

## Galilean Wedding

The Galilean Wedding was slightly different from a Jewish Wedding. Often, weddings would occur in the fall, after the harvest.

### THE BETROTHAL

1. the bridegroom comes - from his home - to the home of the bride-to-be.
2. In a Galilean betrothal, there were many witnesses. The witnesses came to the main gate of the city, where the elders met. The terms of the wedding between the bride and groom would be publicly announced: what was expected of the husband and what was expected of the wife. It was a written covenant or “Ketubah”. Gifts were then exchanged.
3. In a Galilean betrothal, a cup of wine was offered by the groom-to-be. This is a cup of communion, a “cup of joy” to seal the engagement. Would the bride accept his offer and drink from this cup of communion? If yes, then the betrothal goes forward.
4. In a Galilean betrothal, the groom would say something to the effect of:  
“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 house.”
5. In a Galilean betrothal, the groom would say something to the effect of:  
“I am going there to prepare a place for you.”
6. The groom’s father would be sure that the work was properly done on the room or rooms and when it was, it was the father who determined the day and the hour of their wedding.

## The Messiah’s Proposal

We are going to compare the statements in a Galilean Wedding of old to what Yeshua did or said in His lifetime here.

1. The LORD Yeshua, Emmanuel, came from his home in heaven to earth to make His proposal of marriage.
2. In the wedding of the LORD to His chosen bride, the bride had little to offer Him except her faithfulness. Yeshua would give everything He had, His very life, His very blood.
3. At His last Passover, Yeshua **“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....”**  
Matthew 26:27-28  
This wine was decidedly the Cup of Redemption, for by it we are redeemed, but the wine also took on the significance of becoming the “Cup of Joy”, a cup of their communion! Do you know that “communion” and “fellowship” mean the same in the Greek “KOINÓNIA”?
4. **“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.”**  
Matthew 26:29  
Yeshua knew that everyone would be familiar with these words that are spoken at the Galilean betrothal!
5. **In My Father’s house are many rooms; if that were not so, I would have told you, because I am going there to prepare a place for you.** John 14:2
6. **“But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only.”** Matthew 24:36

## THE Galilean WEDDING

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So finally, the father announces the big day of the wedding! With the blowing of shofars (ram's horns; commonly called trumpets in western culture), the groom and others would head to the house of the bride to fetch her to the wedding!

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Meanwhile, as the day approaches, the bride is ready for her groom to appear, at night or day!

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Amidst the party of onlookers and the blowing of shofars, she comes out of her house. Then she would be lifted up in a sedan chair ... in the air! The Galileans called this "flying"!

At the Wedding Feast at the father's house, the bride and bridegroom would go under a Chuppa or "canopy".

The feast of the Wedding lasted **seven** days!

*"Seven" is the number of completion or perfection in Hebrew. Do a word study and see how many "sevens" you find in the Book of Revelation.*

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Yeshua fulfilled the prophecies of these Feasts during His First Coming: **Passover** (day Christ died), **Unleavened Bread** (Christ was sinless so He couldn't be kept in the grave!), **Firstfruits** (the Resurrection); and **Pentecost** (when He sent His Holy Spirit).

Will He fulfill the last three feasts during His Second Coming? These are the **Feast of Trumpets** (shown here), **Judgment Day** (Yom Kippur), and **Feast of Tabernacles** when the believers live happily with the LORD forever!

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## The Feast of Trumpets

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This **one** of the **seven** Feasts of the LORD.

**"Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall have a sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.'" Lev 23:24**

(see #6)

A new moon must be sighted so it is with uncertainty of the exact **day nor hour!** So it's scheduled for the feast to be celebrated over two days.

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**"..and His wife hath made herself ready.."**  
Revelation 19:7

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This is often called the **rapture** but it is the same thing as the **"resurrection of the just"** (Luke 14:14) or **"the redemption of our body"** (Romans 8:23).

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be **caught up** together with them in the **clouds** to meet the Lord **in the air**, and so we will always be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

"51 Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but **we will all be changed**— 52 in an instant, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. 53 For the perishable must be clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. 54 When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come to pass: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." 55 "Where, O Death, is your victory? Where, O Death, is your sting?" 1 Corinthians 15