

Matthew 22:1-14 **Wedding Feast – Kingdom of Heaven**

1 And Jesus answered and spoke to them again by parables and said:

2 "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who arranged a marriage for his son, 3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come. 4 Again, he sent out other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and fatted cattle are killed, and all things are ready. Come to the wedding."' 5 "But they made light of it and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his business. 6 And the rest seized his servants, treated them spitefully, and killed them. 7 But when the king heard about it, he was furious. And he sent out his armies, destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.

8 Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. 9 Therefore go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' 10 "So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all whom they found, both bad and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. 12 So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

14 "For many are called, but few are chosen." NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Another aspect of the Kingdom of Heaven

✚ This illustration is similar to the previous illustration of the land owner and vinedressers.

✧ The King is God the Father. [Matthew 22:2]

✧ The marriage is for His Son Messiah Jesus and represents the Marriage Supper of the Lamb at the entering of the Kingdom. [Matthew 22:2, Revelation 19:7-9]

✧ The servants who call those invited to the wedding are the prophets of Israel. [Matthew 22:3-6, 21:34-36]

✧ The call goes first to those first invited which represent the Children of Israel, for the Gospel was given to the Jew first. [Matthew 22:3, 21:34-36, Romans 1:16]

✧ The second call was made by the Apostles who took the Gospel message to the Jews first. [Matthew 22:4, 10:5-6]

✧ The response of the Children of Israel the Jews was the same, they treated the messengers spitefully and killed them. [Matthew 22:5-6, 23:29-36, 24:9]

✧ God Judged the Jews, the nation was destroyed and Jerusalem was burned 70 AD fulfilling this very prophecy. [Matthew 22:7]

✧ The last wave of servants sent out to call people to the wedding are the Apostles and the Church as the message of the Kingdom was sent out around the world to call Jew and Gentile to the Wedding Supper of the Lamb. That call continues throughout the Great Tribulation. [Matthew 22:8-9]

✧ The call goes out to the good and the bad, everyone has an opportunity to hear the invitation, and the response is up to the individual. [Matthew 22:10]

✧ Multitudes have responded through the ages, and the wedding hall will be filled with guests who represent those of the Church who have claimed to be Christians. [Matthew 22:10]

- ✧ When the King examined the guests (the Church) He found a man who did not have on a wedding garment. [\[Matthew 22:11\]](#)
 - ✧ The wedding garment represents God's provision for our salvation, righteousness of Christ imputed to true believers. [\[Romans 4:1-12, Ephesians 2:4-10, 2 Timothy 1:8-9\]](#)
 - ✧ The man without the wedding garment represents the man who stands before God pridefully trusting in his own righteousness which God counts as filthy rags. [\[Isaiah 64:6\]](#)
- ✧ At the Judgment Seat of Christ before entering into the Kingdom of Heaven, those who do not have the righteousness of Christ imputed to them by faith, but are trusting in their own goodness, will find themselves purged from among the believers and cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [\[Matthew 22:12-13\]](#)
- ✧ There is only one way in to the Kingdom of Heaven, and that is through humble faith in Christ Jesus. [\[John 14:6, Hebrews 10:19-23, Luke 13:24, 18:17\]](#)
- ✧ "For many are called, but few are chosen." [\[Matthew 22:14, 7:14, 20:16, Luke 13:23-29\]](#)