

# When Is The Wedding Of Christ

Lesson 5

### ***Basic Question #3***

## When is the Wedding of Christ?

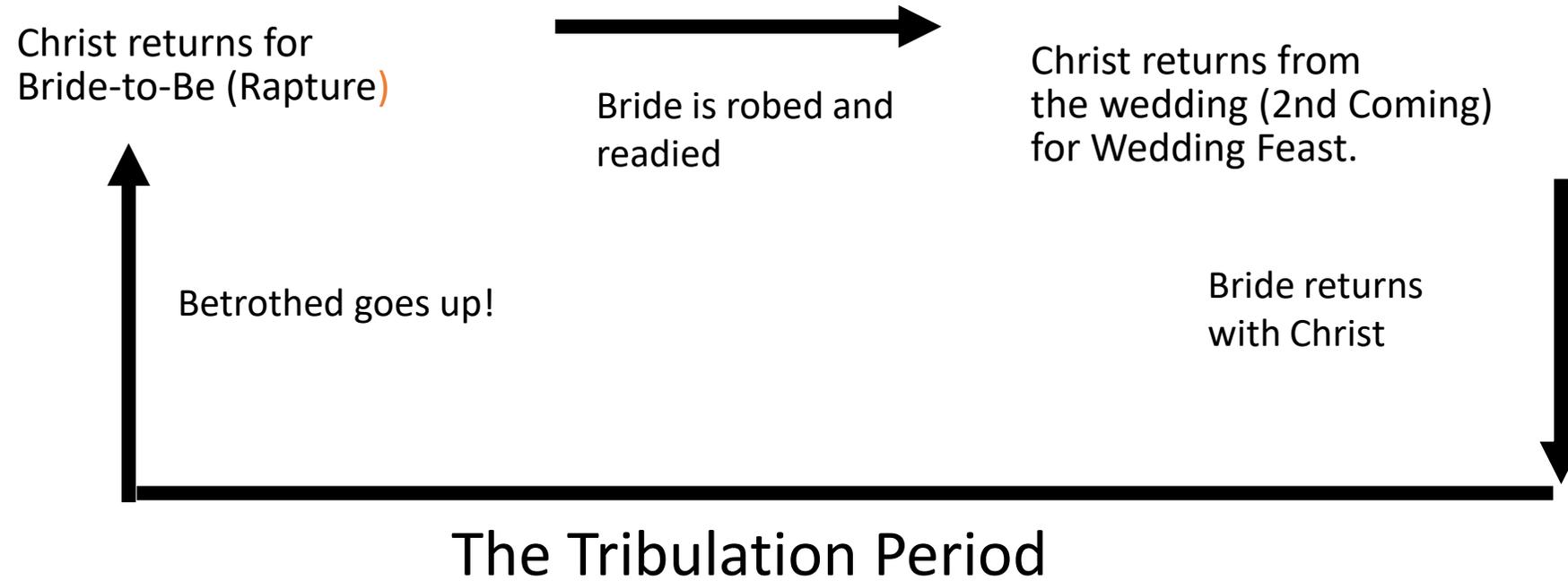
- Read : [Revelation 19:6-10](#); [Matthew 22:1-14](#); [Eph 5:31-32](#); [2 Corinthians 11:2](#)
- When is the wedding? We know that the church is the bride and Christ is the bridegroom and someday we will be married.
  - [2 Corinthians 11:2](#) "For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ" Right now, according to Paul, we are "espoused (engaged)."
  - This means we are not married yet.
  - As long as we are in the church age we are engaged, not married.
  - *Therefore the wedding cannot take place until the rapture. Not one minute before.*
  - It is at the return of Christ.

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When is the Wedding of Christ? (2)

- Read [Luke 12:36](#). *“and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks.”*
- You see, if the wedding occurred before this return, then the rapture occurred before this return. A prior wedding necessitates a prior coming.

# The Wedding Is After The Rapture



# Discussion Points #1

## When is the Wedding?

Question	Discussion
<p>Post-tribs have argued that the post-trib rapture is the wedding. In other words, as we go up we are married, and as we come down moments later this is His <i>return</i></p>	<p>Who's waiting? <a href="#">Luke 12:36</a> says to be like men who wait for their lord's return from the wedding. If all are raptured at this time, no one is left who will be waiting. Rapture is not post.</p>
<p>It's Only a Parable. Some object to getting a chronology out of <a href="#">Luke 12:36</a> by saying: It is only a parable. It's not talking about the real Lord or the real wedding. It's just an earthly illustration, that's all</p>	<p>A parable is an <i>earthly illustration</i> with a heavenly meaning. Any other parable talking about a wedding or the Lord is accepted as applying to the heavenly wedding and the Lord. Look at <a href="#">Luke 12:37</a>: Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. What earthly lord does that, reversing the expected roles? Obviously, this earthly lord illustrates the heavenly Lord. Furthermore, verse 40 clearly applies this to the coming of the Son of man. The chronology of Luke <a href="#">12:36</a> is the strength of this verse that we can accept at face value.</p>
<p>There are no chronology of the wedding except from a parable</p>	<p>Read <a href="#">Revelation 19:7-8</a>. Notice, "His wife hath made herself ready [past tense]." Notice also, "And to her was granted [past tense] that she should be arrayed in fine linen." Now if the wife, which is the church, is robed and readied, then she must also be raptured. Even without assuming that the wife is the church only, the implications remain valid. There is no way for her to be robed and readied unless she were in heaven, and there is no way for all believers who make up the wife to be in heaven without the rapture. See chart on next page</p>

# Discussion Points #2

Question	Discussion
<p>The Wife Is Readied on Earth. Some may object that the wife may not wait until the rapture to be robed and readied. Why couldn't she receive robes on earth and be readied for the marriage while on earth?</p>	<p>It is true that <a href="#">Re 3:18</a> speaks of being clothed in white raiment now. But being clothed spiritually is different from being clothed physically. <a href="#">Revelation 3:4-5</a> explains the difference: Our garments now are spiritual. But we await the actual moment when we will be arrayed physically which can only be in heaven</p>
	<p>When did the souls under the altar in <a href="#">Revelation 6:9-11</a> receive their white robes? As faithful as these souls were on earth, even unto death, they did not receive their robes on earth. They had to await heaven.</p>
	<p>The very definition of "fine linen" demands arrival in heaven. "Fine linen is the righteousnesses of saints" (<a href="#">Revelation 19:8</a>). "Righteousnesses" is plural in the Greek; so we know it is talking about the various righteous deeds we do in the power of the Holy Spirit. If my robe is made up of the deeds I do, then my righteousness is not complete until my life on earth is complete. As long as I have more righteous deeds to do, my robe is not finished.</p>
	<p>The bride is ready. She has no more righteous acts to perform because her life on earth is complete. The very definition of "fine linen" will not allow the bride to be ready on earth. If the wife, which is the church, has arrived in heaven by <a href="#">Revelation 19</a>, (disproves post-tribulationism) informs us that no segment of the bride is left on the earth. She is <i>all</i> in heaven robed and ready?</p>

# Robed & Readied

- [Rev. 19:7-8](#) “Let us be glad and rejoice and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness's of saints”
- There is no way for her to be robed and readied unless she were in heaven, and there is no way for all believers who make up the wife to be in heaven without the rapture

