

ORDER FOR MESSIANIC JEWISH WEDDING

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The following is an example that may be modified to meet the present need.

1. Parents are seated
2. Shema
3. Bridal Party Processional
5. Blessing for the Bridegroom & Bride

Rabbi - "Baruch haba b'shem Adonai. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the L-RD. We bless you out of the house of the L-RD. May Messiah Yeshua, the One who is mighty, blessed and great above all, may He send His abounding blessing to the Bridegroom and the Bride."

6. Sermon: The Meaning of Marriage

Rabbi - "Marriage is a picture of G-d's desire to unite in fellowship with mankind, just as the bridegroom Yeshua, our Messiah, longs to be with His bride, which is His great city Jerusalem and His 'Called Out Ones'. Since He has appointed marriage between a man and a woman to testify of His own predestined plan, it is holy, even as He is holy. Because of this the bride is to be prepared with purity, having eyes only to please her groom. Likewise the groom comes to the bride sacrificing His own life for her, and forsaking all others in order to love her only. Marriage is accomplished by three unions, that of the bodies coming together; that of the souls settling on one goal --to please G-d; and that of the spirits performing one act --to worship and serve the Creator. Only when all of these parts are confirmed is a marriage truly formed in the image of G-d, and only then is it as He planned and blessed it. With this knowledge, as called out children of Israel, _____ and _____ come now to be wedded as one before the Almighty Holy One, Blessed is He."

7. The Seven Walks

- a. Rabbi - "The scripture says in Jeremiah 31:22 'For the L-RD has created a new thing in the earth, a woman shall surround a man.' "
- b. Bride comes and begins to walk around the groom.
- c. Rabbi - "Blessed is she who has come. May the Holy One, He who understands the love of a bride, may He bless the groom and the bride. As the bride walks around the groom seven times, she symbolizes the seven matriarchs of our faith: Eve, Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, Tamar, Ruth, and Esther. They remind us that the road to redemption is a long and hard one. Yet, wonderfully beautiful and fulfilling. This walk also makes a circle like a crown around the groom, demonstrating that he is a king to her and she is his queen. Lastly, the walk testifies of her role to him as a hedge of protection around him from the allure of all others. He can only see her from now on."

8. Move Under the Chupah and Groom reads the Ketubah.

9. Blessing of Consecration

Rabbi - "Baruch ata Adonai Eloheynu Melekh Ha'olam kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'itzivanu... Blessed are You YHVH our G-d, King of the universe, who has made us holy by Your commandments and commanded us regarding forbidden unions, who forbade betrothed women to us, and permitted for us to be married to women under the Chupah covering in consecration to You."

10. Ring vows/Exchange of Rings

Confession Vows:

Rabbi to Groom - "Do you _____take _____to be your lawfully wedded wife, to live with her in obedience to the Most High and trust in the Messiah?"

Rabbi to Bride - "Do you _____take _____to be your lawfully wedded husband, to live with her in obedience to the Most High and trust in the Messiah?"

Ring Vows:

Rabbi to both - "What further vows and tokens do you bring to seal

your union today?"

Groom puts ring on her finger and gives his previously agreed vows:
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Rabbi - "...according to the Laws of Moses and the Covenants of Israel, by the power of Ruach HaKodesh, in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah."

Bride puts ring on his finger and gives her previously agreed vows:""

Rabbi - "...according to the Laws of Moses and the Covenants of Israel, by the power of Ruach HaKodesh, in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah."

11. Talit Joining & Rabbi Prayer

Rabbi - (extemporaneous prayer finishing with) "...according to the Laws of Moses and the Covenants of Israel, by the power of Ruach HaKodesh, in the Name of Yeshua our Messiah and Savior."

12. Announcement of the Husband and Wife

Rabbi - "Recognizing the authority of the Holy One alone in ordaining marriage, Who gave proper instruction through the Laws of Moses, I declare this union sealed in the name of Adonai, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. So also in cooperation with the statues of the Commonwealth of Virginia, I pronounce you _____ and _____, husband and wife."

13. Glass Breaking and Kiss the Bride

14. Shofars Blow

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