

A Mayim Hayim Study on: A Fresh Look At The Jewish Wedding

When studying the Scriptures it becomes evident that intimacy between Y'Shua and His E'dah (Congregation), is no better illustrated than in the ancient Jewish wedding customs. YHWH gave us these things so that we could and would understand His attributes. This is His propose for every Believer. Y'Shua, Himself, made several references to the Church, i.e. Congregation, in being like a Bride waiting for her Bridegroom. I will not site them here however they will be found throughout this study. Let's take a look at it:

The marriage consists of two parts. First, **the betrothal - Erusin or Kidushin**. Then about one or two years later, the second part took place. This is **the wedding ceremony** called, **Nisuin or Huppah**.

The betrothal is a parallel to the engagement in most ways except that in the ancient Jewish custom, it was binding! It was so binding that it could not be broken without a **orthodox divorce**. You were considered **bound** together from the period you entered the betrothal contract until the wedding day. When Joseph discovered that his betrothed wife Mary was with child he had real grounds to obtain a **orthodox divorce** and would have if the angel had not appeared unto him and explained what was going on. From that point on Joseph knew it was the hand of YHWH that was upon her. He had no more reason to put her away. The whole marriage rite is laid out in a series of steps, **twelve in all**. I will give them numbers and Hebrew Letters, then **try** to tie in the Hebrew understanding of these letters with the steps of the marriage. I say **try** because there is so much to this teaching, that I'm still finding wonderful things in the Scriptures. Only Messiah can tells us all we need to know!

1. Aleph, meaning: Father, strong leader, Ox or Bull.

The Bridegroom's Father chooses the Bride, the Groom in most cases does not. He sends a friend or a trusted servant to come to terms with the parents of the prospective Bride, and makes all the arrangements. The Bride may not have any idea of what this person looks like or even know his age. All she knows is she will spend her whole life with him **if** she says **yes** to this marriage!

This representative can be seen as a **portrait of the Fathers Holy Spirit** in the Scriptures. It is He who nudges our hearts, and calls us to enter into this **union** with our Bridegroom Messiah.

John 6:43-44

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Messiah Y'Shua answered. "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws them, and I will raise them up at the determined day."

(Adah Guzman's Interpretation)

I Peter 1:8

"Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you Believe in Him and are filled with marvelous and festive joy," AGI

2. Bet, meaning: Household, House or Tent.

The price was secured for the Bride, and was usually something of great value. Lands, livestock, silver or gold. In the Believers instance the supreme price was paid, the precious Blood of Y'Shua Messiah. Y'Shua left **His Home** and the **Glory of Heaven** to come to earth to pay the ultimate price for a Bride. This was so He might return once again to prepare for us a place, a Home with Him in the Glory of Heaven. What an awesome Bridegroom we have precious ones. **Praise His Holy Name!!!**

I Peter 1:18-19

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the superficial way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, **but with the precious Blood of Messiah**, the Lamb without blemish or defect." AGI

Philippians 2:5-7

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Y'Shua: Who, being in the **form of YHWH**, did not affect to appear in divine majesty; but divested Himself, taking upon Himself the **form of a servant**, and was made in the likeness of men:" AGI

Read my Lamentations study for more insight into the word "form."

3. Gimel, meaning: To lift up, into, a camel.

The Betrothal ritual is like an engagement party. The promise was made and it was binding. The man and wife do not live together or have sexual intercourse at this time. A **cup of wine is lifted up** and drunk by the Bride **to seal the Betrothal**.

We will say more about the cup when we come to the 6th step - the Vav. Just remember that the **cup is lifted in the right hand**. The right hand is a place of power in the Jewish understanding.

Matthew 26:27-29

"And Y'Shua took the cup in His right hand, **lifted it**, blessed it, and gave it to His followers, saying, 'Drink ye all of it; For this is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, **until that Day** when I drink it new **with you** in my Father's Kingdom.'" AGI

Y'Shua, when **lifting the cup at the Passover** understood that in just a short time from that moment, He would also be **lifted up** on a **CROSS**. It would be for His Bride that He would suffer and do this! Over and over again we will see that He "**alone cuts this Covenant**," we have no part, other than to accept what He has done for us.

4. Dalet, meaning: Door, a pathway, entrance, enter.

The written marriage contract is drawn up and in it the Bride is promised that she will be provided and cared for in every way. It states that all of her **needs** will be fulfilled by the Bridegroom. The Hebrew term for Bridegroom is "**Hatan**" meaning: "**one who enters Covenant**." This contract is always **signed before two witnesses**, then given to the Bride and her Father. The Holy Scriptures are our Wedding document. It tells us all that our Bridegroom has done for us and will do for us - and so much more!

Over and over Y'Shua Messiah declares His love for us! He promised to **provide for all our needs and our necessities**, and so we should never be fearful. It is Messiah who will make our way straight. It is Messiah who will **accomplish** His Word in our lives! He is the Door, our Pathway by which we can enter into the Father's House. His **cover** dresses us, just as He spoke about it in Matthew's Gospel.

Matthew 6:28-30

"So why do you worry about your **garments**? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not **arrayed** like one of these. Wherefore, if YHWH so **clothe** the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the furnace, shall He not much more **cover you**, O you of little faith?" AGI

Phil. 4:19

"And my YHWH will **provide, fulfill and meet all your needs** according to His excellent riches in Messiah Y'Shua." AGI

Hebrews 12:2

"Looking **unto Y'Shua the Author and Finisher of our Faith**; who for the joy that was set before Him **endured the Cross, disdaining the shame**, and has **conquered all** and is at the **right hand of the Throne of YHWH**." AGI

What more can I say, He will provide for His Bride all things, and His word is True!

5. Hey, meaning: to reveal, window.

As I said before, the Bride had to be in **agreement with this marriage**, and so it is with us. By our free will do we enter into this contract. Even the Saints of

old were looking ahead to this wonderful place and event. The writer of Hebrews tells us:

Hebrews 11:8-10

"By conviction Abraham, when he was called to go out into a location which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed YHWH; and he went out, not aware where he went. By conviction Abraham abided in the land of promise - as in a foreign country, dwelling in tabernacles with his son Isaac and his grandson Jacob, **the heirs with him of the same promise**: For Abraham looked for **a City** which has foundations, whose **designer and creator is YHWH.**" AGI

Today to enter into this Covenant **I must accept Messiah Y'Shua**, and **confess Him with my mouth to be L-RD of my life**. When the Messiah is **revealed** to us it is by the Servant, the Holy Spirit. We must say "**I do**" in Hebrew it is the word **'daat,'** or I could say, "I do not" which is not a good answer to give Him. However, making this decision is our choice.

Making this selection is really our first **act of intimacy**. Exclusively ours because, YHWH has given to us free will to choose our Bridegroom. However, He knew from the beginning what our answer would be!

Jeremiah 33:6

"Observe, **I will** bring them health and preserve them. **I will** cure them and **I will reveal** unto them the fullness of My Peace and My Truth." AGI

This act of choosing our Bridegroom **reveals** to our L-rd how **intimate** we want Him to be with us, and this **revealing** works both ways. It is a form of worship, "**yada**" in Hebrew, and this same word is used for an **intimate encounter** in the Word of YHWH.

Genesis 4:17

"And Cain **knew (was intimate with)**, his wife; and she conceived, and birthed Enoch: and he founded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch." AGI

6. Vav, meaning: to secure, a peg or nail.

At this point the cup was drunk from. This cup is also called the **shared cup** of the Brit, i.e. Covenant. The two are now really married. The betrothed **secured, i.e. sealed**. Gifts are now given to the Bride and her family from the Bridegroom or His Servant, as in the case of Abraham sending his servant Eliezer. Eliezer came with 10 camels filled with gifts to secure a Bride for Isaac. Eliezer means: comforter, helper, and is a picture of the Holy Spirit of YHWH.



Every time we **share in the cup of Communion** we are **re-affirming** our marriage Covenant with our Bridegroom Y'Shua. We should always remember what it was that Messiah Y'Shua our Bridegroom achieved for us personally, with the Covenant of "**Communion in His Blood.**" His wine is the best wine! Wine is a symbol of **joy** to the Hebrew mind, and it should be to His Church as well.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

"The time is coming," declares the L-RD, "**when I will cut a New Covenant (Brit) with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.** It will not be like the Covenant I **made** with their forefathers (those who died in Mt. Sinai) when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because **they broke My Covenant, though I was a Husband to them, declares the L-RD.** This is the Covenant **I will cut** with the house of Israel after that time," declares the L-RD. "I will put My Torah in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their YHWH, and they will be My people. **(This is the Promise from Deut 30:6)** No longer will a man instruct his neighbor, or a mankind his brother or sister, saying, 'Know the L-RD,' they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the L-RD. For I will forgive their iniquity and will recall their sins no more." AGI

Y'Shua Messiah also gave us many gifts. The blessed Holy Spirit with all of His gifts. Prophecy, Messiah's Peace, His Joy, His Knowledge, Eternal Life, His Righteousness which is our Cover, and best of all His Love Everlasting.

The shared cup of Communion **secured by the nails of the Covenant of the Cross** makes us partakers with Him in everything, and it's all His doing!!!

7. Zayin, meaning: cut, to cut off, a weapon.

In Hebrew the word for the Jewish Bride is the word "**Kallah,**" meaning: "**complete,**" and some teach it means: "**enclosed one.**" This brings to my mind a Scripture from Song Of Songs:

Song of Solomon 4:12

"A garden **enclosed** is my sister, my spouse; a spring of living water shut up, a fountain sealed." AGI

The Bride went through a ritual immersion, i.e. washing, to symbolize her turning aside from all the former things and starting a new life with her Beloved. We are given **water baptism** for the purification of our old ways and to make us ready for our Heavenly home. When the Hebrews came out from Egypt and prepared to enter into the Covenant with Elohim, the whole Congregation had to be cleansed with water. She was to be set apart, **enclosed** before they could come close to YHWH. We must also do the same? And sometimes for some of us, more than once. They had to do it before meeting

YHWH, we now do it **after we receive His Son!** I asked YHWH why? He told me that this washing was for me, so that I could **identify with His Son in all things**. I wept when He told me that.

Romans 6:3-6

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were immersed into Y'Shua Messiah were immersed into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like Messiah was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been **seeded** together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the **likeness of His resurrection**: Knowing this, that our old man is **crucified with Him**, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin." AGI

Mikvah: ritual immersion, i.e. baptism is a weapon of separation.

When we obey YHWH and follow His example of immersion, we are embarking on our new life by departing and saying, farewell to the old ways. This is a **cutting off** or a putting off of the old, and this pleases both the Father, and the Bridegroom. Really it is a **signpost** for ourselves to remind us we are **dead to trespasses, and alive unto YHWH**.

Again the choosing is ours to obey or not to obey Him. I have been sprinkled as a baby, and immersed once in 1973 when I did not really understand what I was doing. Then again in 1986 with full understanding I was immersed with the Holy Spirit of God. Then in 1989 immersed in water once again, but this time I really knew what was taking place in my life. I hope to be immersed again in the Jordan River someday when I get to Israel.

Acts 19:2-6

"He said unto them, Have you received the Holy Spirit since you Believed? And they answered him, We have not even heard whether there be any Holy Spirit. And he said unto them, Then what were you immersed into? And they said, Into John's ritual immersion. Then said Paul, John verily immersed with the immersion of repentance, saying unto all the people, that they should **Believe on Him** which should come after him, that is, on Messiah Y'Shua. When they heard this, they were immersed in the Name of Messiah Y'Shua. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied." AGI

There is water immersion, and there is an immersion of the Holy Spirit, and they are for whosoever will.

8. Chet, meaning a chamber, separate, private.

At this point the Bridegroom would depart and go back to his Fathers house to prepare a place for the wedding and his new Bride. My understanding is that a **pledge** is made by the Bridegroom affirming to his Bride that he will indeed

return for her. Y'Shua did the same! We read Y'Shua's pledge in St. John's Gospel:

John 14:1-3

"Do not let your hearts be distressed. Trust in YHWH; trust also in Me. In My Father's house are many **chambers**; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to make ready a **place for you**. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and **catch you up** to be with Me that you also may be where I am." AGI

These words above are the same words spoken in the ancient Jewish Wedding rite. Y'Shua speaks to His followers as a Bridegroom, **affirming** to them that He would come to take them to Himself.

This is when Messiah will come to **sequester** us in a **chamber made ready** for His Bride. A time of **separation and intimacy, privacy** with our L-rd. I believe it will be for 7 years. One to match each day that the Bride and Bridegroom spends in the wedding chamber, alone and separated from the rest of the world.

Isaiah 26:20-21

"Come, My people, enter thou into thy **chambers (chadar)**, and shut thy doors about thee: **conceal** thyself as it were for a little moment, until the wrath be overpast. For observe, YHWH cometh out of His dwelling to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her dead." AGI

The time frame is after the 7 years of the indignation, YHWH's wrath has passed, not before.

9. Tet, meaning: to surround, a snake, to twist.

Now the time of waiting comes! The Bride would prepare herself making all the preparations to be the best Bride she could be. She waits with baited breath for the Bridegroom to come. I know how anxious she is! She doesn't know the **exact time** when her Beloved will come for her, this time is "only" known by the Bridegroom's Father. When the Father sees that all of His Son's preparations for the wedding **chambers (chadar)** is ready, then He will allow His Son to transport His Bride to His home.

Matthew 25:1-5

"At that time the kingdom of Heaven will be like ten undefiled maidens who took their lamps and went out to meet the Bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were insightful. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The Bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became sleepy and fell asleep." AGI

This parable, i.e. midrash is a teaching about "**readiness**," it is plain and it is simple. Many of use have looked for a deeper hidden meaning to Matthew 25, but I believe the right Hebraic understanding of this is the simple teaching of our L-rd of "**readiness**."

Readiness speaks of many things to each of us. To me it speaks of a predisposition towards **eagerness** or **zeal for the coming of YHWH**. I am full of zeal when I ponder that it could be this year!

At this point in the Bride's life she is surrounded by her family and friends who she will be leaving very soon. She is filled with emotions. She may be going on a long journey to the land of her Husbands home far from her families home.

She is occupied with feelings **twisting** inside of herself. Maybe even **doubt** if her Bridegroom will come for her, cool feet so to speak! Filled with these emotions **the serpent** speaks to her mind:

"You are not a worthy Bride, look at all of your flaws. Who would really want you with all your spots? You are full of wrinkles."

When the enemy of our well being speaks to us we usually listen to his lies. How foolish we are to listen to him. We are already married to the Bridegroom, and the Covenant is sealed!

Rebecca was a zealous Bride, enthusiastic to go meet her Beloved Isaac. She did not vacillate at all, she is the perfect picture of Messiah's Bride.

He is coming for a Bride who is without spot or wrinkle.

2 Peter 3:13-14

"Nevertheless we, according to His Promise, look for New Heavens and a New Earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. For what reason, beloved, seeing that your looking for such things, be diligent that you may be found of Him in Peace, without spot, and undefiled." AGI

Ephesians 5:25-27

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Messiah also loved the Congregation, and gave himself for it; **that He might hollow and absolve it with the washing of water by the Word**. That He might present it to Himself a glorious Temple, not having **spot**, or **wrinkle**, or any such thing; but that it should be sanctified and without blemish."AGI

It was said by the Jewish Sages of old, and even today's Rabbis teach this truth. That on the day of your wedding the Bride and Bridegroom stand before YHWH without spot, and without blemish. **I believe that, what about you?** It is only the devil, the enemy of soul who tells us otherwise. We must remember the words of our Beloved Bridegroom, and resist the lies of the devil and his fallen angels.

Isaiah 61:10

"I will greatly rejoice in YHWH, my soul shall delight in my YHWH; for **He has clothed me with the garments of Salvation (Y'Shua). He has covered me with the Robe of Righteousness**, as a Bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a Bride adorneth herself with her jewels."AGI

It is Y'Shua who makes her that way, not herself. He gives us our robe, and crowns.

10. Yod, meaning: a deed, to make, hand.

When the Bridegroom comes to get His Bride it is more of a **willing kidnapping**. It could be called a **snatching** in the middle of the night. The Bridegroom and His friends would sneak up on the Bride suddenly. However, not without a shout first! Then there was a blast of the shofar sounding out, she must be ready to run to her Beloved, to flee with him with no hesitation or procrastination. I can't wait till I hear His shout, and the sound of His shofar, how about you?

Matthew 25:6

"At midnight the **shout** went out: "Here's the Bridegroom! Come out to encounter him!" AGI

It is interesting and certainly worth remembering that one of the names for the Feast of Trumpets according to Jewish literature, is "**The wedding day of Messiah**." This whole marriage feast is a picture of Messiah Y'Shua coming for His Bride before Yom Kippur, the day of Judgment. Maybe even this year!

Messiah has a "**deed**" for you, its the Ketubah - the Betrothal Covenant. He is now our Master and our Husband. He has the rights to come to take us to His home because He paid the "**Mohar**" - the Bridal Price. When He comes He will come from the place of **Power, i.e. the Father's right hand**. This is the perfect picture of the Yod!

11. Kaf, meaning: to cover, to allow, open hand, arm.

The Bridegroom with His strong open hand takes His Bride away to the place that he has prepared, and the marriage is now consummated. The **Tallit** (the Jewish prayer Shawl) serves many times today as the Huppah. Made of silk or fine wool it is raised over the couple. It can also be held up by poles or trees that may have been planted at the birth of the Bride or Bridegroom. If he's a rich Bridegroom he may give her all of her wedding garments before hand, which she gladly receives as part of his price. **Messiah has given us all of our garments as well!**

Blessings are said over the couple, this is call the **Birkot Nisuin, the 7 blessings**. The second cup of wine is now drunk, and this sets the second seal to the marriage Covenant. **We are waiting to drink this cup with our Bridegroom Y'Shua.**

Now the new couple will spend 7 days together in the **wedding room, the "Huppah."** This starts the honeymoon cycle, this is where the Bridegroom will **cover her** with Himself. This part takes place in the Huppah. This is also called the **"Nisuin" or the "hometaking."** Jewish Bridegrooms do this part today at the wedding by placing their Tallit over their Brides so all can witness it.

The new couple will now become **one flesh - Echad.** This is also called **"Kidushin" meaning: sanctification or ratification.** They will get to **know** each other like never before, this more than a **face to face** encounter. **This also has an ancient name, "Yihud" or the "Knowing."** The act of sexual intimacy takes place between the Bride and the Bridegroom. The bed sheets with her blood on it were given to the Brides family. This was so they could never say she was not pure before the wedding day. It was in a sense, her insurance policy. I believe it will be Messiah's bloody garments that will be our insurance policy. It is **His covering** that dresses me, not my own. **His hand** is open to me!

I Cor. 13:12

"Now we see but it is a poor reflection as in a brass mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I **know** in part; then I shall **know fully**, even as **I am fully known.**" AGI

12. L - Lamed, meaning: prod, toward, staff.

And now it is time for the wedding feast to begin! Our Wedding Feast will be in the place that Y'Shua has prepared. Some say in Heaven, and others say on the earth after His return. I think it may be on the earth but I'm not real sure about it. I do know one thing, that were ever it is, I'll be there with my Beloved Messiah.

Right after the 7 days of the Huppah, the couple come out of the room and join their guests. These guests have a special name, they are called the **B'nai Huppah, "children of the Bridal Chamber."** They will join the Bride and Bridegroom to a very festive marriage feast. This is the meal that the couple share with their guest after the 7 days of being alone is over. This meal is called **Seudat Mitzyah**, a festive meal! Also at the end of the 7 days Y'Shua will be crowned King, and we shall be His Queen. We will rule and reign with our Beloved forever. This is for Israel and all who are grafted into her.

Messiah has now been given a Staff, i.e. "The Rod of YHWH" to rule with, just like all the past kings of Israel. The one thousand year begins, this is the Millennial reign of Messiah on earth. This is the time of peace we read about in the book Isaiah. This is when the Bridegroom will rejoice over His Bride.

Isaiah 62:5

"For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall thy sons marry you: and as the Bridegroom rejoiceth over the Bride, so shall your YHWH rejoice over you."
AGI

Isn't this enough to make you want to shout out to the L-RD, Great is our G-d, and greatly to be praised, Halleluyah!

Revelation 19:7-9

"Let us rejoice and be delighted and give Him glory! For the **wedding of the Lamb** has come, and **His Bride has fashioned herself ready**. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." **(For the fine linen stands for the legal rights of the Saints.)** Then the angel said to me, "Write: Blessed are those who are invited to the **wedding supper of the Lamb!**" And he added, "These are the true Words of Elohim - G-d."AGI

We will dance and play our tambourine like Miriam did, and maybe even with Miriam! We will hear our Bridegroom rejoicing over us, what a sensation day this will be!!! A Feast like no other we have ever seen or heard about, phenomenal to say the least! The proposal is made and we have accepted. Now the invitations are being sent out to all Believers who are part of His Bride. Are you ready and waiting for your Beloved Bridegroom? I am. I'm waiting with a fire in my heart longing for His return. Messiah gave me a little song years ago about my lamp. Here are some of the words.



**You O'L-RD keep my fire burning, You O'L-RD keep it burning bright.
You O'L-RD keep my fire burning, You O'L-RD keep it burning bright.
My G-d has turned my darkness
My G-d has turned my darkness
My G-d has turned my darkness ~ into Light.**

Halleluyah, and Amen!!!

My lamp is illuminated, and He has pressed out fresh oil for my lamp! So I can now say, I'm waiting for my Beloved to come and whisper to me, "Come away my beloved, come up, for I have made a place for you. Come enter the chamber and shut the door that we made be known of each other, my Bride, my Love."

I will answer my Beloved Bridegroom with "His Word."

Song of Solomon 1:2-4

"Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth: for His love is better than wine. Because of the savour of thy good ointments your Name is as ointment poured forth. And accordingly do the virgins love thee. Draw me, we will run after thee: the King has brought me into His chambers: we will be glad and rejoice in thee, we will remember thy love more than wine: the upright love thee." AGI

My Betrothal is past...

I'm Waiting for him...

My Wedding Day Is Coming...

A Summary of the 12 Steps with it's Message!

Part I has been fulfilled by Messiah in His **first coming**.

Part II will be fulfilled by Messiah in **second coming**.

1.  - Aleph, meaning: Father, strong leader, Ox or Bull.

Our Bridegroom Y'Shua is a **strong leader**,

2.  - Bet, meaning: Household, House or Tent.

We have a **place** in His **household** because

3.  - Gimel, meaning: To lift up, into, a camel.

He was **lifted up**, and in turn **lifts us** up with Him.

4.  - Dalet, meaning: Door, a pathway, entrance, enter.

He made a **pathway** by reason of the fact that He is the "**Door**" by which we can **enter** the Fathers House.

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He **reveals** all things to us by His Holy Spirit!

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He **secured** a place at Fathers table for us by the **nails** in His body, and His shed blood.

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The enemy of our soul is **cut off** by His **weapon** of Love.

8.  - Chet, meaning: **Separate, a chamber, private.**

We are **separated** from the world surrounding us

9.  - Tet, meaning: **to surround, a snake, to twist.**

Kept from the **serpents twisted** ways because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

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In His **right hand** is the **deed to make** an end of the evil one, and his ways.

11.  - Kaf, meaning: **to cover, to allow, open hand, arm.**

His **cover spreads** to all who will reach out for His **open hand** of Love.

12.  - Lamed, meaning: **prod, toward, staff.**

He will **rule** for 1000 years with the **staff** of YHWH, and it will be very very good.

The Message to Believers

"Our Bridegroom Y'Shua is a **strong leader**, and we have **a place** in His **household** because He was **lifted up**, and in turn He lifts us up with Him. He made **a pathway** by reason of the fact that He is the **"Door"** by which we can **enter** the Fathers House. He **reveals** all things to us by His Holy Spirit! He **secured** a place at Fathers table for us by the **nails** in His body and His shed blood. The enemy of our soul is **cut off** by His **weapon** of Love. We are **separated** from the world surrounding us, kept from the **serpents twisted** ways because we are sealed with the Holy Spirit. In His **right hand** is the **deed to make** an end of the evil one and his evil ways. His **cover spreads** to all who will reach out for His **open hand** of Love. He will **rule** for thousand years with the **staff** of YHWH, and it will be very very good."

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