Ladies Shabbat School Class- March 28, 2020- led by Miriam Nadler

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

Review from last week- please use your outline from last week to review the Scriptures:

1. Psalm 139:14-17 teaches us that each of us are “*fearfully and wonderfully made”*

Go over theses verses- Give God your praise for His creative work in forming you, knowing you and loving you before you were born.

1. The nation of Israel was chosen by God to be a blessing to all the nations of the earth (Genesis 12:3) which is ultimately fulfilled in Messiah Yeshua’s atonement as He came provide atonement as the Lamb of God. In Deuteronomy 7:6-9 we discovered that God chose (bachar) Israel as His treasured possession (segulah) to show His Covenant love to the Jewish people who were the least of all nations*.*
2. Just as God chose the Jewish people to demonstrate His love and faithfulness and to show that the value of the Jewish people would be based on His love and His ability to keep them as a people, never on their own strength and resources, He chooses us as well. Our value is based on God’s love for each of us and His ability to deliver us from the domain of darkness to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son. 1 Peter 2:9, Titus 2:14

**This week’s study: 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)*

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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”)*

Next week we will study the 2nd step of the Jewish Wedding known as the Betrothal- In Hebrew it is called both Eyrusin for an engagement and also Kiddushim which means to be set apart.

Please note that 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 as given in His blood. As our groom He sealed this Ketubah with us similarly to the relationship between a husband and a wife.

In Ephesians 5:32 Paul reiterates, *“This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Messiah and the congregation*.” Messiah, our Groom, gave His life on behalf of His bride to pay the bride price and seal our covenant with His own blood.

*Ephesians 5: 24 Just as the Messianic Community submits to the Messiah, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. 25 As for husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah loved the Messianic Community, indeed, gave himself up on its behalf, 26 in order to set it apart for God, making it clean through immersion in the mikveh, so to speak, 27 in order to present the Messianic Community to himself as a bride to be proud of, without a spot, wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without defect*. (CJB)

*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."*

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