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Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. "Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. "For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. "Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' "Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. "The foolish said to the prudent, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' "But the prudent answered, 'No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' "And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut.

Matthew 25:1-10

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Sometimes such wonderings over this passage degenerate into endless debates and unwarranted speculation about specific details, such as which of the 10 virgins are authentically ready. Other times, end times curiosity comes to a screeching halt as people throw up their hands at what they've begun to feel is an impossible and fruitless enquiry. This is a classic case of the oil in their lamps are depleted.

Two Common and **Opposite Errors** When Studying the End Times

THE SLIP INTO UNWARRANTED SPECULATION

A slip into the rut of unwarranted speculation and guesswork results in a desire to extract more detailed data out of Scripture than Scripture clearly provides. The prophetic passages in Scripture are inflated until the rest of what Scripture has to say is marginalized, pushing Jesus and the Gospel to the edges and corners of Biblical heresy.

THE SLIP INTO SHOULDER-SHRUGGING CYNICISM

A slip into the rut of shoulder-shrugging cynicism about the end times results in downplaying or ignoring end times texts. A balanced understanding seems unattainable, so following Christians abandon careful study of the end times. Jesus is decentralized as readers fail to wait expectantly for their Savior as the consummation of God's end-time plan.

STUDY THE **GROOM**

Why the single-minded focus on Jesus in a book about the end times?

Simply this: Jesus' goal is for His Bride to understand what the Scriptures have to say about the end times, and how He is the central focus of all Scripture—even of Scriptures that describe the consummation of His marriage, the Bride who endures to the end.

(Rev. 2:26)

When some religious teachers questioned Jesus about His messianic position as the Groom, Jesus retorted, *"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."* (John 5:39-40)

Many times, the very Scriptures where well-meaning Christians look for life to connect themselves with Jesus, cause the believer to miss His indwelling Life entirely. Jesus is NOT in a book; He is the BOOK.



THE WAY OF THE SON

The book of Revelation is all about the time for the *way of the Son*, which *includes the consummation process of His Bride*.

As we remember the Berisheet prophecy, Jesus' birth brings a new stage to the end-times. His childhood was His preparation time for His Bride. His baptism into ministry was the beginning of *courting* His Bride – those who were *the called* or *the elect*.

***"And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other."* (Matthew 24:31)**

COURTSHIP & ENGAGEMENT OF CHRIST

This is the time when the Father permits His Son to initiate a courtship with His future Bride. Once the courtship period is over, in Jesus' case, three and a half years in length, the Father opened the door for His Son to be engaged to His Bride. Before this could happen, the Groom had to pay the Bride's price (endowment) – in His cause, that requirement was His life. For the selected Bridal members to have the privilege to be with His Son, they had to be cleansed from all their sins.

They had to die on the cross with their Groom.

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20)

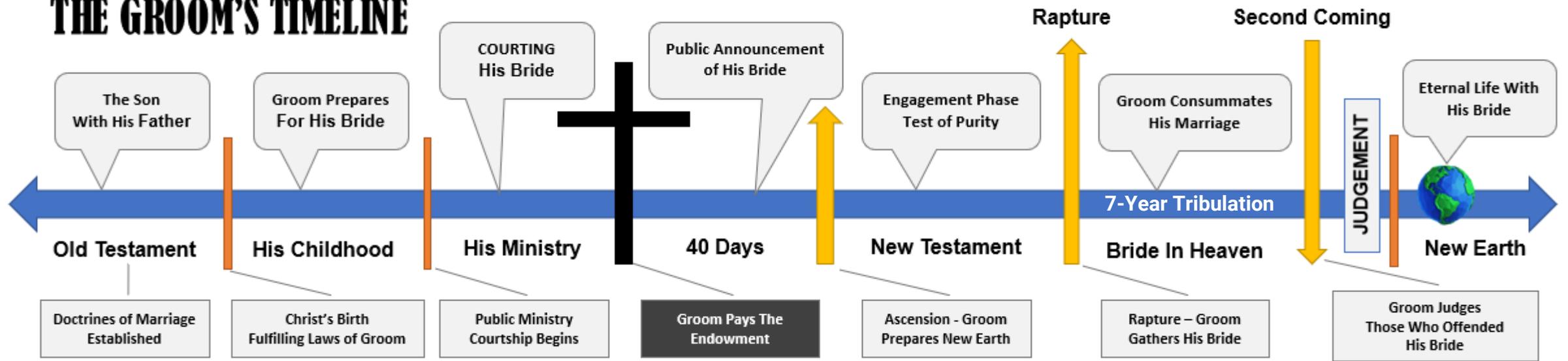
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THE GROOM'S TIMELINE





Now that we have reviewed the importance of seeing the Groom's pathway, we can now look at the Tabernacle's purpose and why God tends to be quite meticulous about it.

If someone is going to get married, there is usually a need for a church – at least that's the way it used to be. It is no different for God. The Tabernacle is the ultimate place of worship. God's Tabernacle requirements on earth are simply to give earthlings a "snap-shot" view of the Heavenly throne room of God. Through the generations, He has been quite particular in measurements, objects, and color.

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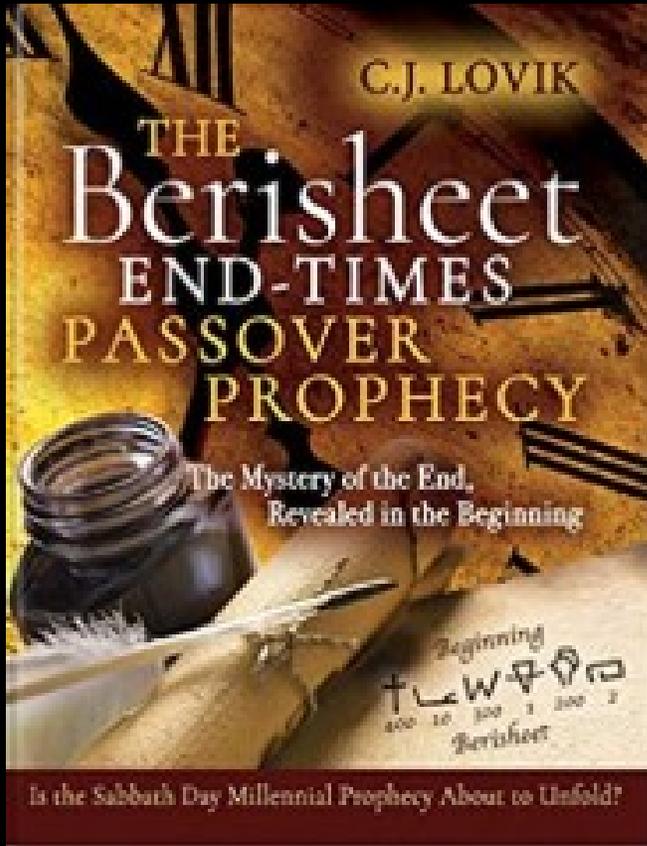
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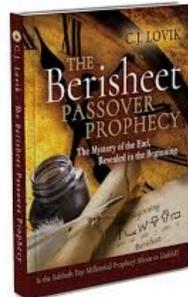
Loving heavenly Father, I take by faith the helmet of salvation. I recognize that my salvation is the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cover my mind with Him. I desire that He put His mind within me. Let my thoughts be His thoughts. I open my mind fully and only to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ. I replace my own selfish and sinful thoughts with His. I reject every projected thought of Satan and his demons and request instead the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant me the wisdom to discern thoughts that are from the world, my old sin nature, and Satan's kingdom.

I believe Jesus is Your Son, He died on the cross for my sins, and Jesus is God. I believe in the Trinity, You as the Father, Jesus as the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. I confess I have been a sinner – totally separated from You.

I choose to accept Your forgiveness for my sins, through the power of the blood of Jesus which was shed for me on the cross. I now ask that you send the Holy Spirit to live inside my mortal body. (Pause for a moment)

I praise You, heavenly Father, that I may know the mind of Christ, as I hide Your Word within my heart and mind. Open my heart to love Your Word. Grant to me the ability and capacity to memorize large portions of it. May Your Word be ever over my mind like a helmet of strength, which Satan's projected thoughts cannot penetrate. Cause me to allow the Holy Spirit (the Life of Christ) within me to fulfill the discipline of daily living, to appropriate Your Salvation. These things I lay before You in the precious name of my new Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

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