Revelation 14:14 Revelation 19:12-21	<i>And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.</i>
Crowns of Gold	The 24 Elders	Revelation 4:4	<i>And round about the throne four and twenty seats: and upon the seats I saw four and twenty elders sitting, clothed in white raiment; and they had on their heads crowns of gold.</i>

Parallels

Earthly Temple

- Holy of Holies
- Seven-branched candlestick
- Bronze Laver
- Cherubim over the mercy seat
- Priests
- Bronze Altar
- Incense Altar
- Ark of the Covenant

Heavenly Sanctuary

- Throne of God
- Seven lamps of fire before the Throne
- Sea of glass
- Four living creatures
- Elders (kings and priests)
- Altar (Rev. 6:9-11)
- Incense altar (Rev. 8:3-5)
- Ark of the Covenant (Rev 11:10)

They worship the Redeemer

Revelation 5

1. And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.
2. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
3. And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.
4. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.
5. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

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6. And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.
7. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.
8. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
9. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

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10. And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.
11. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;
12. Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
13. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.
14. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.

They worship the Redeemer

Because of **who** He is
(verses 5-7)

1

Because of **where** He is
(verse 6)

2

Because of what
He **does**
(verses 8-10)

3

Because of what
He **has**
(verses 11-14)

4

Hymns of Praise in Revelation 4 and 5

Revelation 4 and 5 include five praise hymns that rise to a magnificent crescendo throughout the universe for the One on the throne and for the One in the midst of the throne!

There is a progression in the praise.

More and more beings join in as the praise is given.

They progress in time from creation to the end of the world.

- Hymn 1: The eternal existence and holiness of God is seen (from eternity past) (4:8).
- Hymn 2: Creation is reason for praise (4:11).
- Hymn 3: Ascribes merits from the cross. He then empowers us with the gift of the Spirit (at Pentecost) (5:9).
- Hymn 4: He has Power. According to Rev 7, this He receives in the judgment (5:10-12).
- Hymn 5: The whole universe (including the wicked) is involved in the praise. Every knee will bow around the Great White Throne at the end of the Millennium (5:13).

Hymns follow a chiastic pattern

Praise for qualities of the eternal, holy, God

Worthy Lord as Creator

Ram is worthy to open the book

Worthy Ram coming in glory; receives power.

Praise for eternal qualities of the One on the throne and the Ram

God's Plan of Salvation Seen in the Hymns

Praise	Voices	Actions	Divine Qualifications	Event or Time
Prelude	... out of the throne ... lightnings and thunderings and voices (4:5)	-	-	The fall - By choosing sin, man is without hope. The divine law has been broken.
Hymn 1	... Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come. (4:8)	The 4 living creatures praise the One on the throne day and night.	Righteousness of God in all ages	Looking back to eternity past, and considering creation, through to the time of the cross.
Hymn 2	Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. (4:11)	The 24 elders bow, casting their crowns before the throne.	God is worthy as creator and sustainer of all.	After creation. Genesis 2:1
Hymn 3, chiastic center	Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (5:9)	When the Lamb took the scroll, creatures and elders with harps and prayers sang this new song.	Jesus, the divine substitute is worthy to open the scroll (book) is worthy as priest and judge	Inauguration of Christ after His death, resurrection and ascension. He begins the <u>preadvent judgment</u> in the end times Rev 14:6. It is described as breaking the seals in chapter 6. See Daniel's description in Daniel 7:8.
Hymn 4	And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on [over] the earth. . . . Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. (5:10,12)	The angels along with the living creatures and the elders have seen the records of the opened scroll.	Jesus is found worthy to reign as king (See Daniel 7:14)	The <u>preadvent judgment</u> ends and the <u>millennial judgment</u> begins at the coming of Christ. Those found righteous reign with Christ as kings and priests per Rev 20:4.
Hymn 5	... Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. (Rev. 5:13)	These words are from "every creature" which would include the wicked. (Romans 14:10-12)	The one on the throne and the lamb are both worthy.	The <u>millennial judgment</u> is followed by the <u>Great White Throne Judgement</u> . All the universe including the wicked see God's divine justice. The wicked are destroyed. Rev 20:11-13.
Postlude	... Amen. . . . (5:14)	The living creatures said, amen, and the elders worshiped	-	Life of the redeemed forever at peace in a universe living God's love

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The Wrath of God

Revelation Chapters 6-18

1

Rev 6-7
**The Seals
and
the Sealed**

2

Rev 8-9
**Blow the
Trumpets**

3

Rev 10-11
**A time for
Testimony**

4

Rev 12-13
**The terrible
trio** (Satan,
False Christ,
False Prophet)

5

Rev 14-16
**Voices of
Victory**

6

Rev 17-18
**Desolation
and
Destruction**

Trumpets	The Judgment	Bowls
8:1–7	The earth	16:1–2
8:8–9	The sea	16:3
8:10–11	The rivers	16:4–7
8:12–13	The heavens	16:8–9
9:1–2	Mankind—torment	16:10–11
9:13–21	An army	16:12–16
11:15–19	Angry nations	16:17–21

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The King and His Kingdom

Revelation Chapters 19-20

The King and His Kingdom,

01

19:1-10

Heaven
will
rejoice

02

19:11-20:3

Christ
will
return

03

20:4-6

Saints
will
reign

04

20:7-10

Satan
will
revolt

05

20:11-15

Sinners
recom-
pensed
(Great
White
Throne)

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All Things New

Revelation Chapters 21-22

Genesis	Revelation
Heavens and earth created, 1:1 21:1	New heavens and earth, 21:1
Sun created, 1:16	No need of the sun, 21:23
The night established, 1:5	No night there, 22:5
The seas created, 1:10	No more seas, 21:1
The curse announced, 3:14–17	No more curse, 22:3
Death enters history, 3:19	No more death, 21:4
Man driven from the tree 3:24	Man restored to paradise, 22:14
Sorrow and pain begin, 3:17	No more tears or pain, 21:4

Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5	Chapter 6	Chapter 7	Chapter 8	Chapter 9	Chapter 10	Chapter 11	
John on Patmos, Vision of Christ in Glory	Letters to the 7 Churches of Asia		Vision of the throne room of God	Seven Seal Book opened by the Slain Lamb	6 Seals opened	Sealing of the 144,000	Tribulation 7 th Seal opened	4 Trumps; 1/3 Grass, Sea, Waters	2 Trumps; 2 Woes, Locusts, 200 million man army; 1/3 people killed	The Mighty Angel with the Little Book	Two Tribulation Witnesses, 42 months, 1260 days (3 rd Woe) 7 th trump
	Ephesus	Sardis			6 Seals; Horsemen; Souls under the Altar; Wrath of God (preview)						
	Smyrna	Philadelphia						Sun, moon, stars		7 Thunders	
	Pergamos	Laodicea									
	Thyatira										
Chapter 12	Chapter 13	Chapter 14	Chapter 15	Chapter 16	Chapter 17	Chapter 18	Chapter 19	Chapter 20	Chapter 21	Chapter 22	
Woman with Child; Red Dragon; Woman in Wilderness	7-headed Beast AC govt.	3 Angels	7 vials given to 7 angels	7 vials of wrath (Full judgements): <i>Sores Seas Rivers Sun Darkness Armageddon Earthquake and Hail</i>	Mystery Babylon the Great	Babylon the Great is Fallen, is Fallen!	Marriage Supper of the Lamb	Millennium Satan bound 1000 years Battle of Gog and Magog Lake of Fire	New Jerusalem		
	42 months Lamb/ Dragon False Prophet		Christ reaps the Harvest				Victorious saints		War Armageddon	White Throne Judgement	New Heaven and New Earth
Time, Times and half a Time			Song of Moses								



The three stages of Isaac's marriage to Rebekah (Genesis 24)

Contract (stage 1)	Gen 24:33 Gen 24:51-53 Gen 24:57-58	An offer of marriage is proposed, accepted and Rebekah is married by contract. Gifts and money are given both to the bride and the parents of the bride. Notice that Rebekah was asked if she consented to the marriage.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 24:64-67	Rebekah and Isaac go to the tent
Celebration (stage 3)	-	No mention of wedding feast, but one likely happened.

The three stages of Jacob's marriage to Leah (Genesis 29)

Contract (stage 1)	Gen 29:15-20	Jacob contracts to work in advance before he gets the girl.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 29:21-26	Jacob pays the dowry price and takes Leah into the tent.
Celebration (stage 3)	Gen 29:27-28	He completed the 7 day wedding feast with Leah

The three stages of Jacob's marriage to Rachel (Genesis 29)

Contract (stage 1)	Gen 29:27	Jacob contracts to work for 7 more years but gets to consummate the wedding before he pays the full dowry.
Consummation (stage 2)	Gen 29:30	He took Leah into the tent at the beginning of the 7 day feast, then at the end of the 7 day feast he took Rachel into the tent.
Celebration (stage 3)	Gen 29:27-28	The 7 day wedding feast was for both girls.

The Ancient Jewish Wedding

Part 1- Erusin or Kiddushin - Betrothal or Engagement

1. **The arrangement:** Groom's father makes and approves choice of the Bride.
2. **Tenaim – conditions:** Groom promises (Ketubah) to return; seal with Kiddush
3. **Groom Prepares a Place (Chuppah canopy) for His Bride**
4. **Waiting for up to two years** (until the groom builds home & returns for the bride)

Part 2- Nisuin (to lift up) or Chuppah - Ceremony or Nuptials

5. **The Mikvah** - Ritual Immersion in a ritual pool of Mayim Chaim, Living Water
6. **The Bride waits** (and wears a veil, mends relationships, prepares things)
7. **Kittel - The Wedding Garment** (a white robe, similar to priests sacrificial robes)
8. **The Bridesmaids** (light havdalah candles, a symbol of God's presence, the Shekinah Glory)
9. **The Bridegroom comes at night** (sound the Shofar; groom "steals" the bride)
10. **The Bridal Chamber – Chuppah**
11. **The Kiddush-** The shared cup of wine; Groom, then Bride to accept covenant.

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<p>2. Tenaim – conditions: Groom promises (Ketubah) to return; seal with Kiddush</p>	<p>God made a New Covenant with Israel and Judah to replace one He made with Moses. Yeshua drank cup of redemption at Passover. Yeshua paid the bride price of redemption for us on the cross. Jeremiah 31:31, Matthew 26:27-29, 1 Corinthians 6:20, John 14:2-3</p>
<p>3. Groom goes away to prepares a Place (Chuppah canopy) for His Bride</p>	<p>When He will come; only His Father knows. We must be alert and ready. John 14:1-4 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. And where I go you know, and the way you know."</p>
<p>4. Waiting for up to two years (until the groom builds home & returns for the bride)</p>	<p>Luke 5:33-34 Then they said to Him, "Why do the disciples of John fast often and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?" And He said to them, "Can you make the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will be taken away from them; then they will fast in those days."</p>

The Ketubah (Covenant)



More Ketubah Examples



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8. Bridesmaids (light havdalah candles, a symbol of God's presence, the Shekinah Glory)

The Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13)
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Part 2- Nisuin (continued)

9. The Bridegroom comes at night (Shofar sounds; groom "steals" the bride)	<p>The angel, Gabriel, will blow the trumpet of God, and Yeshua will come like a thief to snatch away His Bride. When the Redeemed arrive in Heaven, a host of people will be waiting. 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. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled."</p>
10. The Bridal Chamber Chuppah The bride & groom consummate the marriage. Guests rejoice for 7 days.	<p>1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the Shofar, trumpet of God. And the dead in Messiah will rise first. Then we who are alive <i>and</i> remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord."</p>
11. The Kiddush- The shared cup of wine; Groom, then Bride to accept covenant	<p>Yeshua's first miracle was turning water into wine at a Jewish wedding. - Matthew 26:27-29 "Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say to you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in My Father's kingdom."</p>
12. The Seven Wedding Blessings (next page)	<p style="text-align: center;">Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has created everything for His glory.</p>

The Seven Wedding Blessings

1

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has created mankind.

2

Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has made mankind in thy image, in the image of thy likeness and prepared for him-from himself-a building for eternity.

3

Blessed are You, O Lord, who fashioned the mankind. Bring intense joy and exultation to the barren one through the ingathering of her children amidst her in gladness.

4

Blessed are You, O Lord, Who makes Zion joyful through her children. Gladden the beloved companions as You gladdened Your creature in the Garden of Eden.
Blessed art thou O Lord, who makes the bridegroom and the bride rejoice.

5

Blessed art thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, Who created joy and gladness, groom and bride, mirth, glad song, pleasure, delight, love, brotherhood, peace and companionship. O Lord, our God, let there soon be heard in the cities of Judah and the streets of Jerusalem the sound of joy and the sound of gladness, the voice of the groom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the groom's jubilation from their canopies and of youths from their song-filled feasts.

6

Blessed are You, Who gladden the groom with the bride.

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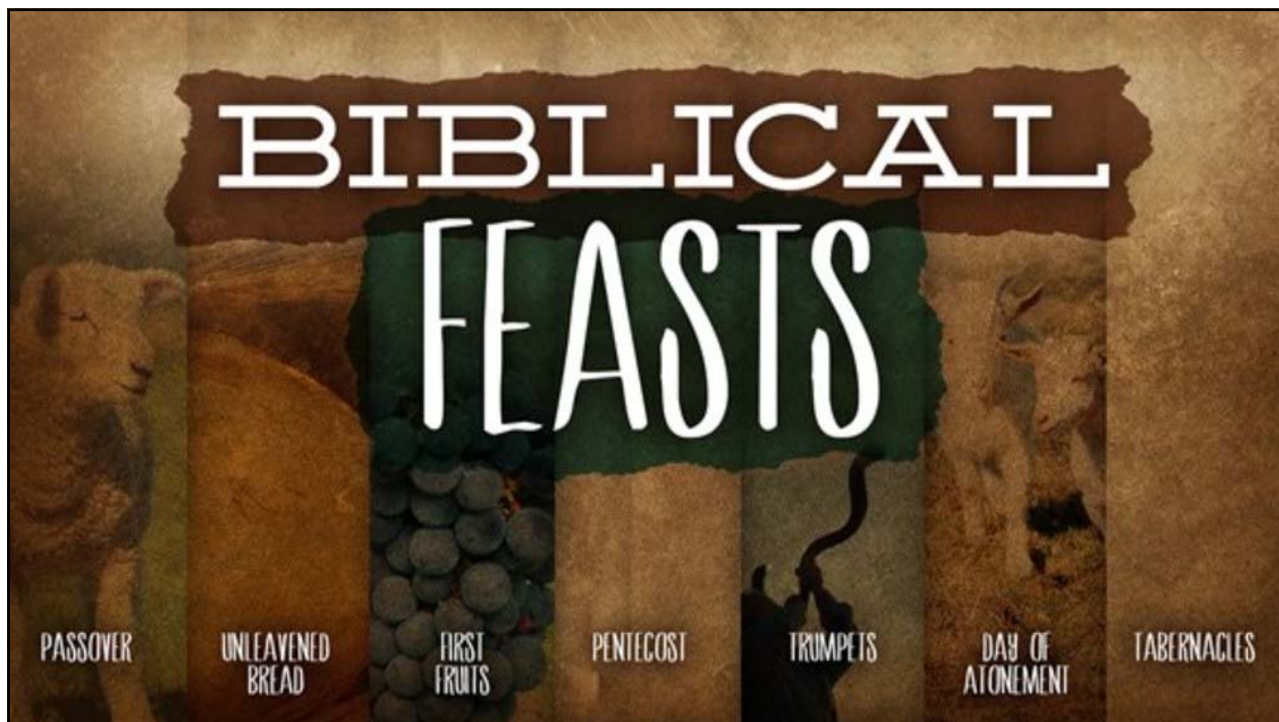
Blessed are You O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who creates the fruit of the vine.

Part 2- Nisuin (continued)

<p>13. Breaking of the Glass - A symbol of the Temple destruction. Also a sign that the covenant broken can not be put back together.</p>	<p>The Temple was destroyed in the year 70 A.D. A Traditional end to a Jewish wedding serves as a reminder of the fragility of life, even during the most joyous of celebrations. Life is fragile. We break this glass as a symbol of our past. Forgiveness is an end to a shattered past. As the Groom smashes the glass everyone will shout Mazel Tov! Which means Good Fortune, may your lives here on out not be shattered, but full of fortune and joy.</p>
<p>14. Married Life Begins: New couple goes to the father's home to begin married life.</p>	<p>The Bible says that the Redeemed will go to the Father's house for the Marriage Feast of The Lamb, then go with The Messiah in His reign in His kingdom on earth for 1,000 years. Revelation 21: 1 "Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."</p>
<p>15. Yichud - Seclusion- The Bride and Groom retreat to a private room to share togetherness before the great feast.</p>	<p>"Then he said to me, 'Write: Blessed <i>are</i> those who are called to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb!'" (Revelation 19:5)</p>

Doctrine of Imminency

- Believers are told to expect the Saviour from Heaven at any moment.
(Philippians 3:20; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:18, 5:6; Revelation 22:30)
- Expresses hope and a warm spirit of expectancy.
(1 Thessalonians 1:10)
- Should result in a victorious and purified life.
(1 John 3:2-3)
- Paul looked for Christ's return. (1 Thessalonians 4:15,17; 2 Thessalonians 2:1)
- Timothy was told "keep this commandment... until the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ."
(1 Timothy 6:14)
- "Yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will not tarry."
(Hebrews 10:37)

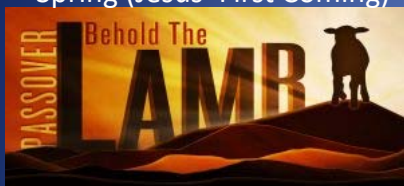


Seven (Appointed Times) Feasts of YHWH

Spring (Jesus' First Coming)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

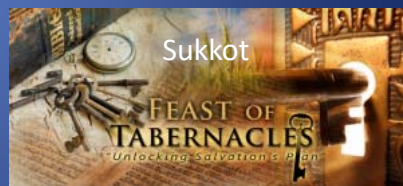
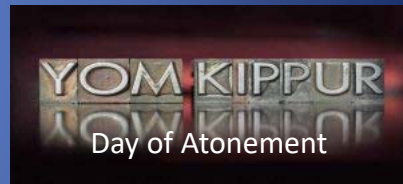
Fall (Jesus' Second Coming)



Week of Unleavened Bread



“Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the LORD, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.’”
(Leviticus 23:2)



THE SEVEN JEWISH FEASTS

Appointed Feasts and Holy Convocations of Leviticus 23

"These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ"
Colossians 2:17

Month of Nisan				Month of Sivan			Month of Tishrei		
14th	15th	17th	7th	1st	10th	15th			
SPRING FEASTS				FALL FEASTS					
3 days				70th week of Daniel					
Passover	Unleavened Bread	Firstfruits	Pentecost	Trumpets	Day of Atonement	Tabernacles			
Exodus 12 Matthew 26:17-27 Leviticus 23:5	Leviticus 23:6-8	Leviticus 23:9-14 Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Leviticus 23:15-22 Deuteronomy 16:10	Leviticus 23:23-25 Numbers 29:1-6	Leviticus 23:26-32 Zechariah 12:10 Zephaniah 1:14-18 Zechariah 13:1	Leviticus 23:33-44 Isaiah 65:17-19 Ezekial 43:7 Micah 4:1-3			
Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection	Holy Spirit	Rapture	2nd Coming	Millennium/Heaven			
John 18:28 1 Corinthians 5:7	John 6:47-51 Acts 2:29-32	1 Corinthians 15:20-23 James 1:18	Acts 1 & 2	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Revelation 4:1-6 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Philippians 3:20-21	Matthew 24:29-30 Luke 21:25-28 Revelation 19:11-21 2 Thess 1:5-10 Romans 11:25-27	Revelation 20:1-6 Revelation 21:1-27 Revelation 22:1-6 John 14:1-6			
Feasts Fulfilled at Christ's First Coming				Feasts to be Fulfilled at Christ's 2nd Coming					
Priestly role - Suffering Servant				Kingly role - Coming King					

Church Age

**Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;
Buried, He carried my sins far away;
Rising, He justified freely forever;
One day He's coming—oh, glorious day!**

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

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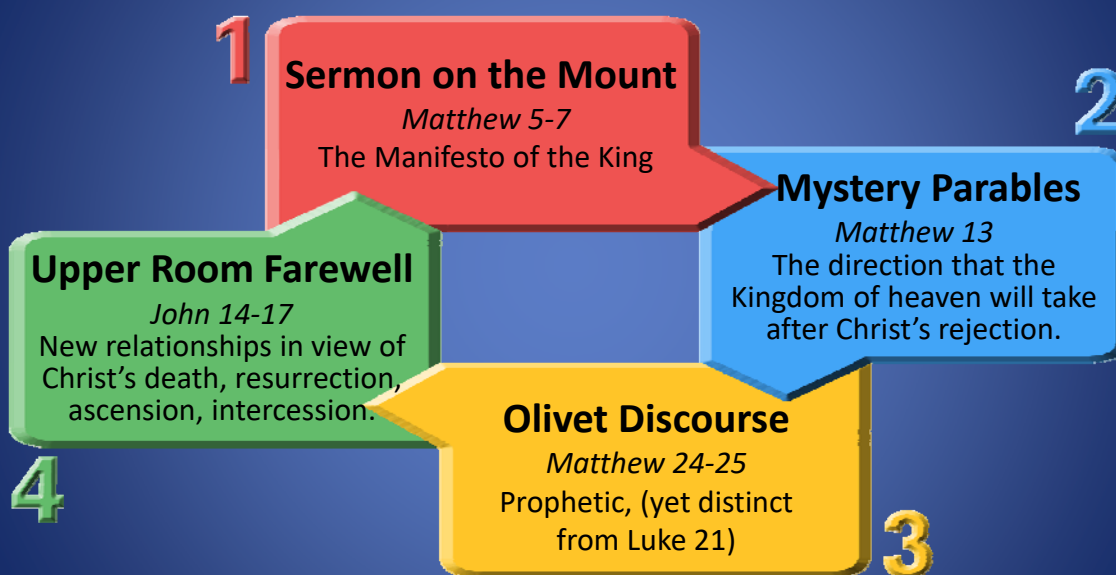
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WHAT THE BIBLE IS ABOUT

Sermon on the Mount

Matthew Chapters 5, 6, 7

Christ's Major Discourses



Sermon on the Mount

One of the most misunderstood messages that Jesus ever gave.

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The main theme is true **righteousness**.

True Righteousness

- Righteousness is not about minute details of conduct, but about **character**.
- Righteousness is not external, but **internal**, a matter of the heart. (Matthew 5:1-16)
- Likewise, sin is not merely external, but **internal** as well. (Matthew 5:17-48)

The Sermon on the Mount

- Widely misunderstood.
- As the Principles of the King, it is the highest ethical teaching in the Bible. It goes way beyond the Law of Moses.
- It is the longest discourse recorded in Scripture.
- Who is it addressed to? *Believers*.
- This would be a source of condemnation to the unsaved.
- No viable path to salvation is mentioned; no gospel of salvation is discussed.
- Presents ethics without supplying the dynamic.

The King's Principles

A

Matthew 5

True Righteousness**B**

Matthew 6

True Worship**C**

Matthew 7

True Judgment

Matthew 5:1-16 deals with character.

The rest of the Sermon deals with
conduct that flows from character.

Character comes before conduct,
because
what we are
determines *what we do*.

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*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.*

Proverbs 9:10



- 8] Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.
- 9] Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- 10] Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 11] Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.
- 12] Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

- 13] Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- 14] Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15] Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16] Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.