

THE BRIDAL CITY

REVELATION 21:9

I. JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE FIRST TO PROVIDE A HINT OF THE ROLE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH AS A BRIDEGROOM

- A. The Lord Embraced This Role When Answering A Question About Why His Disciples Were Not Fasting (Mark 2:18-20)
- B. The Apostle Paul Addressed The Apparent Dilemma Concerning What God Would Do When A Bride (Israel) Rejects Her Spouse (Romans 9 & 11)
 - 1. Paul Uses The Word "*Israel*" In Two Senses: One Spiritual & One Natural (Romans 9)
 - 2. In The End, It Is The Election Of God That Guarantees That Israel Will Be Saved & Thus Available To Be A Part Of The Bride (Romans 11)
- C. The Man Or Woman Who Says: "*I Do*" To The Lord Jesus Christ, Is At That Point, "*Espoused*" To The Savior
 - 1. That Man Died To The Law In Order To Be Married To Christ
 - 2. That Man's Espousal Is Illustrated In The Lives Of Mary & Joseph

II. WE ARE WAITING TODAY FOR THE WEDDING ITSELF WHICH THE LORD SPOKE OF IN SEVERAL OF HIS PARABLES

- A. An Indiscriminate Invitation Is Being Issued Today In The Highways & Hedges Of The World
- B. Those Who Accept The Invitation Are Likened To Virgins (II Cor.11)

III. OUR GRACIOUS GROOM HAS PREPARED A CITY APPROPRIATE AS AN HABITATION FOR A BRIDE (REVELATION 21:9)