

## **A Call to the Wedding Feast (Matthew 22:1-14)**

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### **Introduction**

#### **Setting and Background (22:1)**

**Triumphal Entry (21:1-11)**

**Second Temple Cleansing (21:12-17)**

**Cursing the Fig Tree (21:18-22)**

**Jesus' Authority Questioned and His Counter-Question (21:23-27)**

**Source of John the Baptist's Authority (21:28-32)**

**Wicked Vinedressers (21:33-44)**

**Wedding Feast (22:1-14)**

**A Series of "Unanswerable" Questions (22:15-40)**

**David Calls his Son Lord (22:41-45)**

**Questions Cease (22:46)**

#### **Invitations 1-2 (22:2-6)**

Kingdom of heaven = kingdom of God = millennial kingdom (Matthew 19:23-24)

(Mt 4:17//Mk 1:15; Mt 5:3//Lk 6:20; Mt 13:11//Mk 4:11//Lk 8:10; Mt 13:31//Mk 4:30//Lk 13:18;

Mt 13:33//Lk 13:20; Mt 19:14//Mk 10:14//Lk 18:16; and Mt 19:23//Mk 10:23//Lk 18:24).

#### **End Times Banquet (Psalm 22:26-29)**

#### **Timing of the Wedding Feast on Earth (Matthew 22)—at the start of the Millennium**

**The Wedding of Jesus in Heaven (Rev 19:7-10)**

**Christ on a White Horse (Rev 19:11-16)**

**The Beast and His Armies Defeated (Rev 19:17-21)**

**Satan Bound for 1,000 Years (20:1-3)**

**Saints Reign with Christ for 1,000 Years (20:4-6)**

[The Wedding Feast on Earth would be at the start of the Millennium]

**The Invitation is not to the Millennial Kingdom, but to the Wedding Feast.**

**The only Gentiles in natural bodies who will enter the Millennium will be believers**

**(Mat 25:31-46)**

**The only Jews in natural bodies who will enter the Millennium will be believers**

**Ezekiel 20:33-44, esp. 20:37-38)**

### Invitation 1 (22:2-3)

### Invitation 2: (22:4-6)

### Judgment 1 (22:7)

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### Invitation 3 (22:8-10)

### Judgment 2 (22:11-14)

Evaluation of the guests [equivalent to the *Bēma*] (22:11-12)

### Extreme [but short-term] regret (22:13)

Weeping, gnashing of teeth, cast into the darkness outside

NKJ Matt. 8:12 "But the sons of the kingdom\* will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

NKJ Matt. 22:13 "Then the king said to the servants, 'Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

NKJ Matt. 25:30 "And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

\*"The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked *one*." (Matthew 13:38)

### Many Are Called, but Few Are Chosen (22:14)

When does this calling happen? When does this choosing happen?

What is the sequence of calling and choosing here?

Matthew 20:16 "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

Matthew 22:14 "For many are called, but few *are* chosen."

2 Peter 1:10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble.

### Conclusion