

Seven Women After One Man

God's Plan. one wife - Mt. 19:3-8.
Polygamy's Origin. Gen. 4:19.

ISA. 3:24-4:1.

Christ, One Bride - Church.
Eph. 5:23-25; 4:4; Col. 1:18.

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Their Bread,
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SEVEN WOMEN AFTER ONE MAN

Isa. 3:14-4:1

INTRO: God's plan from the beginning is that a man is to have one wife. Note Jesus. Matt. 19:3-8. Polygamy's origin came soon after the fall with Lamech, a descendent of Cain. Gen. 4:19. This was polygamy of the flesh. There is a spiritual parallel of the husband and wife seen in Jesus and the church. Many religious bodies claim Christ as their head. If this were true, He would be a polygamist, with several hundred wives.

I. ISRAEL'S CONDITION DESCRIBED BY ISAIAH.

- A. The wickedness of Israel and Judah was to bring war and captivity.
- B. Jehovah used Israel's enemies to overtake them.
- C. Because of the sword, famine, pestilence, etc., men would become so scared that women would do contrary to nature and seek men.
- D. They would provide their own bread and wear their own apparel, but wanted to wear his name.
- E. It was their "reproach." It was a shame and disgrace to have no children, so no hope of being line in for Messiah (Israel barren).

II. SPIRITUAL PARALLEL TODAY.

- A. Christ the bridegroom (husband of church).
 - 1. John said: John 3:26-30.
 - 2. Paul said: 2 Cor. 11:2.
- B. Christ furnishes bread for His wife; His bread was to do the Fathers will. John 4:33-34; 6:35, 38, 63.
- C. He furnishes His wives apparel.
 - 1. The robe of righteousness. Rev. 19:7-8.
 - 2. They are cast out for not wearing this robe. Matt. 22:11-14.
- D. Israel's condition has a parallel today. Denominations would take hold of Christ, but eat their own bread and wear own apparel. They would be called after his name nominally.
- E. Seven was a number of completeness to Jews: Seven churches, seven spirits, seven candlesticks. Therefore, "seven women" would simply designate the complete number that would take hold (eat, wear, called).

III. SEVEN WOMEN—THEIR BREAD, APPAREL, AND REPROACH.

- A. Roman Catholic Church.
 - 1. Bread: Voice of Pope, tradition, and dogmas of councils.
 - 2. Apparel: Ritualism, superstition, and cloak of error.
 - 3. Reproach: Man for head, with no divine relation whatever (no connection with Christ).
- B. Lutheran Church:
 - 1. Bread: *Augsburg Confession of Faith*, catechisms, and traditions.
 - 2. Apparel: A few relics of Rome.

3. Reproach: Daughter of Rome, with Martin Luther as founder.
- C. Methodist Church:
 1. Bread: Discipline.
 2. Apparel: That provided by conference and Bishops.
 3. Reproach: Relation to Rome through the church of England 1700 years too late and asking Christ to recognize them when he had a spouse for 17 centuries.
- D. Baptist Church:
 1. Bread: *Baptist Manual*.
 2. Apparel: A false standard of God's requirements, the doctrine of apostasy.
 3. Reproach: 1600 years too late; unknown to the Bible.
- E. Mormon Church:
 1. Bread: Writings of Joseph Smith and Sidney Rigdon, late revelation, claiming to be inspired.
 2. Apparel: Secrecy (Temple in Salt Lake City), fraud, man's wisdom.
 3. Reproach: Human origin; 1800 years too late.
- F. Seventh Day Adventist Church.
 1. Bread: Writings of Ellen G. White (claimed inspiration).
 2. Apparel: That handed out by conferences, Sabbath keeping, tithing, etc.
 3. Teaching that a part of the law is binding. Gal. 5:4; Col. 2:12-14; Rom. 7:6ff.
- G. Pentecostal, Holiness, all brands.
 1. Bread: Bits of Scripture here and there in Bible, doctored up, which applied to church in infant state.
 2. Apparel: Confusion because of ignorance of Scripture.
 3. Reproach: Human origin; 1800 years too late.

IV. THE TRUE BRIDE OF CHRIST, TO BE PRESENTED.

- A. Church made up of those saved by gospel. Mark 16:15-16.
- B. Bread: Doctrine of Christ. John 8:31-32; 2 John 9.
- C. Apparel: Righteousness of God. 2 Cor. 5:21.
- D. Head: Christ. Eph. 5:23.
- E. Wear His name. Acts 11:26; 1 Pet. 4:16.

CONCL: All that God did not plant shall be rooted up. Matt. 15:13. Become the bride of Christ. Other women should not be considered.