

MANIFESTATION OF THE BRIDE

- I. The body of Christ is being formed on the earth during the Church Age and is to be completed before the Rapture ([Ephesians 1:20, 23; 2:16; 4:4, 5; 5:23](#), and [Colossians 1:18; 1:24; 2:19](#)).
- II. When the body is completed then the Rapture will occur. This is the Resurrection of the Body of Christ ([I Thessalonians 4:16-18](#); [I Corinthians 15:51-57](#)). Compare [Colossians 2:15 and Revelation 19:6-8](#) with [Zechariah 13:2 and I Thessalonians 3:13](#); it appears that the number of believers in the body of Christ will be equal to the number of demons operating under the command of Satan – a time of *intensified conflict*.
- III. During the tribulation on earth, the Bride is to be prepared for the Wedding in Heaven. There are 3 parts to this preparation of the Bride:
 1. The Bride enters into ultimate sanctification by receiving the Resurrection Body ([Philippians 3:21; I John 3:1, 2](#)).
 2. Secondly, the bride will lose the Old Sinful Nature (OSN) – No OSN in the Resurrection Body ([Philippians 3:21](#)).
 3. The Bride is cleansed from Works of the Flesh ([I Corinthians 3:12, 15](#)).
- IV. The wedding then occurs at the end of the tribulation-and the Bride returns with the LJC at the Second Advent ([I Thessalonians 3:13](#)).
- V. At this time, we have *Footstool Operation*, prophesized in Psalm 110:1, which includes 3 things:

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1. A triumphal procession, in which all demons are disarmed by Jesus Christ, followed by this public procession ([Colossians 2:15](#)).
 2. Satan, the ruler of this world is removed ([Revelation 20:1-3](#)).
 3. Church Age believers will cast demons off the earth into their own prison ([Zechariah 13:2](#); [Colossians 2:15](#); [I Corinthians 15:24, 25](#)).
- VI. The event is the Coronation of the Groom ([Revelation 19:6](#)).
- VII. Then will occur the Wedding Supper of the Lamb ([Revelation 19:6-9](#)). Please note the Wedding Concept of the Ancient world:
1. First, there was a contract (engagement).
 2. Then on a specified day the groom would go to the house of the Bride and pick her up.
 3. From there he goes to his home where his friends are already inside-eating and drinking.
 4. Her friends, as was the custom, were all outside waiting (Friends of the Bride could not enter until the Bride entered).
 5. This means that the friends of the groom had a head start.
 6. ANALOGY
 - A. The Groom is the Lord Jesus Christ
 - B. Friends of the Groom are Old Testament saints ([John 3:29](#)).
 - C. The Bride = Church Age believers.
 - D. The Friends of the Bride = the tribulational believers, and those alive at the 2nd Advent ([Matthew 25:1-3](#); [Revelation 19:6](#)).