

The Wedding Supper of the Lamb is an analogy.... Until it's not.

Slide 2 Then YHVH saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. YHVH was sorry that He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart. YHVH said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I am sorry that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of YHVH. (Gen 6:5-8)

One sober point here is that YHVH decided to destroy the earth 120 years before He actually did it.

Exodus – 10 warnings but the decision to eradicate Egypt came before He made the place wealthy. The 10 warnings were there to sift people – who's going to go and who's going to stay? Who is going to say "we've been in Egypt so long, nothing will change. Pharaoh is too powerful." These are ten warning we will not get again.

Slide 3 Hear the word of YHVH, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah. "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" Says YHVH. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you this trampling of My courts? Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your new moon festivals and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them. So when you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide My eyes from you; yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are covered with blood. Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from My sight. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, reprove the ruthless, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together," Says YHVH, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool. If you consent and obey, you will eat the best of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." Truly, the mouth of YHVH has spoken. (Isa 1:10-20)

Isaiah's warning to Israel. The smiting was imminent but a prophet was sent to tell the nation to knock it off. How many repented and became the remnant? How many doubled down on their sins? It was foreknown but the people also had the free will to decide.

Slide 4 The word that came to Jeremiah from YHVH, saying, "Stand in the gate of YHVH'S house and proclaim there this word and say, 'Hear the word of YHVH, all you of Judah, who enter by these gates to worship YHVH!'" Thus says YHVH of hosts, the God of Israel, "amend your ways and your

deeds, and I will let you dwell in this place. Do not trust in deceptive words, saying, 'This is the temple of YHVH, the temple of YHVH, the temple of YHVH.' "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly practice justice between a man and his neighbor, if you do not oppress the alien, the orphan, or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, nor walk after other gods to your own ruin, then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words to no avail. Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—that you may do all these abominations? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," declares YHVH. "But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel. And now, because you have done all these things," declares YHVH, "and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you but you did not answer, therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the offspring of Ephraim. As for you, do not pray for this people, and do not lift up cry or prayer for them, and do not intercede with Me; for I do not hear you. Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me. "Do they spite Me?" declares YHVH. "Is it not themselves they spite, to their own shame?" Therefore thus says Adonai YHVH, "Behold, My anger and My wrath will be poured out on this place, on man and on beast and on the trees of the field and on the fruit of the ground; and it will burn and not be quenched." (Jer 7:1-20)

Jeremiah's warning came with the conclusion. They weren't going to repent. It's a little further down the timeline from Isaiah. They were going to continue in their mixed worship of YHVH and false gods. They were going to continue to worship YHVH while neglecting huge parts of the Torah that show how to be kind and just in civilization.

Daniel prophecy for the Messiah and the end of sacrifices happened is about 550 years before Messiah came.

Slide 5 Yeshua spoke to them again in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. And he sent out his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they were unwilling to come. Again he sent out other slaves

saying, 'Tell those who have been invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and my fattened livestock are all butchered and everything is ready; come to the wedding feast.'" "But they paid no attention and went their way, one to his own farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his slaves and mistreated them and killed them. But the king was enraged, and he sent his armies and destroyed those murderers and set their city on fire. "Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 'Go therefore to the main highways, and as many as you find there, invite to the wedding feast.' "Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered together all they found, both evil and good; and the wedding hall was filled with dinner guests. But when the king came in to look over the dinner guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed in wedding clothes, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without wedding clothes?' And the man was speechless. Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are called, but few are chosen." (Mat 22:1-14)

This is a parable. It's not literal. But it refers to the entirety of Yahweh's dealing with mankind. He has sent invitation after invitation for Israel to obey. He sent His Son to show us how to live properly and then give His life to send the ultimate wedding invitation.

Slide 6 "This Yeshua God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Ruach ha Kodesh, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.'" Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Messiah—this Yeshua whom you crucified." **Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"** Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the Name of Yeshua Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Ruach ha Kodesh. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. (Act 2:32-41)

These people accepted the invitation. They confessed to killing the Messiah publicly, repented, and were immersed in the Name of Yeshua. This is the produce of accepting the ultimate invitation. This is the fruit of that figurative vine. This is the purpose of the Gospel, that we have access to the kingdom of God by accepting the invitation.

Slide 7 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also. (1Co 15:1-8)

Paul repeats the Gospel here. The good news of the kingdom of God and how to attain access. He appeared to 500. We don't know who those 500 are. Maybe a few, but there's no list. Same with the identity of the person who prepared the room for the last supper.

The first importance is that Messiah died for our sins, was buried, and was resurrected. This information is the invitation to eternity. It's the invitation to that marriage supper. The guilty parties in Acts 2 hear this information, knowing they were part of the murder of the Messiah, and immediately repented and accepted the Messiah. Paul was called to preach this information, which he initially violently rejected, to the western world. Paul was used as the messenger to send the invitation.

Last night and the night before, we had two gatherings. We sent invitations, we spread the word, and we observed the Night Yeshua was Betrayed and the Passover the best we know how. We do this as practice for the return of Yeshua. It shows our acceptance of the invitation. The Passover dinner is the closest thing we do to the figurative wedding supper of the Lamb. But do not stop there, whether you're part of this assembly or another. Don't just keep the high days and go back to your lives. Connect with your group and fellowship, like Paul did with the Corinthians and all the groups he started. Be vested, make a community.

We've seen the warning for years now of a collapse of our society. Whether this impending collapse is the beginning of the end of the age or just another steppingstone in Yahweh's plan for earth, we do not know. But it's real and it's really upon us. The financial crisis of 2008, yes 17 years ago, was one of the first warnings. People in the United States defaulting on ridiculous home loans cause worldwide economic calamity. One nation even went bankrupt. COVID 19 and its ridiculous response showed us the fragility of the economy once again. The international shipping issues that came with COVID reminded all of us of the merchants in the book of Revelation who will lose it all in a day. Then a ship got stuck in the Suez canal for a couple weeks, which showed again how fragile we are as a world. Last week, our president decided to play with the world's economy like a child

and erased millions of dollars of older people's retirement savings in an afternoon. The fact that one man has this power should scare all of us, but how many warnings do we need? How many times does God have to show us this world is going to collapse, it will be global, and at a point He determined long ago, it will be permanent.

Slide 8 If we have hoped in Messiah in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Messiah all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruits, after that those who are Messiah's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. (1Co 15:19-24)

Today, April 13, 2025, is the First ULB but it is also the day of the wave sheaf offering. That's the day of first fruits on God's calendar. From Leviticus 23, we are not to partake of any new grain each year until the first, best portion is offered to Yahweh. We know the days of Leviticus 23 are prophetic in an application and today is no different. This day is the day that prophesied the resurrection of the Son of God. He was resurrected on First Fruits the year He was killed, which Paul is alluding to here. This is part of the invitation. Accepting Yeshua as the Messiah means accepting He was resurrected by God on this day. Accepting that invitation means we get to be those who are raised at His coming, to attend that figurative marriage supper. This is not a singular thing, though, we have to keep gathering, fellowshiping, studying, and worshiping together until He returns. We need to be committed to this truth, that He was raised from the dead, those who are His will be at His coming, and there will be an end. Those who do not accept the invitation will be outside, weeping and gnashing teeth. Shalom.