

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 28

Jesus and His Bride (Some Bridal types seen in the Old Testament)

1. From the very beginning of the Bible shortly after **Genesis 1:26** where God discusses with Jesus Christ, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness", that the Father continues to say on in **Genesis 2:18** after he has created man that, "it is not good that the man should live alone; I will make him an help meet for him." God knew that not only natural man needed a companion, but the Lord Jesus Christ would need a wife as well. And the plan was set in motion that Christ Jesus would not only come to die for our sins, but to also be seated at the right hand of the Father, so the Holy Spirit would come and lead us into all truth, also known as "the mystery of Christ."
2. The reason it was called a mystery is that the message of His bride was hidden in many of the stories of the Old Testament. Whether it was the sleep that comes upon Adam (the church), and the bride that is taken out of his side, or the servant of Isaac (Eleazar, a type of the Holy Spirit) venturing into the depths of Babylon to find Rebecca, the Bride for Isaac, and so many, many more, these wondrous stories all had the hidden mystery or story of the Bride. This is why we have the need for the Holy Spirit to guide us into all of it, all Truth (**John 16:12-13**).