

## HIS MAJESTY REQUESTS

AN INVITATION TO THE ROYAL WEDDING OF THE LAMB

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A prolific, award-winning writer of both inspirational and instructional books, Rebecca has authored or co-authored over 15 titles, including *Through the Night With God*, *The Christian Kids Gardening Guide*, *Loving Others Devotionals*, and *The Official Christian Babysitting Guide*. She is also a freelance photographer with work appearing in many national magazines. It's Rebecca's grit determination that makes her inspirational writings draw such a mass market appeal. As a contributor to several books series, two have sold over one million copies each.

In addition to her writing skills, Rebecca is an actor, homeschool mother of four, board member of the National Writer's Association, and participant in several outreach ministries. Rebecca lives by the beach in South Florida with her husband, Mark and four children.

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The vibrant symbolism behind ancient Hebrew wedding customs revealed within these pages creates a depth of awe at the Master's love for his bride. Learn the significance of customs such as:

- Drinking of wine in the marriage proposal
- The bridegroom's statement "I go to prepare a place for you"
- The Mikvah
- Lifting the veil
- Wearing a tiara
- The white bridal gown
- The breaking of the glass
- and much more

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Each chapter reveals a portion of the Jewish wedding ceremony and demonstrates how Yeshua fulfilled each of these toward his bride, the church. Your heart will be drawn into a deeper love relationship with Him as you realize the tenderness with which He woos you as His bride.

Not a dry discussion of tradition, the author creates a sense of wonder by vividly painting the actions and dialogue of a true Jewish wedding, spanning the months and events between the betrothal and the marriage. A scriptural parallel is then drawn, showing the Old and New Testament significance of each event, and how the Messiah indeed yearns for the day of His marriage to His beautiful bride.

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1. How does this book, *His Majesty Requests*, prepare the bride for the wedding to the Lamb of God?
2. We frequently hear people refer to the “church” as the Bride of Christ. Is that who the Messiah’s bride really is?
3. Anyone who has seen “Fiddler on the Roof” remembers the Shadkhan try to make a match for Tevye’s daughters. How does the idea of a matchmaker relate to Scripture?
4. How does God’s ancient standard of righteousness and respect for human choice contrast the practices of pagans?
5. You stated in your book that in ancient Israel, the prospective bridegroom “pops the question” by pouring a cup of wine for his beloved, then anxiously awaits her response to his proposal. How did the Messiah fulfill this tradition with His bride?
6. Even with Yeshua’s final and dying words, he sealed the marriage covenant to his beloved with his blood. How?
7. In a traditional betrothal, the engaged couple enters into a covenant with the signing of the Ketubah. For our viewers (or listeners) who may not know, what exactly is a Ketubah? Do believers have one with their Heavenly Bridegroom?
8. In Biblical times you said one of the witnesses or a rabbi made a kinyan with the bridegroom demonstrating it is a legal transaction. Is that what the kinsman was doing when he handed Boaz his shoe? How is this being fulfilled today?
9. Who is the most beautiful bride in the Bible?
10. Jewish wedding ceremonies today still include the tradition of breaking a glass. What is this symbolic of?
11. How was Yeshua like an Israeli bridegroom when he comforted his disciples by saying, “Let not your heart be troubled . . . In My Father’s house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you?”
12. The Mikvah is one of the most beautiful traditions New Testament believers inherited as the bride preparing for her groom. Can you describe this for our viewers (or listeners)?

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13. Tell us about the wedding vows spoken by the bridegroom at the ancient betrothal ceremony that New Testament believers may recognize.
14. What does the lady who lost one of ten coins in the parable of the lost coin have to do with the Bride of the Messiah?
15. Most couples today give a ring, symbolizing their commitment to one another. Does the Bible mention anything about using a ring?
16. In preparation for a future wedding you talked about the common practice of ritual baths in the Middle East, followed by the anointing with oil. What is the spiritual significance of taking baths and beauty treatments?
17. One of the longest-standing bridal traditions is the bride's headdress or Tiara. Is this an ancient Hebrew tradition as well?
18. The Scriptures tell us, "Kowing this first: That scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming?'" This is certainly happening today. How should a believer respond?
19. The words "You may kiss . . ." spoken at the end of most marriage ceremonies, seals the couple's hopes and dreams of a bright and happy future. How does this relate to the bride and our Heavenly Bridegroom, Yeshua?
20. You said in your book that many followers have entered in through the door of salvation and are part of the body of Christ, but have turned away from the Holy Spirit's invitation to enter into a deeper intimacy with the Messiah. Are you saying that not everyone who is saved will be a part of the bride?
21. Describe how an Israeli bridegroom returned for his bride in Biblical times.
22. In the parable of the ten virgins, the term "bride" is not mentioned, but all of the virgins who are "called" and "invited" to the wedding could qualify to be a bride. How does this parable relate to believers today?
23. Why does the groom go up to the bride and lift her veil, then lower it over her face?
24. Describe for our viewers (or listeners) what a typical ancient wedding feast was like and what we have to look forward to at the marriage to the Lamb of God?

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For those who feel something is lacking in your Christian experience as compared to the first church—you're right! The early church had greater miracles, greater anointing, and greater intimacy with God.

Why don't we see more power today? One problem is our understanding of the Scriptures. For example, all the books of the New Covenant were written in a Jewish culture and virtually all the authors were Jewish.

In many cases the fullest meaning of a passage of the New Covenant is only apparent in its cultural context. These deeper meanings were obvious to the first church. To make matters more complicated, what we call Jewish culture today is not the same as in the time of Yeshua. Judaism has been hijacked and transformed over the centuries by rabbis who do not believe in Jesus.

Understanding the Jewish context of the Scriptures is a key stepping stone for us to become what Paul calls, the "glorious church." We know that the latter house (church and individual believer) will have even greater glory than the former.

My heart's desire is to be surrounded with God's glory twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. I am desperate for greater intimacy with Him. Rebecca Totilo's book, *His Majesty Requests*, unfolds the hidden Jewish culture of Yeshua's day to understand His Majesty's instructions and experience His glory.

Yeshua is passionately in love with His Bride. This book is the John-the-Baptist preparation for the greatest Jewish Wedding in history—The Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Get ready. You have an engraved invitation. Don't miss the directions and go to the wrong address.

—Sid Roth, President  
Messianic Vision

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Everybody loves a wedding. Kings, Queens, and yes, even paupers do. However some are more spectacular or memorable than others. Probably the most spectacular and memorable thus far was that of England's Prince Charles and Princess Diana. However their wedding no where compares with the one described in Rebecca Totilo's latest literary effort in *His Majesty Requests*.

Using the example of the Jewish wedding ceremony, Rebecca Totilo dramatizes the marriage between the Messiah and His Bride. *His Majesty Requests* is a delightful and unusual presentation of the ultimate wedding ceremony soon to take place between the Messiah and His Bride.

You will be fascinated from beginning to end.

—John Stembridge

Former Mayor of North Miami

Author of *The Shema, the Cornerstone of Judaism and Christianity*

Owner of Stembridge Fine Furniture in North Miami, Fl.

It was fun to read and dream of our marriage with our Lord.

—Sandra Levitt, wife of Zola Levitt

Zola Levitt Ministries International

There has been a resurgence of interest in the Church as the Bride, and I do think that is a message that God is speaking to His people at this particular time. I found *His Majesty Requests* full of rich imagery and obviously well-researched. The whole look of the book is beautiful, and your writing is full of beautiful words, phrases, and images. May the book accomplish the purpose for which the Lord had you write it! If only all of us as Christians could embrace our "royalty" in Christ!

Jennie Bishop, author of *The Princess and the Kiss*

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# PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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#### **Writing Credits:**

*Through The Night With God* 100,000 copies sold.

Part of the "Quiet Moments With God Devotional Series," that has sold over 1,000,000 copies.

Contributing writer of the "Stories Series" that has sold over 5,000,000 copies.

*Stories for the Teen's Heart 2* 38,000 copies sold

*Loving Others Do-Votionals* 10,000 copies sold

*The Official Christian Babysitting Guide* 12,000 copies sold

*The Christian Kids' Gardening Guide* NEW RELEASE

#### **Awards:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Fiction Writing Award, National Writer's Association SFC, 2002

Angel Award, Trumpeter Magazine, 1997

Persistence Award, America Christian Writer's Group, South Florida, 1997

#### **Public Appearances:**

"Out of Time" Feature Motion Picture Starring Denzel Washington, MGM, 2002

General Motors Pontiac Vibe Commercial, Worldwide Productions, 2002

New Creation Television Talk Show, SKY ANGEL Network & Channel 63, Orlando, FL

1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church of Homestead, Homestead, FL 2002 (Workshop)

Interview, Trinity Broadcasting Network, Pembroke Park, FL 2001 (aud. 1.5 million)

Interview, WMCU - Radio, Miami, FL 2001 (aud. 125,000+)

Workshop Instructor: Book Publishing; Creative Writing; Successful Babysitting

Interviews, WLRN - TV, Miami, FL, July & August 2000 (aud. 350,000+)

Guest M.C., WDBJ - TV, Ashland, VA Christmas Parade (aud. 1,000,000+)

Radio Host, Daily Broadcast, "Running to Win", 1988 - 1989

Guest Host, Weekly Broadcast, "Island Reflections", 1984

#### **Community Service and Ministry:**

National Writer's Association Board Member and Mentor 1996-2002

Women of the Motion Picture Industry Board Member and Mentor 2002

Parents and Teachers Homeschool Association Mentor 1996-2000

The Trumpeter Magazine Freelance Writer 1996-1997

Missionary, Youth With A Mission, 1982 - 1995

Outreach Leader, YWAM's King's Kids, 1993 - 1995

Youth Center Administrator, Teen Challenge, 1983

Counselor, Crisis Pregnancy, 1983 - 1984

Counselor, The 700 Club, 1982

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