

PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST  
(Matthew 22:1-14)

- I. The METAPHOR (Matt. 22:1-2)
  - A. Explains an aspect of the KINGDOM of HEAVEN
  - B. Compares to a KING hosting a WEDDING FEAST for his SON
- II. The FIRST Group Invited (Matt. 22:3-7)
  - A. The RESPONSE of those INVITED
    - 1. They were UNWILLING to come when FIRST called
    - 2. Most IGNORED a second call that included a description of the MEAL that was READY
    - 3. Some ATTACKED and KILLED the slaves who delivered the second invitation
  - B. The REACTION of the KING to their response
    - 1. He was ENRAGED
    - 2. He sent ARMED TROOPS to DESTROY the murderers and BURN their city
- III. The SECOND Group Invited (Matt. 22:8-14)
  - A. Necessary because the WEDDING was ready, but those invited first had proven UNWORTHY
  - B. Sent a GENERAL invitation to “as MANY as you FIND”

1. They invited “both EVIL and GOOD”
  2. It resulted in FILLING the wedding hall with GUESTS
- C. Required guests to wear “WEDDING CLOTHES”
1. Implied that they [the appropriate clothes] were provided FREELY by the KING
  2. One man without them could not EXPLAIN WHY
  3. The king had him BOUND and EJECTED into “outer DARKNESS” characterized by “WEEPING and GNASHING of teeth” (cf. 8:12; 13:42, 50; 24:51; 25:30; Lk 13:28)
- D. Declared, “Many are CALLED, but few are CHOSEN” (cf. Jn. 6:37, 44, 65; 10:14, 24-28)

#### IV. The APPLICATION

- A. Possibly a summary of God’s PROGRAM of REDEMPTION
- B. Probably a summary of God’s DEALING with ISRAEL
1. For rejecting and killing their Messiah, the JEWISH LEADERS and JERUSALEM will be DESTROYED
  2. The CHURCH Age is an interlude while the BRIDE is prepared for the SON of the KING (Eph. 5:23-27; Rev. 19:7-9, 11, 14; cf. Matt. 25:1-13)
  3. Final invitations to both JEWS and GENTILES gather a MULTITUDE as guests for the WEDDING FEAST of the SON