

Summer Sisterhood Study- Eternally Desired- July 6, 2011
The Fetching of the Bride

A. Review:

1. Our Perfect Groom: The King of Kings from Psalm 45
2. Arrangement- *Shiddukhin*: Chosen by your Heavenly Matchmaker (Eph 1:3-4)
3. Betrothal-*Eyrusin*: What you do everyday matters to God (Eph 2:10)

B. The Role of the Groom during the Betrothal- The Fetching of the Bride

1. **His preparation:** *John 14:1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.*
2. **The timing of his return:** *Matthew 24:36 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone.*
3. **The Fetching of the Bride:** *1 Thessalonians 1:9 -10 and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Yeshua, who delivers us from the wrath to come. And Paul goes on to encourage the believers: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Messiah shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

C. We are to Live with eagerness and patience in light of His return: *Philippians 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Yeshua the Messiah; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.*

*1 John 3:1-3 See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. **We know that, when He appears,** we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is. And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.*