

Elementary Children's Church

Lesson 29

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

1. Even the story of Noah is a wondrous type of the Bride. We know that Noah and his family (8 survivors: 8 represents the number for the bride in the bible) were not the only believers at that time. But Noah found grace in the sight of God (**Genesis 6:8**), and the Lord convicted his heart to be just and yielded to God. So Noah and his family did not see death, they were delivered in the ark. Just as Jesus Christ (the ark) will deliver His bride prior to the destruction and devastation that will come upon the earth in the 7 year tribulation.

2. The story of Esther also magnifies in type that Christ Jesus will have a bride. A young orphan girl is nurtured by the king's chamberlain and her uncle, both representing the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Holy Spirit takes the things of Christ and makes them ours (**John 16:14**), all for us to be the readied wife for Jesus at His coming. Some potential queens do not rejoice in the gratitude and thankfulness of being the king's wife and therefore their crown is taken, but then there are ones like Esther, who are willing to do all that she was instructed by the Holy Spirit. She prepares herself all by grace and presents herself before the king, and not only is she accepted by him, he finds her so beautiful he declares he will share all he has jointly with her. Jesus Christ has that in the offering for us today. By grace may we be like Esther and take Him at His Word.