Ladies Shabbat School Class- April 4, 2020- led by Miriam Nadler

**Review: You are Chosen by Your Heavenly Matchmaker-You are Eternally Desired**

**The Arrangement or Shiddukin- Your Heavenly Matchmake made you a Match!**

1. The first step in the ancient Jewish wedding was the arrangement- Shiddukhin

The father would find a bride for his son- usually through a hired matchmake or shadchan

*Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Messiah, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.*

*John 15:6 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.*

1. *God the Father chose you to be adopted into His family through Yeshua the Messiah to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will.* (Ephesians 1:5)

*Jeremiah 29: 11 “For I know the plans that I have in mind for you” declares the Adonai, “plans for shalom and not for calamity— to give you a future and a hope. (TLV)*

*Your Heavenly Matchmaker made you His match,*

 *He loved you and chose you and this is a fact.*

*Let His value define you and don’t turn back*

*Look to your Perfect Groom, Your Beloved Messiah Yeshua.*

*(sing to the tune from Matchmaker, Matchmaker - Fiddler on the Roof)*

1. According to ancient Jewish marriage customs, part of the arrangement or *shiddukhin*, is the payment by the father of the Bride Price or *Mohar. (in Gen.34:12 it’s translated “bride payment” and in Exodus 22:17 and 1 Samuel 18:25 “dowry”)*

This week we will learn there is an intersection with Step 1 and 2. Only after the Bride price has been agreed upon can the Betrothal period begin with the signing of the Ketubah-the marriage covenant. When the groom signs this Covenant of marriage it is to assure his future bride of his forever love for her.

1. How did Yeshua pay the mohar or bride price? And how did He sign our Ketubah or Marriage contract?

When Messiah Yeshua was celebrating that final Passover with His disciples, just before He gave His life as our Passover Lamb, He took that third cup of wine which is called the Cup of Redemption. This cup is partaken of after the meal. In Luke 22:20 Yeshua gave new meaning this cup of Redemption when He said, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My Blood. This New Covenant or *Brit Chadashah* is our marriage contract (Ketubah) which was given in His blood. As our groom He sealed this Ketubah with us similarly to the relationship between a husband and a wife. (see Ephesians 5:24-27)

Our New Covenant (Ketubah) is prophesized *in Jeremiah 31:31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.*

 *34 "And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."*

***This week- Step 2- The Betrothal- Eyrusin and Kiddushin***

1. During this time everything you do matters to God- we have time to prepare

*…. sanctify Messiah as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence; (1 Peter 3:15)* Kiddushin is based on the Hebrew word *Kadosh*- Holy or set apart

1. What you do matters! Speaking of the bride of Messiah*: And it was given to her to clothe herself in fine linen, bright and clean; for the fine linen is* ***the righteous acts of the*** *saints. (Rev. 19:8 NAS)*

 *Ephesians 2:10 For we are* ***His workmanship****, created in Messiah Yeshua* ***for good works,*** *which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

1. What kind of a “Hope chest” are you building? Paul exhorts us to be wise in how we are building our lives in I Corinthians 3:9-16

*….9 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building upon it. But let each man be careful how he builds upon it. 11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Yeshua the Messiah. 12 Now if any man builds upon the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire; and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. 14 If any man's work which he has built upon it remains, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work is burned up, he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire. 16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?*

During this time of Kiddushin or sanctification, Paul tells the congregation at Thessalonica what God’s will is for them and for us too*: 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,* (1 Thess. 4:3-4) also see I Thess. 3:13

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