KINGDOM PERSPECTIVES



How things fit together in the Kingdom

We're the King's Wife, Not the Bride

The constant reference to the book of Revelation as a peek into the future of humanity, rather than what it really is – a symbolic letter to the believers¹ of the 1^{st} century about things that were shortlyⁱ to take placeⁱⁱ – causes huge theological problems for Christians. These problems relate to having a false idea of their role in the Kingdom and of the Kingdom's timeline. This false End Time concept is called Futurist Eschatology.

<u>Their Role</u>: Futurist Eschatology proclaims the teaching that nothing good happens until after we die and go to Heaven. That teaching results in believer's 'marking time' until they die so that only church activities are conducted, not Kingdom ones. The Kingdom is then put off until the Millennial Reign, or until eternity, meaning that the work we're meant to be doing for the King <u>right now</u>, doesn't get done.

<u>Kingdom Timeline</u>: Futurist Eschatology puts everything in Revelation into the future. That includes the four horsemen, a judgement, a millennial reign, as well as the addition of the Rapture to escape the Tribulation. The fact that the Kingdom was re-introduced by Jesus (The Son) in the 1st century, which manifested under the New Covenant, is totally overlooked.

Having covered the main problems with Futurist Eschatology,² the issue in this article is to properly understand our role as the King's partner. That's because Futurist Eschatology puts the fulfilment of the Bride of Christ into the far distant future.

To begin our analysis of this, we need to know that in the Kingdom we are sons,³ not "followers of Jesus", not believers in Jesus, and not even Christians⁴. Those are all man-made descriptions (human in origin), coming from theologian's minds and producing religion, not Father's plans of the <u>Kingdom</u> which is to fill the whole Earth with the Kingdom,ⁱⁱⁱ not the Christian religion. Father's plan is for sons to work in partnership with his Son (the King) to carry out his plans, with the intention that what fills the whole Earth is the Kingdom of Heaven manifesting here. It is <u>not</u>, and never was, the evangelisation (conversion) of every human to become Christians so that the Church fills the Earth as Christendom.⁵

Notice that we're meant to be partnering with the King. That's working like men do in a very physical workplace, where an experienced worker or supervisor takes on a 'newbie' as an apprentice. The apprentice is trained to do the enterprise's work at a competent level, and then they work as a team with a team leader guiding and overseeing what they do. That's a picture of how we're meant to work with our King.

The effects of The Fall have been rolled back (reversed),⁶ so sons are actually working in partnership to see all of creation restored to its original pristine condition. That's known as The Restoration of All Things.⁷ This restorative process cannot take place while ever we think our task is to convert everyone to Christianity.

In addition to our role as co-working sons in the Kingdom, we have a second role which is also metaphorical.

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^{1 – &#}x27;believer': My expression for those who believe in what was accomplished by the man Jesus. It includes Christians, plus those who have a relationship with the Trinity outside of the structured church.

^{2 – &}quot;The Effect of Futurist Eschatology on a Nation"

^{3 - &}quot;Why 'Father'? Why 'Sons'?" (1-5-2024) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Why-Father-Why-Sons.pdf

^{4 – &}quot;Christianity Began as a Jewish Cult" (28-5-2014) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/christianity-began-as-a-jewish-cult.pdf

^{5 – &}quot;Connecting With 'Spirituality', not 'Christianity'" (12-10-2016) canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Connecting-With-Spirituality-not-Christianity.pdf

^{7 –} SEE: "Restoration of All Things" webpage <u>canberraforerunners.org/?page id=8976</u>

Just as 'son' and 'Father' are picture terms of how we are to connect together⁸, We're also the wife of the King. I know that hasn't been taught to all believers, so it could be described as a non-biblical concept (i.e. not in the Bible), but it is Father's purpose, as much as sonship has been his plan.

Most Charismatics and Pentecostals are familiar with 'The Bride of Christ' concept. Having been in both systems myself, I know that it is very important to them, especially among their 'spiritual' women who have developed the idea of the female 'warrior bride'. However, when coupled with Futurist Eschatology, this bridal concept is mostly misunderstood.

In Revelation, the bride is referenced in respect to the bridegroom, indicating a marriage ceremonial situation, or a very recent marriage. The Bride is the ekklesia⁹ (not the church) which are the sons of the Kingdom, iv and the Bridegroom is King Jesus (the 'Lamb'v).

So what about being his wife?

Interestingly Revelation <u>does</u> refer to the ekklesia as the <u>wife</u> of the King. This point is missed when reading Revelation or teaching on it. However, it's there in 'black & white' – we are the wife of the King.

This is not a new concept for the Trinity in their relationship with humanity, it's what they've always wanted since The Fall. Hosea, the prophet, was given insight into this when he was asked to take a prostitute as a wife to demonstration of how YHWH felt about his people worshipping idols. YHWH (Father & The Son) wanted to be a "husband"vii to their people, as a "wife"viii, but they preferred to prostitute themselves with other gods, just like a "harlot"vix.

Both the Israelites and the Jews never understood this metaphor for YHWH's relationship with them. They only understood religion, idols, sacrifice, and a priesthood, which they picked up from hundreds of years in Egypt. This is why they were given such a system when they came to Mt Sinai after their trek through the wilderness. This confirmed their desire which they had manifested when they constructed a calf of gold to worship.

Today, we are called by the Trinity, through revelation and prophetic messages, to come into an intimate relationship with them and to develop that into deep oneness. This is a wifely activity that follows on from the emotion of the bridal scenario. Being the King's wife means that we've gone past the immaturity of the bride and have developed a deep relationship with him that's become oneness.

This is where we should be right now – operating as his wife, his Ezer¹⁰ – closely assisting him in loving partnership with Kingdom matters on Earth. The Bride has become the church instead, so for almost 2,000 years, our King has been waiting for his bride of the 1st century to mature. What's happening now is that Father is teaching individuals how to be sons and the King's bride, so that over time, as the concept is accepted and many sons mature, a corporate wife for the King will be formed. In the meantime, our task is to be reprogrammed and trained to be that wife, as others need us to show them what they should be becoming.

For a fuller explanation of this topic, listen to Mike Parsons' teaching on it:

• VIDEO: "From Bride to Wife: Understanding Intimacy with God" LINK

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^{9 -} EXPLANATION: Revelation states that New Jerusalem, the city, is the bride. That can't be true as the King can't marry a physical city.

^{10 - &}quot;Revealing Ezer" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/05-Revealing-Ezer.pdf

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vi – Revelation 21:9

vii - Hosea 2:2, 16

viii – Hosea 2:2

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