

## The Adornment of Royalty

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1). The adornment of royalty expressed in gold, silver, precious stones and royal robes – Monarchy slide.

2). It is interesting to note how royalty throughout the centuries has used these kinds of adornment as symbols of their authority to rule and it will not be surprising to know that we will find this very thing in scripture.

a). According to the scripture - 1Co 15:46 *However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual.*

b). There is then a natural representation that provides a representation of spiritual truth.

3). Let's note what God said concerning Israel - Eze 16:8 *"When I passed by you again and looked upon you, indeed your time was the time of love; so I spread My wing over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered into a covenant with you, and you became Mine," says the Lord GOD. 9 "Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil. 10 "I clothed you in embroidered cloth and gave you sandals of badger skin; I clothed you with fine linen and covered you with silk. 11 "I adorned you with ornaments, put bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on your neck. 12 "And I put a jewel in your nose, earrings in your ears, and **a beautiful crown on your head.** 13 "Thus you were adorned with gold and silver, and your clothing was of fine linen, silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You were exceedingly beautiful, **and succeeded to royalty.***

a). What do we see here? The adornment of gold and silver and jewels and garments and a crown all pointing to and leading to royalty.

b). Israel becomes God's and we know that means as His wife.

c). This is not a picture of Israel at present but we know that – Ho 6:2 *After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight.*

d). And from the type of Abraham in Genesis 25, after the marriage of his son - Ge 25:1 ¶ *Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah.*

Joh 2:1 ¶ *On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there.*

e). Keturah – the sweet smelling aroma of repentance.

f). The day is coming when Israel will be restored as the wife of God and will assume the royal role God had always intended at the head of the nations fulfilling that which was prophesied in - Ex 19:6 *'And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'* *These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."*

g). This of course will be at the close of the tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble when the remnant of Israel comes to national repentance receiving the One who is their Messiah who they had at first rejected and crucified.

4). Before this comes to pass however, there is another event that will have taken place in heaven at the Judgment Seat of Christ that will find its culmination in the same time frame. It is of course the revealing of the Bride of Christ who at the conclusion of the redemption of the inheritance, which is the tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble, will become Christ's wife.

5). And that which leads up to this event is revealed to us in the type seen in Genesis 24.

a). We will remember that Abraham, a type of God the father, sends his oldest servant, a type of the Holy Spirit, to his family, a type of the Church, to find a bride for his son Isaac, a type of the Lord Jesus Christ – Ge 24:1 ¶ *Now Abraham was old, well advanced in age; and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 So Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, "Please, put your hand under my thigh, 3 "and I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell; 4 "but you shall go to my country and to my family, and take a wife for my son Isaac."*

6). Let's refresh our memories as to what takes place - Ge 24:34 *So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. 35 "The LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great; and He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female servants, and camels and donkeys. 36 "And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and to him he has given all that he has. 37 "Now my master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell; 38 'but you shall go to my father's house and to my family, and take a wife for my son.' 39 "And I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman*

*will not follow me.' 40 "But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I walk, will send His angel with you and prosper your way; and you shall take a wife for my son from my family and from my father's house. 41 'You will be clear from this oath when you arrive among my family; for if they will not give her to you, then you will be released from my oath.' 42 "And this day I came to the well and said, 'O LORD God of my master Abraham, if You will now prosper the way in which I go, 43 'behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass that when the virgin comes out to draw water, and I say to her, "Please give me a little water from your pitcher to drink," 44 'and she says to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," -let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.' 45 "But before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah, coming out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down to the well and drew water. And I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' 46 "And she made haste and let her pitcher down from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will give your camels a drink also.' So I drank, and she gave the camels a drink also. 47 "Then I asked her, and said, 'Whose daughter are you?' And she said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the nose ring on her nose and the bracelets on her wrists. 48 "And I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD, and blessed the LORD God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the way of truth to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 "Now if you will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left." 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, "The thing comes from the LORD; we cannot speak to you either bad or good. 51 "Here is Rebekah before you; take her and go, and let her be your master's son's wife, as the LORD has spoken." 52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to the earth. 53 Then the servant brought out jewelry of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother.*

a). There are significant things for us to note here.

i/ It is the one who draws from the well who is given the gifts of gold, silver and garments

ii/ And it is the one who draws from the well, who receives the gifts, who is separated from the rest of the family so as to become the wife of Isaac.

7). Now as we have said this whole event is a picture of the present work of the Holy Spirit amongst the church. He is, throughout the entire course of

this dispensation, for two thousand years, searching out those who will make up the Bride of Christ.

a). From the picture in the type we will realize that He is looking for those who will draw from the well, those who will draw deeply from the word - Jer 29:13 *And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*

b). To add another part to the puzzle this drawing from the well would be the same as Ruth making the journey to Bethlehem with her mother-in-law, Naomi, who is also a picture of the word of God. Which again is equivalent to the three days' journey we looked at last week.

i/ Ru 1:16 *But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.*

ii/ Ru 3:5 *And she said to her, "All that you say to me I will do."*

c). And of course the separation of Ruth and Orpah would be the same as the separation of Rebekah from her family.

8). So then in our type Rebekah, the one who draws from the well is then given gifts of gold, silver and garments. So in the antitype, those who fervently seek the Lord in His word should also receive such gifts. How does this work?

9). If we go to the Judgment Seat we will find our answer - 1Co 3:11 ¶ *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.*

a). Note gold, silver and precious stones are used to describe the works of the faithful believer. At the Judgment Seat our works, done here on earth now, can become gold, silver and precious stones for us, which will endure, resulting in us receiving a reward.

b). The reward – the salvation of our soul, becoming part of the Bride of Christ

c). And of course note this in Revelation - Re 19:7 *"Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed*

*in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.*

d). Here we find our righteous acts, our works, equated with garments – robes of royalty.

e). The question is though, if these are our works how are they gifts given to us by the Holy Spirit as we saw in Genesis 24?

f). The answer is really quite simple - Eph 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

g). In other words God prepared beforehand, before the foundation of the world, the good works we are to walk in. They are His gift to us. The Holy Spirit then reveals these works to those who draw from the well and as they would walk in them they become for them the gifts of gold, silver and garments.

10). Let us be very clear about this. The good works we are speaking of are not ‘good works’ per se. Not those that would necessarily fit man’s definition. They are given by the Holy Spirit and He does not act apart from the word - Joh 16:13 *"However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

a). Let us compare scripture with scripture - 2Ti 3:16 *All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

b). Being ‘thoroughly equipped for every good work’ only comes through ‘all scripture’. Through the Word of God as the Holy Spirit reveals it, and only to those who draw deeply from the well.

11). Again this is exactly consistent with what we find in Ruth. It is only after Ruth has separated from Orpah, after she has followed Naomi to Bethlehem, the House of Bread, following Naomi’s instructions that she is able to work in Boaz’s field. And it is following this progression ending in the work in Boaz’s field that leads Ruth to marriage with the kinsman redeemer.

a). To bring this into our experience, to do anything other than that described in Ruth would produce works of wood, hay and straw. Works that would be done in another’s field. And these works will be burned up, producing not reward but, loss.

12). The instructions Naomi gives Ruth to prepare for her meeting with Boaz on his threshing floor - Ru 3:3 *"Therefore wash yourself and anoint yourself, put on your best garment*

Are exactly what we have been looking at today.

13). In our Ruth scripture we find washing. In our Ezekiel scripture, in relation to Israel's preparation for royalty, we find washing - *"Then I washed you in water; yes, I thoroughly washed off your blood, and I anointed you with oil.*

a). Exactly what we find in the great marriage scripture in Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.*

14). In our future picture of Israel in Ezekiel the bride is washed, adorned with gold, silver and precious stones; given garments to wear, a crown placed upon her head as she is advanced to royalty.

15). And for us, we are presently in a process that can result in the same adornment of royalty. But there is not one crown on offer for us; there are five – The imperishable crown, the crown of rejoicing, the crown of righteousness, the crown of life and the crown of glory.

a). How many crowns we receive is up to us, the amount of regal adornment we will receive is up to us. Why settle for less than everything God has provided for us.

b). Let us be determined, let us be resolute, and let us be disciplined Php 3:12 *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.*

c). And let us look to that coronation day in the heavens

d). For that which is natural will be as nothing compared with that which is spiritual.