# THE BRIDAL CITY

## REVELATION 21:9

1. **JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS THE FIRST TO PROVIDE A HINT OF THE ROLE OF JESUS OF NAZARETH AS A BRIDEGROOM**
	1. The Lord Embraced This Role When Answering A Question About Why His Disciples Were Not Fasting (Mark 2:18-20)
	2. The Apostle Paul Addressed The Apparent Dilemma Concerning What God Would Do When A Bride (Israel) Rejects Her Spouse (Romans 9 & 11)
		1. Paul Uses The Word *"Israel"* In Two Senses: One Spiritual & One Natural (Romans 9)
		2. In The End, It Is The Election Of God That Guarantees That Israel Will Be Saved & Thus Available To Be A Part Of The Bride (Romans 11)
	3. The Man Or Woman Who Says: *"I Do"* To The Lord Jesus Christ, Is At That Point, *"Espoused"* To The Savior
		1. That Man Died To The Law In Order To Be Married To Christ
		2. That Man's Espousal Is Illustrated In The Lives Of Mary & Joseph
2. **WE ARE WAITING TODAY FOR THE WEDDING ITSELF WHICH THE LORD SPOKE OF IN SEVERAL OF HIS PARABLES**
	1. An Indiscriminate Invitation Is Being Issued Today In The Highways & Hedges Of The World
	2. Those Who Accept The Invitation Are Likened To Virgins (II Cor.11)
3. **OUR GRACIOUS GROOM HAS PREPARED A CITY APPROPRIATE AS AN HABITATION FOR A BRIDE (REVELATION 21:9)**