

The Two Brides

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I saw an interesting scene played out before concerning Yahveh's heart for Israel and the church. I would like to share it with you.

I saw a beautiful woman standing on the end of a dock overlooking a charming and peaceful lake. The scene took place just as night was beginning to fall so I could see the reflection of the rising moon upon the water.

The woman was dressed in lovely apparel. Her hair was dark and flowed in long gentle curls down her back. I watched as she noticed something lay on the walkway and bent down and picked it up. As she held it in her hand her face beamed with delight. I continued to watch as she opened her hand and put her newly found treasure on her finger. It was at that time that I realized that what she had found was a gold pearl engagement ring. When she found it she realized that it was rightfully hers and was delighted to wear it. At the very moment she put the ring upon her finger the dress she was wearing became a lovely wedding dress.

She looked at her dress and realized the transformation that had just occurred and wanted to find her fiancée'. It was at that moment that He appeared strolling along the walkway toward the dock. He was the most handsome man I had ever seen. He was tall, dark and handsome and impeccably dressed. I watched as she walked over and said to him:" I have found my ring and realize who I am and I am ready to get married. "

He looked at her tenderly and with so much love. It was as though the sun rose and set in his beautiful bride to be. He replied: "I would like that very much but I cannot do that yet." You see there is another. We must wait for her for if we don't she will never know what she could have had with me. When she is ready we will go together and become one.

I knew the lovely lady was the Church, the handsome groom was Messiah and the bride to be that He was waiting for was Israel. As much as He loves His church He also loves Israel. He longs for the day when He will be one with both and He will, albeit a little impatiently, wait until He can make the two one and the wedding can occur. It reminded me a little of Jacob. He so greatly desired Rachael but could not be without Leah as well. The two brides ultimately brought forth the whole house of Israel. In the same respect the predominately Gentile church and the Jew who will be born again in the "time of the Jew" will form the whole house of Yeshua's espoused in heaven.

Please don't ever think that our Messiah loves His predominately Gentile church less than He does His soon coming Jewish bride. He loves both with unfathomable love. His church is in His hand however, while if distance makes the heart go fonder, then it may be said that this distance is causing a certain yearning in His royal heart toward the Jew that none except the Father can understand. And with the same anticipation, with which He longs for every Gentile soul, He longs for the Jew. As His body our hearts should be like His. Not caring less for the Gentile, but adding to our love for the Gentile, love for the Jew and his soul and desiring that none would perish.

Source: <http://www.etpv.org/2000/t2brides.html>

NB. I was particularly struck by this vision re the two brides since the Lord had given me the same revelation – not via a vision but via a study of the Word of God. Before coming across this vision on the Internet, I had written the following:

“Jacob worked 7 years to win Laban's younger daughter, Rachel. But he was not given Rachel to wed at first. Instead, he was given Leah, the elder daughter (Gen. 29). Both women were beautiful (Gen. 29:17). Jacob, however, though he had worked so long for Rachel, had to be wed to Leah first for a week before he was wed to Rachel. Could this not be an allegory, or a parable, where Jacob represents Christ, Leah the Gentiles, and Rachel the Jews, younger in age than the Gentiles”

I have also written:

“Do you recall the incident where Solomon had to decide who of two mothers "owned" a baby? Could this not be an allegory of what may take place in the future where two women, again the Gentiles and the Jews, argue over who "owns" Christ? Perhaps the Jews will claim the Gentiles stole Him in the night while they slept.”

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