

The Galilean Wedding Pattern

The Galilean Groom, Bride and Father	Jesus, the Church and God the Father
The Galilean Bride and Groom	Jesus is the Groom and the church is the Gride
Galilean wedding is a year-long sequence of events	Jesus, the church, the rapture and the second coming are a sequence of events that occur over a long period of time
The Groom begins the marriage tradition by leaving his father's house and going to the home of his prospective Bride	Jesus left his father's home in heaven came down to the earth, the home of his Bride the church
The father of the Groom officiated the betrothal and set the terms and paid the price for the Bride	God the father officiates salvation, sets the terms and gave his only son to pay the price to purchase his Bride
Terms of the marriage covenant were read publicly and agreed upon by the bright anger	Terms of the covenant between Jesus and the church recorded in scripture
Gifts were exchanged with the most extravagant given to the Bride	God has given many gifts to the church is found throughout the new testament
The Groom's dowry is a down payment securing the betrothal and caring for the Bride	Jesus gave his life as a down payment and a security for his Bride, and assurance of her future protection and care
The Groom is handed a picture of wine which he pours into a ceremonial cup all "the cup of joy"	Lord's supper or communion also partakes of the cup of joy, the fruit of the vine representing the Groom's life given for the Bride
The group presents the cup to the Bride and she now has a choice to accept or reject it	This is a picture of the gospel given to each person who can accept or reject it
Once the wine is drank by the Bride the covenant becomes a revocable	Once a person becomes a believer and is truly saved and is part of the church, Jesus Bride, the promise and covenant are your revocable, a clear picture of the assurance of salvation
The Groom says publicly "you are now consecrated to me by the law of Moses and I will not drink this cup again with you until we drink it together in my father's house"	In Matthew 26:29 at the last supper Jesus repeats almost these exact same words to his Bride
Year-long journey begins his people return to their lives in the work of preparing the wedding now begins	Jesus ascended to heaven in the church now goes about the work of preparing itself as the Bride as Jesus prepares for the wedding
The Groom acquires everything needed to build the new home for him and his Bride	Jesus has gone away to heaven for an unspecified period of time to build us a home in the father's house
The Galileans would have instantly understood that the Groom had to go away to build a home	This is exactly what Jesus did for his Bride, the church

In the meantime, Bride goes about preparing herself for the Groom, keeping herself pure and thinking only of the Groom's return while not knowing the exact day or hour	The church goes about preparing itself as a holy and pure Bride for Christ knowing that his return is assured not knowing exactly when he will return
The general sequence of events, the general timing and observation of the preparations would tell the Bride the time was getting near	The Bride of Christ can watch the convergence of prophetic signs as god's plan is being fulfilled signaling the soon return of Jesus for his Bride
Only the father knew the exact day and hour and only the father could say "go get your Bride"	Only god the father knows the exact day in our only he will tell Jesus "go get your Bride"
The Galilean wedding, it was expected that the Groom would come in the middle of the night at an unknown time in the Bride traditionally slept in her wedding dress!	In the parable of the virgins in Matthew 25 we are told to always be prepared because the Groom will show up always slumber and sleep. The church is to always be ready for Jesus return.
When the father of the Groom says "go" son gets a trumpet and sets off for the Bride with a wedding party in a wedding procession.	When god the father tells Jesus the son to go get his Bride he returns to earth with a wedding procession and the sound of a trumpet.
Two men would carry the Bride away lifting her up in the air on a seat with a pole on either side for men to carry her. Galileans referred to this as "flying the Bride to the father's house"!	This is obviously symbolic of the rapture where the Bride of Christ is caught up in the air not by her own power by the power of the wedding recession and flown away to the father's house.
From the moment Bride is carried away she is forever with the Groom.	From the moment the Bride of Christ is caught up in the air she is forever with the Groom.
Upon arrival wedding party would find the wedding guests had assembled.	Upon arrival, the Bride of Christ will find the old testament saints assembled in heaven.
Shortly after the arrival the veiled Bride and the Groom would be escorted into the bridal chamber alone where the marriage should be consummated	The church will experience spiritual union with Jesus consummating their covenanted relationship
The wedding feast would continue for seven days.	The marriage supper of the lamb continues in heaven during the seven-year tribulation on earth.
During the seven days the Bride remains hidden in the bridal chamber.	During the seven years the Bride remains hidden in heaven.
During this time, the Galilean father closes the door to the house and keeps out all those who had rejected the invitation or who were not prepared.	All those who had rejected the Groom's promise while the Bride was on earth are kept out of the wedding feast in heaven. The father shuts the door and no one else can join the Bride.
At the conclusion of the seven days the Groom would bring the Bride out, her veil removed so that all would see who the Bride was.	When Jesus returns to the earth, he brings the church and all who remain on the earth will know who his Bride is.