

# Session 10: Esther and Bridal Partnership

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## I. Esther Illustrating Partnering with Christ

1. The bride will not only be prepared for her Bridegroom King; in addition, she will also partner with Him in the end times and throughout eternity.
  - a. In the last session, we took an in depth look at the various components of the bride making herself ready for her Bridegroom King. Drawing from the book of Esther, we highlighted seven aspects of the bride making herself ready. In way of review, they are: 1) inviting people into a bridal relationship with Christ, 2) responding positively to the invitation, 3) lifelong cooperation with the Holy Spirit, 4) being conformed into the image of Christ in fullness, 5) overcoming Jezebel, 6) developing a deep and intimate relationship with Christ, and 7) fervently praying for God to accomplish the results of the preparation process so as to make oneself ready.
  - b. In this session, we again draw from the book of Esther to explore the bride partnering with Christ. A statement we have made repeatedly in our Lifeschool classes is that the end-time bride will not be a spectator in end-time events, but a participator. This session will explore briefly the bride's participation in confronting the antichrist system and partnering with God's end-time purposes. We will touch on bridal partnership from three perspectives: 1) partnering with Christ before His coming, 2) partnering with Christ at His coming, and 3) partnering with Christ throughout eternity.
  - c. As we begin this session, we should note two important points. First, there is a lot more to the bride's participation than we will be able to cover here. Our primary point in this session is to illustrate that *the bride is to partner with Christ forever*. Second, we refer in this session repeatedly to the "antichrist system", "antichrist kingdom", and similar terms. We understand and agree that there are two future prophetic kingdoms still yet to come in fullness as we have explained in our Forerunner School class, *Understanding the End Times*. As we discussed in this class, both of these kingdoms are antichrist kingdoms and both are arising now. Therefore, for simplicity, we make a general reference to the antichrist system.
  - d. Let's now look once again at the book of Esther from the standpoint of the prepared bride partnering with Christ.
2. Let's begin with a brief summary of key points from Esther related to the bride's partnership with Christ.
  - a. At the risk of being redundant, let's re-state Esther's story as it relates to her participation in the conflict with Haman—a type and shadow of the antichrist. Sometime after Esther was chosen as queen, King Ahasuerus promoted Haman to second in command. To honor Haman, everyone in the kingdom was to bow before Haman and pay homage to him; however, Mordecai, an observant Jew, would not bow down to him. Therefore, Haman detested Mordecai and initiated a plot to kill him and all of the Jews.
  - b. In order to execute his diabolical plan, Haman sent a letter to all the provinces in the kingdom authorizing the killing of all the Jews in the land. As you would expect, the Jews were terrified and began to cry out for deliverance. Mordecai asked Esther to intercede before the king for the Jews'

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deliverance. Though she did not recognize the threat at first, Esther finally realized what was at stake. If she did not act, her people would be annihilated. Perhaps she had “attained royalty for such a time as this” (Est. 4:14). Determined to act, yet knowing the consequences of not receiving the king’s favor, Esther uttered her now-famous words, “If I perish, I perish” (Est. 4:16).

- c. After a three-day fast during which she neither ate nor drank, Esther approached the king with her desire that the Jews be spared. To her great relief, Ahasuerus extended his golden scepter, asked what was troubling Esther, and granted her up to half his kingdom. Esther’s involvement ultimately led to deliverance for the Jews and death for Haman and his 10 sons.
- d. Following the defeat of Haman and his sons, Mordecai was placed over Haman’s house, many of the Persians converted to Judaism, and dread of the Jews fell upon the leaders of the kingdom. Filled with joy and gladness, the Jews feasted and celebrated their great victory. Because of Esther, the Jews escaped certain annihilation and were exalted in the land.
- e. As you will recall, Haman and his 10 sons symbolize the antichrist and his antichristian kingdom coming to power in the end times. Haman planned to destroy Mordecai and all of the Jews in Persia because Mordecai refused to bow down and worship him (Est. 3:5-6). Though this plot was established in the first month of the year, it was not scheduled to take place until the end of the year (Est. 3:12-13). Likewise, we know that Satan’s strategy to destroy mankind—especially the Jews—has been planned from the beginning but will not be fully deployed until the end times.
- f. Just as Haman had 10 sons, the Antichrist will partner with 10 kings to conquer much of the world and to annihilate God’s people—both Jews and Christians (Rev. 17:12-14).
- g. Now that we have laid a foundation for the context of the bride partnering with Christ, we will illustrate the responsibility of the bride to partner with Christ in three dimensions--before He comes; when He comes; and throughout eternity. First, partnering with Christ before He comes.

## II. Partnering with Christ Before He Comes

### 1. Just as King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, we live in the days in which the antichrist system is arising in opposition to Christ and His people.

- a. Some time after Esther had been prepared and chosen as the king’s new queen, the king promoted Haman—symbolic of the antichrist system—to second in command in his kingdom and, as the passage states, the majority of the people committed their allegiance to Haman,

After these events King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and established his authority over all the princes who were with him. All the king’s servants who were at the king’s gate bowed down and paid homage to Haman; for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai neither bowed down nor paid homage (Est. 3:1-2).

- b. As the above passage indicates, Mordecai—symbolizing the Holy Spirit within the true church—would not bow to Haman or his demands. When repeatedly questioned, Mordecai responded to Haman’s servants that he was a Jew. Although not specifically stated, Mordecai’s reasoning as a Jew was his faith in God and his desire to follow God’s laws when man’s laws were in contradiction.

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Mordecai's response greatly enraged Haman prompting Haman to desire to destroy Mordecai and all of the Jews in the land (Est. 3:3-6).

- c. In a very similar way, this is what is happening in our day. Antichristian ideas, goals, and laws are rapidly taking control of the world's governments and the global culture. As this antichristian rule increasingly takes control, laws are being changed and the opinion of the masses is rapidly conforming to these antichristian attitudes. Christians are being faced with increasingly stricter demands to comply with government policies that go against their faith.
- d. Furthermore, as the global culture becomes more and more antichristian, the lifestyles of conservative Christians are becoming increasingly in opposition to the global culture. These rather stark differences are motivating governments, the media, large corporations, the health care system, and the education systems to clash directly with conservative Christian values. We are only in the beginning stages of the implementation of these diabolical plans; nonetheless, they are accelerating in a major way in our day, and Bible believing Christians are right in the crosshairs of their plans. As a result, the antichrist system desires to eradicate true Christianity and conservative Jews from the land. An epic clash of kingdoms is on the horizon.

## 2. The prepared bride has a role in the end-time clash of kingdoms.

- a. When Mordecai heard of Haman's plot, he was extremely burdened for his people in the looming crisis coming upon the land (Est. 4:1-3). Carrying a great burden for what was planned for his people, he pleaded with Esther to go before the king to request that he spare her people. Note Mordecai's now famous words to Esther,

Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" (Est. 4:13-14).

- b. With a tremendous burden, a call went forth to Esther—the prepared bride—to go before the king to intercede on behalf of the destiny and safety of her people. The same is true of the prepared bride in our day. There is a major role the bride must play in the end-time battles currently brewing in the earth. The bride is being prepared for such a time as this.
- c. It should be noted that even though Esther interceded before the king for her people, there will be tasks other than intercession required of the bride in our day. The bride has attained her position for such a time as this to function as messengers, master builders, friends of the Bridegroom, teachers, evangelists, and intercessors. She must exhort, confront, pray, and teach as the Holy Spirit leads. The point for here is that the prepared bride is called to partner with Christ in these end times.

## 3. The bride must *wake up to the urgency of the hour* so as to take up her role as an end-time partner with Christ.

- a. When Mordecai first heard of Haman's evil plot, he put on sackcloth signifying that he was extremely burdened for the planned fate of His people. His strategy to confront Haman's plan was to have Esther go before the king to request the plan be thwarted. When Mordecai communicated

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his plan to Esther, she at first ignored the threat. In fact, she even resisted by attempting to get Mordecai to remove his sackcloth—that is, she tried to take away his burden (Est. 4:4). Mordecai refused to remove his sackcloth and ultimately was able to explain to Esther the seriousness of the decree against the Jews. When Esther finally recognized the plight facing her people, she awoke to the need to intercede on their behalf.

- b. The church is in a similar place right now. The antichrist system is arising in major ways around the earth. Laws are being put into place that are in direct opposition to Christian values and Biblical principles. Even though events are deteriorating rapidly, much of the church is asleep. Rather than taking up the call to stand strong against these issues, much of the church is participating in, ignoring, explaining away, or denying what is happening.
- c. With the same urgency that Mordecai expressed, we live in a day in which the church must be prepared as a bride and stand strong as the prepared bride in the urgency of the hour.

## 4. The bride must lay down her life in order to partner with Christ in the end-time battles currently facing the church.

- a. Once Esther understood the severity of the crisis, she agreed to go before the king to request his intervention; however, she knew of the potential cost of her going before him uninvited. She could lose her life by doing so. Understandably, she was fearful. It is in this context, that these now famous words were written,

..."Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?...Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish (Est. 4:13-16).

- b. Even though she knew she was risking her life by getting involved in this fight, Esther knew of the urgency of the crisis and made the decision to go before the king requesting his favor. We know the outcome. The king accepted her and granted her request. However, even though it worked out amazingly well, Esther did not know that it would be successful before going before the king. Esther knew that a few years earlier Vashti was banished permanently from the king's presence for refusing to come before him when summoned. In essence, Esther was surrendering her life to intervene on behalf of her people.
- c. Similar decisions await the prepared bride in the coming days. Even though we know we can come boldly and confidently before Christ with our petitions, the price of resisting the antichrist system will grow more and more costly. The bride must decide now to live as Esther did with the attitude that she is being prepared for a time such as this and to lay down her life if necessary, deciding that if I perish, I perish. The prepared bride must decide now that she will act as led by the Holy Spirit on behalf of God's people around the world.

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5. The prepared bride will be granted authority as she partners with Christ in the end times.

a. The book of Esther records these words when she went before the king to request his intervention,

Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace. When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which was in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter. Then the king said to her, "What is troubling you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you (Est. 5:1-3).

b. There is much symbolism in the above passage. On the third day, Esther stood before the king in her royal robes, and he extended the golden scepter to her. The "third day" foreshadows Christ's resurrection; Esther's royal robes symbolize her successful preparation as the bride; and the golden scepter represents the authority of the king. When the king extended the scepter to her and offered her up to half his kingdom, the king was granting Esther his authority on behalf of her request (Est. 5:3). With this gesture, the king signified his willingness to grant her authority to act in partnership with him.

c. Why did the king grant Esther such authority—up to half of one of the largest kingdoms in world history? Esther stood with confidence before the king, even at the risk of her life, because she had a history with the king. She had a history of submission to his will and a history of pleasing him in the secret place of his chambers. Because she had a history of pleasing him, she was able to go before the king, expecting him to answer her request.

d. Esther used her newly granted authority to intercede for her people. Think for a moment about what she did. She asked the king for favor on behalf of her people. That is, Esther interceded. Notice this passage which occurs a little later:

Then Queen Esther replied, "If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me as my petition, and my people as my request; for we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent, for the trouble would not be commensurate with the annoyance to the king" (Est. 7:3-4).

e. In a similar fashion, the bride of Christ will come before King Jesus and intercede on behalf of the church, Israel, and unbelievers as a one-world government, a rapidly deteriorating society, a universal religion, and a demonically controlled global economy emerges (Rev. 17-18). In the end times, the bride of Christ will not sit idly by as the spirit of antichrist arises in the earth, religious freedoms are taken away, and persecution intensifies against the State of Israel, Jews, and Christians. Just as Esther's intercession moved from petitions for deliverance to requests that her enemy be destroyed, the end-time church will engage in spiritual warfare like never before in history. She will take authority over, bind, and resist the demonic forces at work in the end times.

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## 6. As the prepared bride faithfully partners with Christ, the Lord will move on behalf of God's people

- a. In response to Esther's request, the king began to listen and respond to her petitions against Haman and his plans,

Then the king said, "*Bring Haman quickly that we may do as Esther desires.*" So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared. As they drank their wine at the banquet, the king said to Esther, "What is your petition, for it shall be granted to you. And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be done" (Est. 5:5-6).

- b. Esther had positioned her life to prepare for and please the king. In addition, she had prepared for her appointment with the king by fasting for three days prior to requesting such an important decision. She had made herself ready in a deep and abiding way. As a result, God used her and began to orchestrate events supernaturally to bring about the results for which Esther had interceded,
- c. As Esther was used in the crisis of her day, the end-time church has an essential role to play in the end times. Her ministry will lead to the filling of the golden bowls of incense (Rev. 8:1-5), participation in the greatest harvest in history, the salvation of Israel, the fall of the great harlot, defeat of the antichrist kingdom, the coming forth of the man-child of Revelation 12, and the presentation of the glorious bride to Christ. Through prayer, she will partner with Jesus until "the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ" (Rev. 11:15). How exciting it is that the bride of Christ will be granted such great authority in partnership with her King!
- d. The call is going out now for the bride to awake and take her role in partnership with Christ to stand strong in intercession, spiritual warfare, and ministry in the end times. This is not a call for the future—it is God's mandate for now. Let the bride arise!

## III. Partnering with Christ When He Comes

Once again drawing from the book of Esther, we will discuss next how the prepared bride will partner with Christ when He returns at His second coming.

### 1. The prepared bride partnering with a sovereign God before Christ's second coming will bring about a reversal in the fortunes of the antichrist kingdom.

- a. As the following scripture relates, after Haman was elevated to second in command by the king, he made plans for himself to be honored and exalted. However, King Ahasuerus had a different plan. His plan was to exalt Mordecai. As the passage suggests, Mordecai was honored with a processional through the city. He was commissioned to wear the king's robe and ride the king's horse throughout the city square.

Then Haman said to the king, "For the man whom *the king desires to honor*, let them bring a *royal robe which the king has worn*, and *the horse on which the king has ridden*, and on whose head a royal crown has been placed; and let the robe and the horse be handed over to one of *the king's*

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*most noble princes and let them array the man whom the king desires to honor and lead him on horseback through the city square, and proclaim before him, 'Thus it shall be done to the man whom the king desires to honor'" (Est. 6:7-9).*

- b. Esther's intercession led to a total reversal of Haman's plans to destroy Mordecai and all the Jews. Rather than Haman being exalted, the king exalted Mordecai.
- c. In a similar way, God in His sovereignty in partnership with the bride will reverse the plans of the antichrist as he and his kingdom attempt to destroy true Christianity and Judaism and to rid them from the world. As the bride partners with God in end-time events, the plans of the antichrist and his kingdom will be thwarted and, even more importantly, reversed leading to the second coming of Christ.

## 2. The great reversal in events will lead to Christ's second coming at which time He will completely destroy His enemies and the enemies of His people.

- a. Note this scripture,

Then King Ahasuerus asked Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who would presume to do thus?" Esther said, "A foe and an enemy is this wicked Haman!" Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen. The king arose in his anger from drinking wine and went into the palace garden; but Haman stayed to beg for his life from Queen Esther, for he saw that harm had been determined against him by the king. Now when the king returned from the palace garden into the place where they were drinking wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was. Then the king said, "Will he even assault the queen with me in the house?" As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. Then Harbonah, one of the eunuchs who were before the king said, "Behold indeed, the gallows standing at Haman's house fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordecai who spoke good on behalf of the king!" And the king said, "Hang him on it." So they hanged Haman on the gallows which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the king's anger subsided (Est. 7:5-10).

- b. The passage we just quoted includes these words, "when the king returned from the palace garden" (Est. 7:8). When the king returned from his garden, he initiated the events that led to the absolute destruction of Haman and his 10 sons.
- c. In a similar way, Christ will return to defeat His enemies and establish His millennial kingdom on the earth. In light of what we have read in Esther, you should read the entire nineteenth chapter of Revelation. It is too long to present here, but a few key verses will give us much insight,

And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war...He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty...Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."... And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His

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army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh (Rev. 19:11-21).

- d. As this passage highlights, Christ's coming will result in a great battle between the antichrist kingdom and Christ and His army. This passage doesn't tell us how long this battle will last; however, the point I want to make is that His coming will include His winning the battle against the antichrist's army before He ultimately takes His place on His throne in Jerusalem.

## 3. At His coming, Christ will be accompanied by the prepared bride.

- a. Verse 14 of the above passage states this, "And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses" (Rev. 19:14). As this passage tells us, Christ will be accompanied at His second coming with armies, clothed in fine linen and clean. He will not come alone but with a mighty army.
- b. As we saw in Session 5, the "fine linen, white and clean" which are used to describe the armies that accompany Him also describe the bride who has made herself ready as noted in this familiar passage,

Let us rejoice and be glad and give the glory to Him, for the marriage of the Lamb has come and His bride has made herself ready. 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. 19:7-8).

- c. Again repeating points from Session 5, the book of Revelation includes another helpful verse,

The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have not yet received a kingdom, but they receive authority as kings with the beast for one hour. These have one purpose, and they give their power and authority to the beast. These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and *those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful* (Rev. 17:12-14).

- d. Included with the armies which will accompany Christ at His second coming will be the called, chosen, and faithful. In other words, the prepared bride will be at Christ's side when He returns and will participate with Him in the great end-time processional and His victory over the antichrist system at His coming. How all of this transpires is more than we can discuss here: however, it should excite us all that the prepared bride will be a significant part of Christ's victorious army that will engage the antichrist and His kingdom and triumphantly overcome them.

## 4. At His second coming, Christ will lead a processional of saints and angels through the land ultimately entering Jerusalem to take His place on His throne.

- a. Once again, we turn to the book of Esther to see the great end-time victory procession in type and shadow form that will take place at Christ's second coming,

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Now in the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on the thirteenth day when the king's command and edict were about to be executed, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain the mastery over them, it was turned to the contrary so that the Jews themselves gained the mastery over those who hated them. The Jews assembled in their cities throughout all the provinces of King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those who sought their harm; and no one could stand before them, for the dread of them had fallen on all the peoples. Even all the princes of the provinces, the satraps, the governors and those who were doing the king's business assisted the Jews, because the dread of Mordecai had fallen on them. Indeed, Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame spread throughout all the provinces; for the man Mordecai became greater and greater. Thus the Jews struck all their enemies with the sword, killing and destroying; and they did what they pleased to those who hated them. At the citadel in Susa the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men, and Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai and Vaizatha, the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy; but they did not lay their hands on the plunder (Est. 9:1-10).

- b. Actually, you could read all of Esther 9 to get a more complete picture of all that happened; even so, the above passage captures the essence of the triumphant procession that will take place as Christ returns to earth to destroy His enemies, capture His kingdom, and take His place on His throne in Jerusalem. As the above passage and others in Esther depict, the king reversed the plans to destroy Mordecai and the Jews. With this grand reversal, the Jews under Mordecai's leadership traveled throughout the land destroying their enemies and ultimately killing Haman's ten sons.
- c. A similar procession will take place when Christ returns. Christ will return in a processional accompanied by myriads of angelic beings and His bride, and the processional will include the annihilation of His enemies before He enters Jerusalem to take His place on the throne of David.
- d. When Christ comes, He will lead a processional of His mighty angels and His prepared saints throughout the antichrist kingdom destroying the antichrist and annihilating his kingdom. Accompanying Him will be His bride who had been made ready. As the bride partners with Christ at His return, there will be great joy and celebration in the hearts of the saints. The Jews will be liberated, the glorious church presented to Christ, and the saints will celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb.

## IV. Partnering with Christ throughout Eternity

### 1. The prepared bride will partner with Christ as Christ forever expands His kingdom throughout the creation.

- a. The book of Esther concludes with these words,

Now King Ahasuerus laid a tribute on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. And all the accomplishments of his authority and strength, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew was second only to King Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews and in favor with his many kinsmen, one who sought the good of his people and one who spoke for the welfare of his whole nation (Est. 10:1-3).

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- b. In the above passage, the king elevated Mordecai to second in command in the entire kingdom. Of course, we know that Mordecai is a type of the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit residing within the bride, we observe the exaltation of the bride as the eternal partner with the king.
- c. When Christ returns, He will take His rightful place as King on His throne in Jerusalem. He will celebrate the marriage supper of the Lamb and He will lead a one thousand year effort to transform the earth.
- d. This will be a glorious time of restoration and the bride will be at Christ's side throughout the millennial age and, in fact, forever. In future ages, the Lord Jesus will take the eternal gospel of Christ as the way, truth, and life throughout the vastness of His creation. We know this will never end as there will be no end to the increase of His government. Throughout age after age, the Lord will expand His government in ways yet unknown to us (Isa. 9:7).
- e. At His side will be His eternal wife, the bride who in the church age paid the price to make herself ready. She will forever be at the Lord's side in an intimate partnership with her Bridegroom King. She will have been used in great authority at the end of the church age. In fact, she will have been instrumental through her intercession and Christlikeness to initiate end-time events and her being made ready will actually motivate the heavenly Father to send His Son for her as His prepared bride who has made herself ready.
- f. She will feast at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb and will enjoy forever the greatest intimacy with her Bridegroom King. Christ will forever be her life, possessing her so that they will abide together in full union with the Father and Holy Spirit. She will be clothed in unimaginable glory as her preparation during her life has caused her to be resurrected in glory, glory compared to the brightness of the sun (1 Cor. 15:41-42).
- g. The prepared bride will eternally carry the voice from the throne throughout the creation. She will be Christ's chosen representative to the creation in her eternal nature as an exact representation of her King. She will be an eternal priest offering spiritual sacrifices to her Lord and representing her Bridegroom to the creation. The glory of this relationship will never end. It will only increase, and it will be like this forever and ever.
- h. Now that we have gotten a glimpse of bridal preparation and partnership in Esther, let's go deeper in understanding the bridal preparation process.