

God Married Israel at Mt Sinai

God is the Bridegroom

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Exodus 6:7

Israel is His Bride

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Moses is the Friend of the Bridegroom ("Best Man")

He Represents the Bridegroom to the Bride:

"And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God..."

Exodus 19:17

Torah is the Marriage Contract **כְּתוּבָה** ketubah

A Special *Ketubah* is read every year on *Shavuot* in orthodox synagogues ... and the Song of Songs is read at Passover

The Beginning of the Exodus

... and the Beginning of the Betrothal Process

Married Under a *Choopah* **חוּפָה**

"... and they stood at the foot of the mountain."

Exodus 19:17

"foot" **תַּחְתִּי** *tachti* "below or under"

God Makes an Oath (*Ketubah*) to the Bride

Exodus 19:5

"Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My Voice and keep My Covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine."

The Bride Agrees to the *Ketubah*

"And he (Moses) took the Book of the Covenant, and read in the audience

of the people; and they said, 'All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient.'" Exo 24:7

Then Israel Broke this Marriage Covenant: The Golden Calf

Exodus 32

But God Offers a New Marriage Covenant with His People

Luke 22:14-20

"When the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve apostles with Him. Then He said to them, "With fervent desire I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." Likewise He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you."