









Jewish Wedding vs. Jesus' Return

#	Jewish Wedding	Jesus & His Return
1. Shiddukin (Arrangement)	A betrothal agreement & bride price is made	Jesus chooses the Church; paid the price with His blood  <i>John 14:2–3</i>
2. Kiddushin (Betrothal)	Groom goes to prepare a place in his father's house	Jesus goes to prepare a place for us  <i>John 14:2–3</i>
3. Waiting Period	The bride waits, not knowing the exact day. Only the father decides when the son will go get his bride.	No one knows the day or hour except the Father  <i>Matthew 24:36</i>
4. The Surprise Arrival	Groom comes unexpectedly, announced with a shout and trumpet	Jesus will return with a loud command and trumpet  <i>1 Thessalonians 4:16</i>
5. Wedding Ceremony	Bride is taken to the groom's father's house for the ceremony	The Church is gathered to be with Christ forever  <i>1 Thessalonians 4:17</i>
6. Marriage Supper	A joyful feast is celebrated with guests	The Marriage Supper of the Lamb  <i>Revelation 19:7–9</i>



Key Bible Verses That Match Jewish Wedding Imagery

1. John 14:2–3

“I go to prepare a place for you... I will come again and receive you to Myself”

2. Matthew 24:36

“No one knows the day or hour...”

3. **Matthew 25:1–13** (*Parable of the 10 Virgins*)

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom!’”

4. **1 Thessalonians 4:16–17**

“The Lord will descend... with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet of God...”

5. **Revelation 19:7–9**

“The marriage of the Lamb has come, and His bride has made herself ready...”

Summary Point:

Jesus’ return mirrors a Jewish wedding:

- **He is the Bridegroom**
- **The Church is the Bride**
- **He paid the price**
- **He’s preparing a place**
- **He’ll return unexpectedly with a shout and trumpet**
- **We will celebrate with Him at the marriage supper**