

## Beulah Land - cont.

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bride. What are the bridal qualities spoken of in the New Testament that are to be in our life as a Christian today? Here are a few...

The bride is to be one and united with Jesus (Ephesians 4:4). The bride is to wear the name of Christ, nothing more or less (1 Peter 4:16; Romans 16:16; James 2:7). The bride is to be dressed appropriately with God's teaching (Titus 2:10). The bride is to be submissive to Jesus her husband (Ephesians 1:22,23; 5:23-24). The bride is to be pure in living for Jesus (Ephesians 5:27). And, the bride is to be loyal and faithful to Jesus and no other (James 4:4; comp. Malachi 2:11).

### **Bridal Reminders**

As the bride of Christ, the church today needs to remember her husband Jesus. Let us not forget our wedding day with him (Jeremiah 2:13,32). Do we, the bride, need to rekindle our marriage with Jesus (Revelation 2:4-5)? Do we need to spend more time with the bridegroom and communicate more with him? Be a part of the bride of Christ today and be prepared for the return of the bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13; Revelation 19:6-9).  
- Chris Reeves

## - Scripture of the Week -

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*"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams"*  
- 1 Samuel 15:22 -

King Saul learned a simple lesson the hard way - a lesson that we all need to learn today. God just wants our obedience, not our opinions or ideas. When God says to do something, just do it without excuses.

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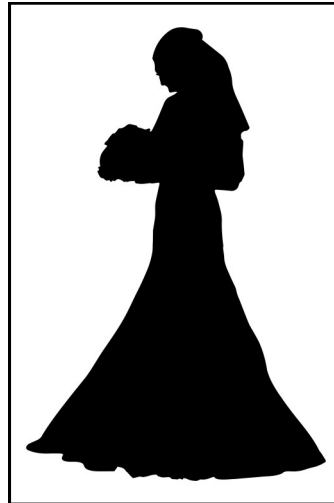
For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burns. And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory, and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah; for Jehovah delights in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.*  
- Isaiah 62:1-5 -

The Lord's message to his people found in Isaiah 62:1-5 is one of hope. The Lord looks forward to Zion's future glory and a new name. There will come a time when God's people will be joined in "marriage" to him. This would come to complete fulfillment in the time of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In this message of Isaiah, there is an interesting Hebrew word that is used.

Look at the English word "Beulah" in verse 4. This word comes from a Hebrew word that means "married" (see also verse 5). The figure that is used here is one of marriage. Isaiah is saying that Israel will be joined to God in marriage. They already are joined to God in this way (Jeremiah 3:14; 31:32), but in the future, their marriage relationship will be even better.



At the present time, sinful Israel is forsaken by the Lord and desolate. But in the future, Israel will be a bright light, a salvation, righteous, glorious, a crown of beauty and royalty, and a delight.

## **The Bridegroom and the Bride**

When we turn to the New Testament,

we see the fulfillment of the Lord's promise through Isaiah. The bridegroom is Jesus and the bride is his church. Jesus is the bridegroom. Consider what Jesus said about himself in Matthew 9:15:

*And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bridechamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then will they fast.*

The church is the bride of Christ. Consider what Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 11:2 about the church:

*For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ.*

Jesus is the bridegroom and the church is his bride. The "wedding ceremony", if you will, takes place each time a person is baptized in Christ. The believer's "wedding ceremony" takes place at the point of baptism.

## **Bridal Qualities**

Since the Lord's church is his bride, we would all do well to consider what the New Testament says about the