

# Lesson 14 (Part One)

# The Marriage of the Sun & the Moon



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#### Introduction

Marriage is the union of a man and a woman. The two merge into a "oneness", a euphoric wholeness that cannot be experienced otherwise. The very fullness of this fusion can only come from complete harmony. Just as this "oneness" is seen between man & woman, so too does Yahovah (God), desire mankind to have this oneness with Him. Indeed, it is the plan of Yahovah (God), (from before creation), to dwell in man, and man in Him. It is the very purpose of creation. ¹ And now we are near to seeing this complete harmony of man with Yahovah, (God). It will be the time of *GOD IN MAN*, (as seen in His Son). This event heralds the dominion of His Kingdom upon the earth & in the heavens.

This harmony comes as the seed of Yahovah's Spirit is planted within man. The Spirit within changes man into Yahovah's image *AND* likeness, (nature). The people come to grow into His mind & heart. Through these peculiar people, Yahovah is then able to rule creation in the natural realm. His nature of love & righteousness brings all of creation to the height of its potential of life & fruitfulness. Here in these people will be seen the harmony, marriage, oneness between God & man...all because of *GOD IN MAN*.

The conclusion of **Ephesians 5** explains the marriage of a man & woman as a symbolic type of the spiritual marriage of God & man:

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"31...a man...shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be 'one flesh'.

32. THIS SECRET IS GREAT:

yet I am saying this as to Christ and as to the ecclesia [called-out ones]."
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# Ephesians 5:31-32 Concordant Literal New Testament

Reading this passage in various translations, we see the secret is a mystery, and it is also a profound truth. This secret-mystery-truth is important! And in the bigger picture it is not just about union of a man & a woman, but it is pointing to the greater, more important truth of the union of our Messiah with His Bride, a people who are "called-out".

In this Lesson we explore this mystery of the marriage of God the Bridegroom with His people. This truth echoes undeniably in three realms of truth.

- in the Word.
- in creation, (**Psalm 19 & Romans 1:19,20**).
- in math.

We'll overlap these 3-realms of truth to see the big picture. As we build the key concepts, the sun and the moon will become the central example for all 3-realms. The sun represents Yahovah, (God). The moon represents man. In creation, the harmony is represented by the synchronizing of their orbits, their paths, "the way in which they go."

- 1. Remember His 3-step Plan, (from Lesson oo, "God's Plan")? In a nutshell, it is:
  - (a) To create man in His image and likeness.
  - (b) To have that man multiply upon the earth.
  - (c)To reign over all creation through that man.

#### Section 1: The Sun & the Moon

The sun and the moon were created to be signs.

"14. God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to divide the day from the night; LET THEM BE FOR SIGNS, seasons, days and years; 15. and let them be for lights in the dome of the sky to give light to the earth'; and that is how it was. 16. GOD MADE THE TWO GREAT LIGHTS - THE LARGER LIGHT TO RULE THE DAY AND THE SMALLER LIGHT TO RULE THE NIGHT..."

#### Genesis 1:14-16 The Complete Jewish Study Bible

The larger light is the sun, and the smaller light is the moon. Together they each impart light to the earth. They are to rule over the earth. We know from **Psalm 19:1-7** and **Romans 1:18-20** that spiritual things can be understood by observing created things, and especially from seeing the sun rule the day "*like a Bridegroom*".

The moon's light is the reflected glory of the sun. She is His glory, just as a woman is the glory of the man, (1Corinthians 11:7). The moon is a symbol of the Bride. Further clues as to the mystery of this marriage are seen in the following verses:

- "1. And a great sign was seen in the heaven: a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars..."
- 5...And she bore a male child...
- 6...And the woman fled into the wilderness...to be nourished there one thousand two hundred and sixty days."

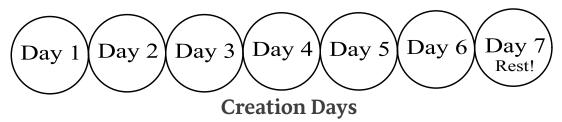
### Revelation 12:1,5,6 The Scriptures

For the woman to be in full harmony with the Bridegroom, she must be fully under His covering, and she is, for she is fully clad in His light. At this point she is one with Him, no longer spending half of her time away from Him on the dark side of the earth. She is connected to the moon, but above it. She is one with Him, to bring forth a son in His image and likeness. This closer union births a greater spiritual maturity, in greater oneness with the Sun, her covering. We notice that in this realm of unity with the Bridegroom, she now has a crown of twelve stars. What does a crown represent? **Revelation 2:10** says that those who prove to be trustworthy in trials are given a "crown of life." What is a "crown of life"? **Philippians 4:1-3** tells us that one who is written in the Book of Life is a joy *and a crown*. So who is the one who is written in the Book of Life?... the "Overcomers," (**Revelation 3:5**) So these 12 twelve stars on her head are 12 attributes of "Overcomers" who make up the crown of the Bridegroom, her head. They adorn Him, so they define her as well. We'll elaborate on this picture of their marriage later.

The other major clue here is that she is nourished for 1260 days. That number is also mentioned in **Revelation 11:2** as the duration that the two witnesses prophesy, and seems to equate to the 42 months in the previous verse. It is interesting that this equates to 3½ years for a 360-day year of 30 days/month. Tuck that thought away for later on.

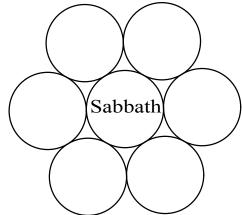
#### Section 2: The Marriage of the 6 with the 7th.

The sun and the moon do not seem to really represent much of a marriage at this time, since the orbit of the moon does not seem to harmonize with the 365.2422 days orbit of the sun. But by the end of the Lesson we'll discover a way that it does. The first hint of the puzzle is found in the 7-days of creation. We tend to think of it like this with each circle representing a day:



A hidden truth here is that although Day 7 is the conclusion, or climax of the week, day four is central to the week. It is on day four that the sun & moon (& stars), were created. Just as the central lamp (of the 7-lamp candlestick of the Tabernacle), supplies oil to light the other lamps, so is the sun & moon central to creation. This pattern is confirmed again with the 7-fold Spirit of God, of which the central one gives His Spirit to the others. These examples point to a central theme of creation where the sun is in the heavens (to rule the day on the earth), and the moon to rule the night. They are working together in unison for the earth, and all of creation.

But Hebrew thought tends to be in cycles, (circular, not linear), so let's make a circular cluster of 7-circles, with each circle representing a day of the week. Here we'll discover other patterns of truth. Note that both the centrality & the completion of the week is found in the seventh day. The focus, the goal, the conclusion, the completion of the work is achieved by the seventh. The other 6-days are all peripheral, like branches attached to the vine.

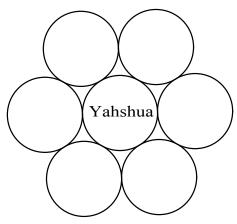


Days of the Week

And interestingly, this 7-circle group is the only circular arrangement of equal-sized circles to cluster with adjacent contact. Each outside circle touches the center plus two adjacent circles. Yet the center circle has connection with all six of the other circles. The center touches or "holds" all of the others together. <sup>2</sup> The seventh day is called the Sabbath Day. "Sabbath" is the Hebrew word (Strong's No. 7676) for "intermission (end of a cycle), or rest." It is the conclusion, the peiod for pause at the end of a statement.

2. Try it with 7-pennies, or with 7-nickels, or 7-dimes, or 7-quarters, or circles of anything that are of equal size. They all fully connect. This only works for seven. It is a truth, (Colossians 1:17 Amplified).

The Sabbath represents Yahshua (Jesus), for our rest is found in Him. <sup>3</sup> So now we can see the center circle as Yahshua, the Head. The other six around the head are the Body. The complete assembly represents full stature in Messiah, with Messiah central to us. So the pattern of the 7th within the 6 represents not only the Messiah, Head & Body, but also each individual in whom the Messiah is central. He within us is our hope of glory, (Colossians 1:27). The 6-peripheral circles are the expression outwardly from what flows inwardly. We are only made whole when joined to Yahshua (Jesus), our Messiah.



"10. And in Him you are also complete because He is the head of all principalities and authorities."

#### Colossians 2:10 Aramaic English New Testament

"13...till we all come [together] to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ;".

# Ephesians 4:13 New King James Version

In summary, the 6 joined to the 7th speaks of GOD IN MAN. We've just scratched the surface of how a marriage between God & man can be seen in scriptures, geometry, & creation.

"20. From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities - his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse whatsoever for not knowing God."

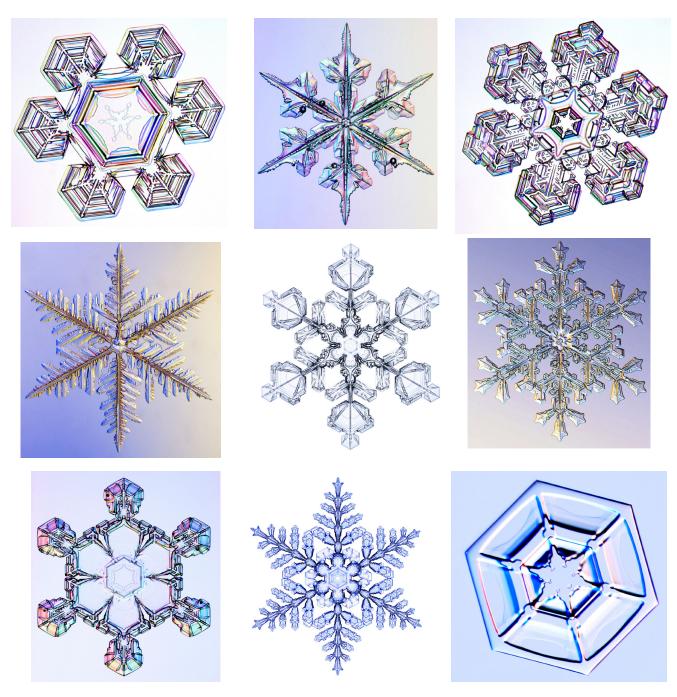
#### Romans 1:20 New Living Translation

The message of God in man is revealed not just by the sun & moon, but elsewhere in creation too. We notice this pattern of the 6 around the 7th in many flowers, where often there are 6 petals around the center, from which comes the seed. But some flowers have more, and some less, so we keep looking. We can see this truth in the crystalline structure of many rocks & minerals, but not in all. As our search continues however, we uncover three other areas where the pattern of 6 around the 7th is consistently all-pervasive. These provide vivid visual understanding to the mystery of the marriage of the sun & the moon. Let's see what they are.

3. Luke 6:5 says He is Lord of the Sabbath, & Matthew 11:28,29 says that our rest is found in yoking to Him. In other words, the centrality of the Sabbath represents the centrality of Yahshua, (Jesus).

## Section 3: Marriage of the 6 with the 7th in Creation

Let's start with snowflakes. We see that they ALL have 6-sides around a common core. 4



It is as though the center kisses each of the 6 as it embraces all of them. This is the structure of a snowflake. Every snowflake exists because of a center that holds the 6 arms together. Snowflakes are an example in creation to help explain the spiritual.

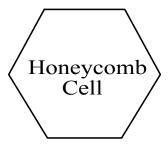
4. These photos were taken from www.snowcrystals.com. There you'll see how to obtain photographic books by Kenneth Libbrecht, as well as view some videos, such as watching a snowflake crystal grow. They always increase in beautiful form outwardly from the center. It is amazing to watch.

Snowflakes are each unique because they each went through a different path of pressure, temperature & humidity through the clouds. This is just like us. We each have been running a particular race through different circumstances in life. <sup>5</sup> During these trials & uncertainties, our strength is found in our Messiah. He is our anchor, and as we hold fast to Him, we grow into His image & likeness as we endure to the end. Like the snowflake, we, the New Jerusalem Bride, will land from our stormy, heavenly, spiritual journey to be seen on the earth. And like a snowflake, we each have His seed within, holding us together.

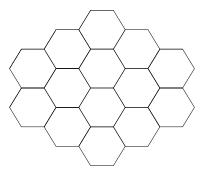
"27. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery...which is Christ in you the hope of glory."

# Colossians 1:27 New King James Version

Next we look at a cell of honeycomb.



The 6-walls of the honeycomb cell are not the life. But they connect around a center that is either full of honey, or a seed of life of the honeybee. **Psalm 19:8-11** tells us that God's Word-Law-Ways are sweeter than honey from the honeycomb. It is the seed of His Life within that brings sweetness dripping out as the expression of Him through us. The walking in the sweetness of the Word feeds His Life within us. And note that in this form all of us as individual cells fit perfectly together to form a honeycomb.

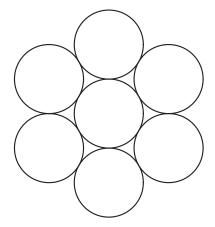


The third display in creation we won't dwell on, since it is not so readily observable. It can however be seen with a subatomic microscope. It is the benzene molecule, similar in shape to the honeycomb cell. The 6-carbon atoms of this molecule form a strong covalent bond between them because they all share an electron. The carbon atom is found in all life, and this molecule is a foundational building block for organic chemistry.

5. Hebrews 12:1,2 says that we are to run our particular race through the cloud of witnesses by staying connected to Jesus, (Yahshua).

# Section 4: Marriage in Greater Dimension

There is much more to see. Here's our next clue to decode before we can better grasp how the sun & the moon can marry. We are as kings who inquisitively search out a matter. Our pattern so far is the marriage of the 6 with the 7th (whether in scripture, geometry, or snowflakes); it has been the perspective of a two dimensional picture like this...



(...and demonstrates GOD IN MAN).

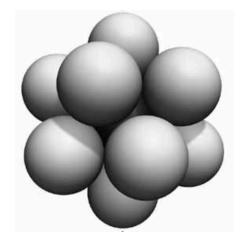
So as we explore for more understanding, the questions that naturally follow are:

"What if we go 3-dimensionally?"

"If the 7-circles became spheres would they still touch each other?"

Yes. We can prove this by setting some tennis balls on the table...or any other kind of spheres of equal size. The circles above actually can be seen as a cross-section through the diameters (widest points or extent), of the spheres on the table. The spheres would touch each other too.

But with spheres, how many spheres can touch the center sphere when we also stack above & below? Isaac Newton (in the late 1600's), was the one to determine mathematically that you could have 12 spheres kissing the central, 13th sphere. It would look like this:



So now we see that the same spiritual principles apply to the 12 around the 13th as we did for the 6 around the 7th. We have many examples of the 12 around the 13th throughout the Word. Here are just a dozen random ones:

- 12-Disciples around YAHSHUA (Jesus)
- 12-Tribes encamped around the ARK OF THE COVENANT
- 12-Pillars at the base of Mount Sinai around GOD'S PRESENCE
- 12-Stones at the bottom of the Jordan to mark where the ARK OF THE COVENANT stood
- 12-Stones in Gilgal to symbolize the 12 Tribes in the PROMISED LAND
- 12-Oxen supporting the Laver of water, (which represents the WORD)
- 12-Stones on the Breastplate cover the HEART OF THE HIGH PRIEST
- 12 Stones to Elijah's altar to encompass the SACRIFICE
- 12 Gates (named for 12 sons), into the New Jerusalem Bride, of which the THRONE is center
- 12 Foundation Stones for the walls (representing *SALVATION*), of the New Jerusalem
- 12 Stars (stones of fire), in the GOLD CROWN of the Woman, (Bride)
- 12 Loaves of Shewbread supported by the TABLE OF GOLD...
  - ...and illuminated by the 7-Lamp Candlestick <sup>6</sup>

Each description is a type that points to a people assembled around the centrality of the Messiah. But there is much more to this than "a people." This next example provides that new insight, and also leads us back to a connection with the marriage of the sun & moon.

12-Fruit on the TREE OF LIFE, each representing a month or lunar cycle, (Revelation 22:2).

The symbol of 12 natural fruit represents the 12 spiritual fruit of the Spirit, nine that are free gifts, but three that must be acquired by a walk of faith by grace, in His atonement and led by His Word & Spirit in following the Lamb. 7 This 12-fruit Tree of Life represents the full 12-aspects of the nature of God from which all attributes of His 7-fold Spirit flow like a River of Life. The "12" listed above represents not just a people who are assembled around Messiah, but through whom the full nature of His character can be seen & experienced.

In other words, the centrality of the Messiah is not just within, but seen from the outside too. When God says that He will dwell in mankind & WALK IN THEM, that is plainly telling us that when they walk, they are seen as God would be seen in man, and man in God...like Yahshua (Jesus) was. They are "Sons of God." The 6 clustered around the 7th represents GOD IN MAN, but the 12 gathered around the 13th represents both GOD IN MAN and MAN IN GOD, both as one, as the same. The gates are always open to discern what's inside the city, the people...and it's His life. This is why the 12 about the 13th are seen as just 12, with God a part of the 12, and man a part of the 13th...indistinguishable from each other. This is why the connection is between the 7 & the 12, rather than the 7 & the 13...the marriage mystery.

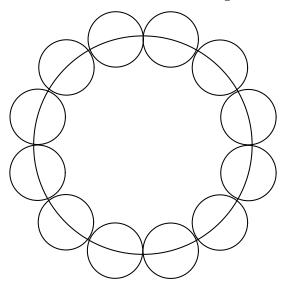
- 6. Here we note there might be some sort of link between "7" & "12." This seems to be confirmed again in Matthew 14:20 (with 12 baskets of broken bread pieces left over, and Matthew 15:37 (with 7 baskets of broken bread pieces left over). This link will become more evident as we move along in this Lesson.
- 7. They are listed in our Study, "Things are Not as We Were Taught Part 2", Items 7 to 12 inclusive. These 3-traits are critical to reigning as Kings & Priests. They manifest in right-ruling, set-apartness, & servant's heart.

This is the mystery of the marriage union when two become one. The product is a new creation man/mankind. This Sonship company are ruling in the authority of the throne within. They have eaten of the Tree of Life. They are immortal. Although they are not *THE* Firstfruit of the resurrection, they are the "Firstfruit-Resurrection-Company" in His image *AND* likeness. This is the prize of the inheritance. It is important that we distinguish "inheritance" from "salvation." Salvation, like the 9-fruit, is a free gift; but inheritance is acquired at a cost, as are the remaining 3-fruit. They are not just as 7-baskets of broken pieces of bread, but also as 12-baskets of broken pieces of bread. And why? So that through their sacrificial love, the life of Messiah could come forth (2Corinthians 4:10), to minister His life to a hurting creation, (Romans 8:19).

The old heavens & earth were the creation ruled by the fallen first Adam. The new heavens & earth are the creation ruled by the risen last Adam, Head & Body. In the old heavens & earth, the demonic ruled through mankind in both the spiritual & natural realms. In the new heavens & earth, the Holy Spirit rules through mankind, and as mankind, in both the spiritual & natural realms. The transition between the two Kingdoms is happening now. The division between the two is accelerating, and will continue to become even more dramatic, until the tares are completely removed.

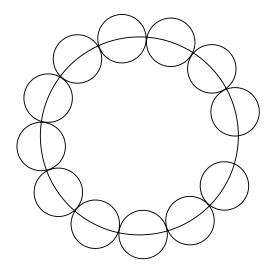
#### Section 5: Harmony between the Sun & the Moon

For the transition to be complete, the union between God & man must also be whole. This full oneness could be represented by the purposes & paths of man being fully in sync with all 12-aspects of God. This could be represented by 12 orbits (paths), of the bride-moon to be in full harmony with the complete circuit of the sun, (bridegroom). If there was perfect union, then it would look like this, where the large circle represents the orbit of the sun, and each of the 12 smaller circles represent a full lunar cycle.



If 12 Lunar Cycles matched 1 Solar Cycle

But the paths of the moon & the sun are not in perfect harmony. Instead, it looks like this:



12 Lunar Cycles of 29 ½ days each = 354 Days, short of the 365 Solar Days in a Full Solar Cycle (Year)

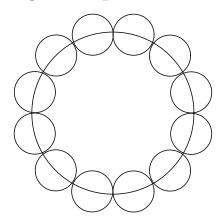
Each new scriptural month is a full lunar cycle, beginning with a new moon. <sup>8</sup> But a lunar month is only about 29 ½ days, <sup>9</sup> meaning 12-months would only be about 354 days, <sup>10</sup> coming short of the 365 day solar year. <sup>11</sup> We would expect them to be in perfect synchronization to keep with the patterns seen so far, but they are not. We wonder, "Why is it like this?"

But is this present calendar God's standard? No, for He has another calendar, an ideal calendar, a higher standard. It is often referred to as "The Prophetic Calendar," getting its name from a smattering of prophetic scripture where it is used. This Prophetic Calendar's purpose is as a pattern, a sign pointing to a perfect marriage of the sun & moon, the perfect union of God & man.

The Prophetic Calendar is somewhat imaginary, since it has as its basis 360 days for a full solar cycle, (year). Within that 360-day year, the moon has 12 cycles of 30-days each. Perfect harmony. Let's see why it is set up this way. First, why 360 days to this cycle? What's so special about this number? Well, this number, 360, is the first number to be divisible by each of the first 10 numerals, except for the number 7. This is nearly perfect harmony for "all." Hmm...what really stands out is that the number 360 points its finger at the number 7 as different from all of the others.

- 8. This new beginning is celebrated every month with the blowing of trumpets, (Numbers 10:10).
- 9. Actually 29.53 Days
- 10. Actually 354.36 Days
- 11. Actually 365.2422 Days

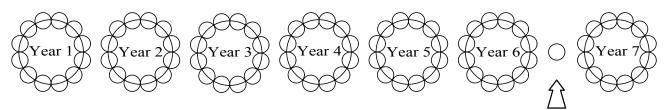
So now the Prophetic Calendar gives us a perfect fit that looks like this:



The Prophetic Year of 360 Days Divided into 12-Months of 30-Days/Month

So let's see what happens when we include the number 7. (We do this because "7" is the focus, the message of "360.") The first number to be evenly divisible by ALL of the first 10 digits, including 7, is 2520. This 2520 is 7-cycles of 360 days/year, or 7 x 360. We see scriptural reference to this calendar when we look at 2520. Half of 2520 is 1260. In **Revelation 12:6** the woman flees into the wilderness for 1260 days. Then in **Revelation 13:5** the 1260 days is equated to 42 months (where each month = 30 days), since both times references are when the enemy has power. And 42 months =  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years, just half of 7-years.

The big question is, "How can this 360-day "ideal" calendar year merge with what we see now in our world?" The first step is to insert a 13th month at the end of a 6-year period. We remember that the 13th sphere represents the center for the other 12 spheres, and therefore represents the Messiah. Let's see what happens when we merge this pattern of the 12 months/year with a 7-year period, inserting the critical 13th month.



Insert 13th Month

Let's do the math. The 6 years x 360 days/year = 2160 days, plus add 30 days to account for adding the 13th month, to get 2190 days. Now we divide the 2190 days by 6 years to get the average days/year as 365 days. Wow! We're within 1-day of harmony with the current solar year of 365.24 days/year! We're in enough harmony to join the 7th year, Him, our Sabbath year of rest. It is the 13th (representing Messiah) that brings us into the 7th year, into Him. He makes the marriage possible. We need His help. We fall short without Him.

What we've seen so far is just the first phase of the marriage of the sun & the moon. The truth of merging the 7 with the 12 is like a "wheel within a wheel." The foundation is now laid. With the basics in place, we can unfold the rest of the story to get an even bigger picture of how the marriage is made perfect. We've just begun our journey. The best is yet to come!

To be continued...

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