
“... Scripture cannot be broken” – John 10:35 (ESV)
“... ug ang kasulatan dili man gayod masayop” – John 10:35 (RCPV)

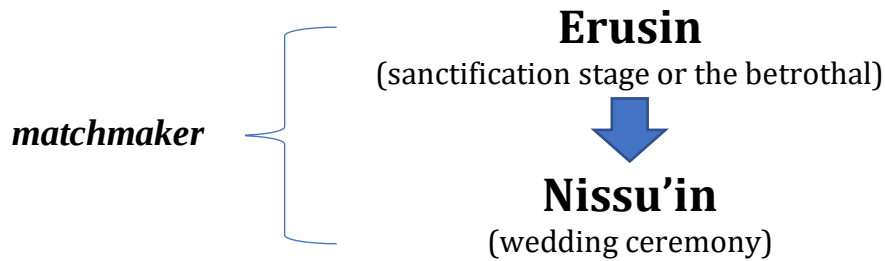
Bible Discussion
BRIDE OF CHRIST

Q: What is your idea of a Jewish marriage?

1. Is it pre-arranged? _____

2. How long will the betrothal last? _____

3. During betrothal, if the bride commits infidelity, will she be charged with adultery? _____



Q: What and who is the church (Colossians 1:24; 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27)? _____

Q: Reading Ephesians 5:24-27 & 2 Corinthians 11:2, is the church the bride of Christ? _____

Q: Reading Revelation 21:2, 9-10, is the new Jerusalem the bride of Christ? _____

Q: Who is the bride of Christ, the church or the new Jerusalem? [*Most commentaries do not consider the new Jerusalem as the church.*] _____

Q: If the church is the bride, and the church itself has male members, does union (or marriage) between the body of men (which is also a church) and Jesus Christ promotes homosexuality (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)? _____

Q: Reading Ephesians 5:24-27 ...

1. Does the passage talk about the bride or the wife? _____

2. If the passage talks about the wife, does it mean that the church is the “wife of Christ” instead of the “bride of Christ”? _____

3. Does the passage tell that the church is the wife of Christ, or is it a comparison only to suggest that wives should give their utmost respect to their husbands just as the church gives its all to Christ? _____

4. Would you agree that the message of this passage is for WIVES “to be like the church” and not for the CHURCH “to be like a wife”? _____

Q: Reading 2 Corinthians 11:2 ...

1. What are the figures of speech used in this verse -- “metaphor” or “simile”? _____

2. Who is the audience of Paul in this verse? _____

3. How does Paul regard himself with his audience (1 Corinthians 4:14)? _____

4. What is the role of Paul in the verse’s betrothal? _____

5. If Paul’s children get married to Christ, what becomes of Paul to Christ? _____

6. What is the actual message of this verse? Does Paul consider the church as a bride; or is Paul, as a spiritual father, presenting his spiritual children to Christ like a bride undefiled? _____

Q: Another passage used to support the belief that the church is the bride of Christ is Revelation 19:7-9. When we read this passage ...

1. Who are the ones invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb? _____

2. If you are invited to a marriage supper, are you the one getting married or not? _____

3. In Revelation 19:8, the bride is adorned with fine linen that is the righteous deeds of the saints. What is the interpretation of this verse in relation to John 14:2-3 and Revelation 21:2, 9-10? _____

Q: What is the new Jerusalem? _____

1. What are we to inherit as stated Revelation 21:7? _____

2. What are we to inherit in Matthew 25:34 & Galatians 5:21? _____

3. What is the promise mentioned in James 2:5? _____

4. What do the champions of faith look for in Hebrews 11:13-16? _____

5. Is the new Jerusalem a city (Revelation 21:2)? _____

6. Who will inherit the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:7)? _____

Q: What are the 3 characteristics of the inheritance mentioned in 1 Peter 1:4?

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____

1. An inheritance that is IMPERISHABLE, is this described in 1 Corinthians 15:50? _____

2. An inheritance that is UNFADING, is this described in Daniel 7:13-14? _____

3. An inheritance that is UNDEFILED, is this described in Revelation 21:27? _____

4. Do the verses above connect the kingdom of God with the new Jerusalem? _____

Q: Who is the bride of Christ? _____

BIBLE VERSES

Daniel 7:13-14

(ESV) **13** "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. **14** And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

(RCPV) **13** May lain pa gayod akong nakita diha sa akong panan-awon. Nakita ko uban sa mga panganod sa langit ang daw usa ka tawo. Miduol siya kaniya nga Walay Kataposan ug gipaila ngadto kaniya. **14** Ug kaniya gihatag ang gahom, ug ang himaya ug ang gingharian, aron mag-alagad kaniya ang tanang katawhan. Walay pagkatapos ang iyang gahom kay dili man malumpag ang iyang gingharian.

Matthew 25:34

(ESV) Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

(RCPV) Unya ang Hari moingon sa mga tawo sa iyang tuo, 'Duol kamo nga gipanalanginan sa akong Amahan ug dawata ninyo ang Gingharian nga giandam alang kaninyo sukad pa sa pagbuhat sa kalibotan.

John 14:2-3

(ESV) **2** In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

(RCPV) **2** Sa balay sa akong Amahan adunay daghang mga lawak ug moadto ako aron pag-andam ug dapit alang kaninyo. Kon dili pa kini tinuod, dili ko unta kamo sultihan niini. **3** Ug kon atua na ako didto ug makaandam nag dapit alang kaninyo, mobalik ako ug kuhaon ko kamo aron bisag asa ako, atua usab kamo.

1 Corinthians 4:14

(ESV) I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children.

(RCPV) Gisulat ko kini dili aron pakaulawan kamo kondili aron sa pagtudlo kaninyo ingon nga pinangga kong mga anak.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

(ESV) **9** Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, **10** nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

(RCPV) **9** Sa walay duhaduha nasayod kamo nga ang mga daotan dili makasulod sa Gingharian sa Dios. Ayaw pagpalimbong kay ang mga tawo nga makihilawason, o nagsimba sa mga diosdios, o mga mananapaw, o nakighilawas sa isigkalalaki o isigkababaye, **10** o kawatan, o hakog, o mga palahubog, o tigbutangbutang, o mga malapason sa balaod, dili makasulod sa Gingharian sa Dios.

1 Corinthians 12:12

(ESV) For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

(RCPV) Si Cristo sama sa usa ka lawas nga may daghang bahin. Bisan kon nagkalainlain ang mga bahin niini, usa ra gihapon kini ka lawas.

1 Corinthians 12:27

(ESV) Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

(RCPV) Busa kamong tanan lawas ni Cristo ug ang usag-usa bahin niini.

1 Corinthians 15:50

(ESV) I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

(RCPV) Mga igsoon, ang buot kong ipasabot mao nga ang hinimo gikan sa unod ug sa dugo dili makaambit sa Gingharian sa Dios, ug ang butang nga madunot dili makaangkon sa kinaiya niadtong walay pagkadunot.

2 Corinthians 11:2

(ESV) For I feel a divine jealousy for you, since I betrothed you to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.

(RCPV) Nangabubho ako alang kaninyo sama gayod sa Dios kay sama man kamo sa putli nga dalaga nga akong gisaarang ipakasal sa usa lamang ka lalaki nga mao si Cristo.

Galatians 5:21

(ESV) envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

(RCPV) pagkamasinahon, pagkapalahubog, pagkamapatuyangon sa lawasnong kaibog ug uban pang mga butang nga sama niini. Busa pasidan-an ko kamo karon sama sa akong gihimo kaniadto: ang magbuhat niining mga butanga walay dapit sa Gingharian sa Dios.

Ephesians 5:24-27

(ESV) **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. **25** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

(RCPV) **24** Busa kinahanglan motahod ug mosunod ang mga asawa sa ilang bana ingon nga ang simbahan nagtahod ug nagsunod kang Cristo. **25** Mga bana, higugmaa ang inyong asawa ingon nga gihigugma ni Cristo ang simbahan ug gitugyan ang iyang kinabuhi alang niini. **26** Gihimo niya kini aron sa paghalad sa simbahan ngadto sa Dios human niya kini hugasi sa tubig uban sa pulong. **27** Sa ingon niini, ikatugyan niya ang simbahan alang kaniya mismo diha sa bug-os niyang kaanyag, putli ug walay ikasaway, walay buling o kunot o bisan unsang apan.

Colossians 1:24

(ESV) Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church,

(RCPV) Ug karon gikalipay ko ang akong mga pag-antos tungod kaninyo. Kay pinaagi sa akong mga giantos nakatabang ako sa paghingpit sa wala pa matapos nga mga pag-antos ni Cristo alang sa iyang lawas nga mao ang simbahan.

Hebrews 11:13-16

(ESV) **13** These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **14** For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a

better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

(RCPV) **13** Nangamatay silang tanan diha sa pagtuo. Wala sila makadawat sa mga butang nga gisaad sa Dios apan bisan layo pa kaayo nakita na nila kini ug gikahinangop nila ug miila sa dayag nga sila mga langyaw ug mga lumalabay dinhi sa kalibotan. **14** Kadtong nagsulti sa ingon nagpahayag sa matin-aw nga nangita sila ug usa ka nasod nga ilang kaugalingon. **15** Wala na sila maghunahuna sa nasod nga ilang gibiyaan. Kon naghunahuna pa sila niini, makapauli unta sila. **16** Gipangandoy hinuon nila ang labi pang maayong nasod nga mao ang langitnong nasod. Busa wala ikaulaw sa Dios ang ilang pag-ila kaniya nga ilang Dios kay nag-andam man siyag usa ka siyudad alang kanila.

James 2:5

(ESV) Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

(RCPV) Pamati kamo, minahal kong mga igsoon. Ang Dios nagpili sa mga kabos niining kalibotana aron mahimong dato sa pagtuo ug aron makapanag-iya sa Gingharian nga iyang gisaad sa tanan nga nahigugma kaniya.

1 Peter 1:4

(ESV) to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

(RCPV) ug panulondon nga dili madunot o mahugaw o mahanaw. Gitagana niya kini didto sa langit alang kaninyo.

Revelation 19:7-9

(ESV) **7** Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; **8** it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. **9** And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

(RCPV) **7** Maghugyaw ug maglipay kita ug daygon nato ang iyang pagkagamhanan! Kay miabot na ang panahon sa kasal sa Nating Karnero ug andam na ang iyang pangasaw-onon. **8** Gipasul-ob siya sa bisting lino nga sulaw ang kaputi ug limpyo.” Ang lino mao ang maayong binuhatan sa katawhan sa Dios. **9** Unya miingon ang anghel kanako, “Isulat kini: Bulahan ang gidapit pagtambong sa bangkita sa kasal sa Nating Karnero.” Ug miingon pa gayod ang anghel, “Mao kini ang matuod nga mga pulong sa Dios.”

Revelation 21:2

(ESV) And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

(RCPV) Nakita ko usab nga mikunsad gikan sa langit ang Balaang Siyudad, ang bag-ong Jerusalem nga gikan sa Dios nga sama sa kaslonong babaye nga andam na sa pagsugat sa iyang pamanhonon.

Revelation 21:7

(ESV) The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

(RCPV) Ang modaog makadawat niini gikan kanako: ako mahimong iyang Dios ug siya mahimong akong anak.

Revelation 21:9-10

(ESV) **9** Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." **10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God,

(RCPV) **9** Unya miduol kanako ang usa sa pito ka anghel nga nagdalag pito ka panaksan nga puno sa kataposang pito ka katalagman. Miingon ang anghel, "Dali ngari ug patan-awon ko ikaw sa Pangasaw-onon sa Nating Karnero." **10** Unya gigamhan ako sa Espiritu ug gidala sa anghel ngadto sa tumoy sa habog kaayong bukid ug gipakita kanako ang Jerusalem, ang Balaang Siyudad nga mikunsad gikan sa langit ug gikan sa Dios.

Revelation 21:27

(ESV) But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

(RCPV) Apan walay bisan unsang hugaw nga makasulod sa siyudad o bisan kinsa nga naghimog makauulawng buhat o nagbakak. Ang pasudlon sa siyudad mao lamang ang mga tawo nga ang ngalan nahisulat sa libro sa kinabuhi sa Nating Karnero.