

# *“Behold What Manner of Love!”*

## **Part Two – Yahuah’s Dream Come True**

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In Part One of “Behold What Manner of Love” we looked at texts telling how different the love from heaven is from what the world calls love. We also saw the effect this love bestowed from heaven has on the Beloved, and how this distinguishes them as YHUH’s disciples. We considered how strong the opposition to this love will be and whether or not we are prepared for that kind of persecution, sacrifice and calumny. I then shared a glimpse of what discovering this love meant to someone else to hopefully inspire you as I was inspired. And if I was successful, then I pray your heart is eager to hear Part Two, giving us what I consider a surprising look at what YHUH longs for.

I titled this “Yahuah’s Dream Come True” because the love from heaven reveals what YHUH always wanted - and what He will have, since YHUH makes His desires happen: *“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”* Isaiah 55:11

The reason we possibly have not apprehended YHUH's dream is because we generally search through His word for the purpose of answering our own cry “What must I do to be saved?” But this is only the first step in searching for the lifeblood of Scripture. In order to obtain the fullness of joy we must also invite Him to accomplish His full heart's desire within our lives.

YHUH's dream is revealed in the first two chapters of Genesis as He speaks His will into existence. If we were bystanders during that creative week we might wonder at Eloheem’s purpose as this void and formless planet transforms into a paradise lavish with flora and fauna and ask, “What is this all for?”

The answer to that question arrives on day six as Eloheem says *“Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness.”* We then see YHUH deliberately craft the first male from earth’s soil, breathing into him the breath of life. As we gaze in admiration at this stunning masterpiece we no doubt are shocked to hear YHUH say all is not good: *“And YHUH Eloheem said, It is not good that the man should be alone;”* Genesis 2:18.

YHUH doesn’t explain why it isn’t good man is alone, but it appears man alone is incomplete. The reason he’s incomplete is because he was made to be in the image of Eloheem, and this image is male and female: *“So Eloheem created man in his own image, in the image of Eloheem created he him; male and female created he them.”* Genesis 1:27.

Now we see YHUH’s dream - a paradise ruled by a couple made in the image of Eloheem. After creating the first couple, He commands them to be fruitful and multiply, thereby perpetuating Eloheem’s image in mankind.

That fateful day YHUH walked in the garden calling “Adam, where are you,” His dream world became a nightmare. Those created in His image ran from His voice as He sought their companionship. With sin in the picture it now seems YHUH’s dream died. Would He ever have males and females created and united in the image of Eloheem ruling the paradise He created for them?

This marriage issue was addressed by the Messiah when he answered the Saducees as they tried to entangle Him in His talk. They presented a scenario of a woman married to seven brothers without any children and asked whose wife she would be in heaven. The Messiah's answer exposed their ignorance on the subject of marriage in the kingdom of heaven:

*Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of Eloheem. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of Eloheem in heaven. Matthew 22:29,30.*

This same error exists today as people continue to misunderstand YHUH's plan for marriage. Christianity teaches the angels in heaven are either sexless (neither male nor female), or they don't marry. They conclude this will then be our condition in the earth made new. Does this sound like something good to you? Since YHUH said from the beginning it wasn't good for man to be alone it's only right we should question this.

Furthermore, Christianity's erroneous interpretation of the Messiah's teaching on marriage insinuates YHUH was defeated. His plan for couples united by Him in the image of Eloheem appears to be scrapped for Plan B - "let's just bring them into the kingdom as singles."

This whole conjecture on the part of Christianity is based on the assumption the angels are unmarried. But I don't find anywhere in Scripture that the angels are single. Rather we find angels in heaven who are distinctly male such as the following verse:

*And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat....And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. Exodus 25:18-20*

The phrase "one to another" is "eesh el ach" in Hebrew. The word "eesh" means "husband or man" and "ach" is "brother. So literally translated this phrase is "man (or husband) to brother." This phrase referring to two angels suggests the angels do have a gender since they can be male, and have families in which there are brothers, which would require wives for child bearing.

But we don't need to conjecture here. YHUH tells us clearly there will be marriage and families in the kingdom of heaven. Let's look at a few of these texts, and then we can look at how He's going to make this happen.

*And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matthew 19:29,30*

Here we see all who forsook any family relation in order to obey the Messiah, whether brothers or sisters, father or mother, or wife and children, will have even better families restored to them. The promises in the Old Covenant show the same picture:

*Blessed is every one that feareth YHUH; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth YHUH. YHUH shall bless thee out of Zion: and thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children, and peace upon Israel. Psalms 128*

YHUH promises the blessings of a wife and children and enjoying the labour of their hands for those who fear Him and walk in His ways. The prophecies confirm He keeps His promise:

*For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.... And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the*

*work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of YHUH, and their offspring with them. Isaiah 65:17-23*

Just as YHUH promised, those who fear Him build houses and plant vineyards, eat the labour of their hands and have “offspring.” The word “offspring” in Hebrew means “that which cometh forth.” This clearly portrays YHUH's dream come true, couples living together in paradise having children who are in the image of Eloheem.

Evidently the angels are having a better time than most Christians realize. Instead of playing harps on clouds without families, spouses, or a love-life, they must be enjoying the same blessings the prophecies show for us since we are likened to them by the Messiah. So the question naturally surfaces as to how we will be like the angels and not marry nor be given in marriage, yet we will have families and bear children in the kingdom of heaven.

The key to this puzzle lies in how these family units are formed. The first family unit, Adam and Chavah, were formed by YHUH creating each for the other. Chavah couldn't just go out and look for a mate to marry, or have her Father pick one out for her. She had a piece of her husband inside her, as she was built from his rib. Only one male could be her husband. There was no choice in the matter.

This pattern was established from the creation of mankind. YHUH could have created Chavah from dirt like He did Adam so she was her own person. But He deliberately created her in such a way that there would be no doubt as to who she belonged to. When Adam was given his missing rib in the form of Chavah, YHUH's plan was realized. YHUH then named this couple whom He created for each other by one name, Adam, as they were now one unit, one flesh:

*This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that Eloheem created man, in the likeness of Eloheem made he him; Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. Genesis 5:1,2*

By saying Adam begat children we know this is referring to both Adam and Chavah, as Adam couldn't give birth to children by himself. Thus YHUH was true to His word that He would call them both by the name Adam.

*And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: Genesis 5:3*

Comparing this text with Genesis 5:1,2 reveals a secret many may miss. Adam (that is Adam and his wife who are called by the same name by YHUH) lived 130 years (remember they both were the same age) and begat a son in “*his own likeness.*” YHUH already told us Adam was created in the likeness of Eloheem “*male and female*” therefore if Seth was created in Adam's likeness he also would have to be “*male and female.*” Seth's name would therefore represent both him and his wife even as Adam's name represented him and his wife.

This pattern of calling spouses by the same name is also seen with the Messiah and His Wife as both are called “YHUH Tzidkenu”, or “YHUH our Righteousness” in the earth made new:

*In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, YHUH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 23:6*

*In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, YHUH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. Jeremiah 33:16*

The fact YHUH calls couples by the same name explains the mystery of how wives were found for Adam's sons. They were born with their mates and called by the same name, just as Adam and his wife were. From birth they belonged to each other and they knew who they were as they grew up. There was no looking for a spouse to marry, or the parents choosing a spouse for them. There was no marrying or giving in marriage.

Instead there were husbands and wives created for each other in the womb by YHUH, which is how angels must be paired up in heaven now. This is a necessity if the children were born “*in the likeness*” of Adam, for his likeness is “*male and female,*” not just a male.

Sadly, husbands marrying the women created for them did not continue for long, as man began taking wives of whom he chose instead. This led to a decay of morals until YHUH was grieved in His heart for having created mankind:

*And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of Eloheem saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And YHUH said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years...And Eloheem saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented YHUH that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And YHUH said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. Genesis 6:1-7.*

What incredibly tragic words, that YHUH wished He'd never started His dream because it became so painful. We see this frightful condition repeated in the last days as the Messiah warns:

*And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Luke 17:26,27*

Unless one understands YHUH's dream there doesn't seem to be anything wrong with marrying and giving in marriage. But when YHUH is wanting couples united according to who He creates for each other, and instead men and women are marrying according to their own choices, then we can see the stage is set for the disastrous moral decay witnessed in the days of Noah.

Obviously the next question is how are we to find the spouse we were created for instead of choosing a mate for ourselves? The Messiah answered this in His description of the new birth:

*YHUH Saviour answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Eloheem. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. John 3:5-8*

YHUH achieves His purpose through a re-birth in the womb of His Spirit instead of males and females being created for each other in the womb of flesh. You most likely have thought of this birth process by the Spirit as being an individual birth. However, according to the record in Genesis, a male or female without their Eloheem-appointed mate is incomplete.

Understanding the physical birth process from the Garden of Eden helps us comprehend what YHUH will do through the spiritual birth.. As YHUH created spouses for each other in His original design, He will now re-create them for each other through rebirth. Those who achieve this rebirth through the Ruach Qadosh will then enter the kingdom of Eloheem according to His dream, as couples in the likeness of Eloheem who will populate the earth-made-new with children who are also in the likeness of Eloheem.

The warning regarding mankind marrying and giving in marriage in the last days is therefore seen in contrast with YHUH's call to a rebirth in which He creates males and females for each other in the Spirit, who will then belong to each other because He created them for each other, not because of their own choice for a mate. These couples are the “house” YHUH builds:

*Except YHUH build the house, they labour in vain that build it: Psalms 127:1*

In this verse we see there are house-builders other than YHUH on earth. The Hebrew word for “house” is “bayit” and means “a house, especially family.” We've been conditioned to think a judge or minister is given authority by YHUH to unite couples, and all who are united in this manner are united by Him. But there is nothing in Scripture giving this authority to man. To the contrary, we find marriages on earth that do not receive YHUH's approval. An obvious example is Abraham's man-made marriage to Hagar, whom YHUH told Abraham to send away with their son.

Another striking example takes place after the remnant returned to Israel under Zerubbabel and married wives of the surrounding nations and had children. When Ezra came to Israel over 60 years later he was outraged at these marriages and insisted these wives and children be sent away. Not only were these marriages unapproved by YHUH, but they also brought his wrath upon them!

*And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto YHUH Eloheem of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do... until the fierce wrath of our Eloheem for this matter be turned from us. Ezra 10:10-14*

If Christianity existed back then they most certainly would condemn the break-up of these families. They believe the family is to be preserved at all costs, and only under blatant adultery is divorce allowed to take place. The deeply held belief that YHUH joins all who choose to enter into marriage causes them to sacrifice nearly every other consideration to hold the family together.

One of two things must happen to earthly marriages in order for YHUH's design for marriage to be accomplished: 1) Either couples married in the flesh will be united through rebirth in the Spirit so they can stay married for the kingdom of heaven, or 2) couples not united in the rebirth of the Spirit will be divided by YHUH in order to unite them with the mate He re-creates them for. This process must take place either before or during the 1,000 year reign of the Messiah, but that will be explained in the next study. For now we want to look at how this happens as explained by the Messiah:

*And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding: that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. (37) Blessed are those servants, whom the master when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. (38) And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. (39) And this know, that if the goodman of the house (Strongs: “the head of a family”) had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. (40) Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not. (41) Then Peter said unto him, Master, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even to all? (42) And YHUH Saviour said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? (43) Blessed is that servant, whom his master when he cometh shall find so doing. (44) Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath. (45) But and if that servant say in his heart, My master delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and maidens, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; (46) The master of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers. (47) And that servant, which knew his master's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. (48) But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. Luke 12:36-48*

This passage should be disturbing to every man who wants to keep his family together, for here we see the Messiah coming as a thief and breaking up families in which an unfaithful servant is ruling over YHUH's households. The admonition to be watchful means heads of families need to be studying diligently to know the truths for the times they live in so they can be giving their family *"meat in due season."*

This scenario fits perfectly with the end-time simile *"as in the days of Noah."* Noah was faithful and watchful so YHUH revealed to him His plans. Noah obeyed YHUH's instructions so he could provide for His family and they were saved. However, an often unnoticed point expressed here indicates the condition for being saved in the ark:

*And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female.* Genesis 6:19

Nothing was allowed in the ark unless it was paired as male and female. From Noah and his wife, and his sons and their wives, down to the mice and moles, they must be paired as male and female in order to enter the ark. YHUH said it was not good for man to be alone, and there is nothing "not good" coming into His kingdom. Therefore He presents mankind a marriage message prior to His second coming. The cry goes out *"Behold, the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."* Matthew 25:6. The Messiah will come as a thief in the night to break up the families of husbands who are not watchful to give His household to a faithful servant instead.

Even as Christianity would have opposed the break-up of the families in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, so all who don't understand this work will oppose and condemn it as well. This is foretold in Isaiah:

*The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. (2) He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness. (3) But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. (4) Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, (5) Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? ... (19) I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith YHUH; and I will heal him. (20) But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. (21) There is no peace, saith my Eloheem, to the wicked. Isaiah 57:1-5, 19-21.*

In this prophecy YHUH contrasts the condition of the righteous with the "adulterers." The righteous are saved from the coming evil and enter into peace and *"they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness."* The Hebrew word for "beds" means "lying down for sexual contact." Notice how the text says "He" shall enter into peace, but "they" shall rest in their beds, moving from the singular to the plural. This indicates after a righteous man enters his peace, he will be having sexual contact with his mate, and YHUH says he will be walking in his uprightness in this, in other words, this sexual contact will be right.

However, this is not the way others see it. Those who enflame themselves with idols (like the idolatry of the image-industry of TV, magazines, etc.) will *"draw out the tongue"* and make a *"wide mouth"* against the righteous who entered their peace and rest on their beds. As they condemn the righteous (most likely accusing them of adultery, breaking up families, etc.) YHUH shows they are the guilty ones because of their spiritual adultery. As they slept in bed with the world through partaking of her seductions, looking at images that were sexually arousing, YHUH holds them guilty of being adulterers and whores.

So we see a secret work going on in the last days in which YHUH creates spouses for each other of those who are watchful and faithful through the birth of the Spirit. The secrecy of this work is foretold by the prophet Joel:

*Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the*

*priests, the ministers of YHUH, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O YHUH, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their Eloheem? Joel 2:16,17.*

Notice here a cry is made that heathens should not be allowed to rule over YHUH's heritage so they are "reproached" or made ashamed. The solution to this problem is a call to let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber and the bride out of her closet as YHUH sets up new households. His faithful servants come as bridegrooms to take the place of the unfaithful servants who wrongly ruled over wives who love and serve YHUH. This scenario is seen in Song of Songs as the Bridegroom calls for the Bride to come to him from her secret place:

*"O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely." Song of Songs 2:14.*

John and the Elect Lady are another example of an apparently secret relationship between a male and female whom YHUH is uniting with His love for His divine purposes. As we look at what happened in their relationship we can get a glimpse at what YHUH is doing with the male/female relationships He is putting together for the building up of His house/family.

*The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth; For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever. Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 2 John 1:1-6*

As we look at the letter John wrote to the Elect Lady we see several important points. First, he tells her that he loves her. Secondly, He beseeches her to love him. The reason he gives for why they should love each other is extremely significant. He says this is a commandment, and not a new commandment that he is writing her, but rather a commandment they had from the beginning, that being that they "love one another." This command is found in the Messiah's instructions to His disciples:

*A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. John 13:34,35*

The significant part of this commandment from the Messiah for His disciples to "love one another" is that John did not take that command to mean that he was to love the other disciples, but rather he applied this command to loving this woman. In other words, the "another" was a woman, not another disciple. And it is by this love, as John showed referred to a man loving a woman not a man loving a man, that will demonstrate to all whose disciples they are.

The fact John had to "beseech" the Elect Lady to obey this command with him that they love one another also indicates how this command must have been unusual and perhaps uncomfortable for her. If it was just the brotherly/sisterly love idea promoted in the Christian churches, then that would not have been something someone would need to be necessarily talked into. But a pious woman being taught the marriage in heaven message may need to be beseeched in order to overcome her initial feelings about entering a close loving relationship with someone who is not her earthly spouse.

This idea is further supported by John's declaration of how they will feel when they see each other face to face. He says "Having many things to write unto you, I would not write with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full." 2 John 1:12

John believes when he sees the Elect Lady “*face to face*” that their joy will be full. The word “joy” here means “delight,” and “full” means “to make complete, satisfy.” What could possibly happen between this man and woman who are confessing their love to one another that would completely satisfy their delight when they see each other? Is just visibly seeing each other going to satisfy their delights? Or is John anticipating a physical union taking place between him and the one he sees YHUH created for him so they could love one another resulting in their joy being full?

We are not given enough information here to state what happened with John and the Elect Lady for a fact. But I feel there is enough evidence to suggest John was thinking of the highest joy given on earth for mankind and that YHUH was giving him that joy through this woman for them to share together. How could someone's joy be full and it not be referring to the most glorious and joyful act celebrated by two humans on earth?

The Messiah's commandment for the disciples to love one “*another*” is also linked to the fullness of joy that will come as a result of this love:

*These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. John 15:11,12*

Obviously YHUH intends for His people to experience the greatest joy they could ever feel through this love commandment. Understanding His dream for males and females to be united by Him in His image and then being commanded to love one another as proof of who they serve is perhaps a novel yet wonderful idea. But it also has its complications. If YHUH wants to create couples for each other, then does this mean it was wrong for us to choose mates and marry them now? Not necessarily. When YHUH sent Israel into Babylon He told them to take wives for themselves and their sons:

*Thus saith YHUH of hosts, the Eloheem of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon; Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto YHUH for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Jeremiah 29:4-7*

During the time Israel was in Babylon they were allowed to marry whomever they wished. But, when it was time for them to return to Israel, these spouses were tested. Those who returned with the remnant proved their hearts were turned to YHUH, even as Rebecca proved her worthiness for Isaac by her willingness to go to Israel. However those spouses who wouldn't return would either influence their Israelite spouse not to return as well, or their family would be broken up as the Israelite spouse returned and they stayed in Babylon.

*For thus saith YHUH, That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith YHUH, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Jeremiah 29:10,11*

As we already noted, after the remnant returned to Israel they were not allowed to marry wives of the surrounding nations and the ones who married these wives had to send them away with their children. Many homes were broken up at that time because it was time to build up Israel and YHUH did not want unequally yoked couples building up His kingdom. He asks “*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*” Amos 3:3.

It is impossible to have a successful home in which one spouse serves the world and the other serves YHUH. So YHUH allows mixed marriages prior to setting up His kingdom, but when it's time to come to Israel, then the homes have to be united in following Him. Those families who are not united in following Him have to be broken up so believing husbands are set over believing wives and the two can walk together in their agreement

to love and serve YHUH, united in Him to keep His law and testimony.

The necessity of couples united in YHUH for setting up His kingdom and fulfilling His dream explains the endtime call "*Behold the Bridegroom cometh; Go ye out to meet Him.*" There's a wedding party YHUH is planning for the couples He's joined in the likeness of Eloheem, each male in the image of the Messiah, and each female created for him even as Chavah was for Adam. We've been taught this call is the Bridegroom as the Messiah marrying individuals to Himself who qualify, but this is not consistent with the rest of Scripture. It has never been YHUH's will for His Son, a male, to be married to a group of individuals, males and females, who are single or married. This creates all kinds of theological and practical problems, besides being "not good" since that is the decree of YHUH regarding single males.

The Bridegroom's call is to the wedding feast for YHUH's Brides and Bridegrooms. As a thief in the night the Messiah will break up the homes of those unfaithful servants who misruled YHUH's faithful wives and children. Couples re-created through the birth of the Spirit in the image of Eloheem - male and female - will fulfill YHUH's dream of populating earth with those who are "*in His likeness.*" These will be the firstfruits of the Kingdom and will stand as 144,000 pairs on Mt. Zion. Even as YHUH gave one name to the first pair on earth, and declared them to be "one flesh," so will this pattern be continued as the 144,000 couples are treated as one and given a new name by which each couple is called. :

*And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. (2) And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: (3) And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. (4) These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto Eloheem and to the Lamb. (5) And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of Eloheem. Revelation 14:1-5.*

*For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. (2) And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of YHUH shall name. (3) Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of YHUH, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy Eloheem. (4) Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for YHUH delighteth in thee, and thy land (the people of thy land) shall be married. (5) For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy Eloheem rejoice over thee. Isaiah 62:1-5*

YHUH's plan from the beginning was to seek "Eloheem-like seed" through the couples created in His likeness, male and female, and making them one: "*And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a Eloheem-like seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.*" Malachi 2:15.

In other words, YHUH created couples in order to produce righteous seed. Is that why couples get married today? Most likely not. They marry because of the chemistry they feel, or because they are fun, or good looking, or have money, etc. It's nearly impossible to choose a mate based on the kind of seed they will produce since that is not information available to us. Only YHUH can read the heart and genes in order to know what kind of children will come of a union.

YHUH promised Israel's fathers He would choose their seed after them:

*Only YHUH had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you*

*above all people, as it is this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. Deuteronomy 10:15,16*

This means He would choose their wives since the seed is of the woman: “*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*” Genesis 3:15.

He then told them to circumcise the foreskin of their hearts because it would be tempting for them to choose a wife based on their own feelings and urges instead of letting YHUH choose their seed.

It's exciting news for someone on the lonely path of truth, single or married, to learn YHUH wants to unite them with a perfect spouse for His kingdom. However, a warning needs to be given here as well. The enemy will of course try to misrepresent this message and perhaps cause some to think they have the right to do what YHUH says He will do. It is not man's job to start breaking up homes or match-making couples. Man trying to do this work instead of allowing YHUH to do it is what started the man-made marriage mess in the first place. It is imperative YHUH's message not be tampered with by man trying to unite or divide what YHUH has reserved the right to do. For those who are unequally married to spouses who do not share their love for the truth, they will find the truth is what YHUH uses to divide a home, not man:

*Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother; and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. Matthew 10:34-37*

This dividing of families will no doubt be a painful process. This is why the Messiah forewarns his followers they must love Him more than any family member. If we are ever to belong completely to Him, which includes belonging to the mate He creates for us, then we must suffer the separations from earthly ties, whether inside or outside the family, that is caused by our allegiance to the Messiah. Just don't let the enemy come in and cause you to think any human has the right to break up families when this is only done by the Messiah.

In summary, the absolutely fantastic news is that YHUH's mind has never changed. Since He first planned a paradise with couples made in His image, male and female, He continues to create His dream. In the end His dream is realized starting with the 144,000, His firstfruits as they are called, singing “*as it were a new song*”, which I suspect is the wedding song of Song of Solomon describing the wonderful story of how YHUH achieves His perfect marriages for His creation. We will look at how this song applies to these heavenly marriages in Part 3 of this series as we continue to behold the manner of love YHUH has bestowed on His children. We will also look at what Scripture says we must do in order to qualify for the heavenly marriage. I expect you will find preparing for the love-life of the heavenly marriage is the most exciting and promising “to do” list of your life!