

Lesson 15d: The Death of the Husband

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Israel was bound to God, her Husband, by His Law. In the wilderness, at the mountain of God, she had made a vow to obey Him. With His own finger, God wrote His Law and Commandments on stone (review BLT Level 1, Lesson 5: Why should we keep the commandments of Jesus?) and gave it to the children of Israel as a Testimony of His covenant to them.

Exo 24:12

Exo 31:18

Psa 78:5-7

Num 30:13 (KJV)

Life could not be produced through this union, though. Israel could not touch God and because of her sin, she would eventually die. God loved His wife and didn't want her to die. He wanted her to be free from sin so that she could live forever with Him. He also wanted to have godly offspring from His union with her. So, to set her free from the Law that could only produce death, God came down to Earth in the body (flesh) of Jesus.

1Co 7:39

Rom 7:2-4 (MSG)

Mal 2:15 (ESV)

In order to release His wife from this union of stone, God had to come in living human form (bodily) in order to die. Jesus is God's living Testimony! (Review BLT Level 1, Lesson 4: How does Jesus fit into the picture if there is only one God? and Lesson 7: God's solution to restore relationship – Jesus!)

Isa 8:13-16 (KJV)

Heb 10:1-17 (MKJV)

Rom 6:3-11

1Co 1:4-6

So, the first covenant marriage with the children of Israel was just a "shadow" or outline of the true, living, and perfect covenant marriage that would come through Jesus. It was God's will all along that Jesus would come to be the final sacrifice and offering for

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sin. God always reveals His plan to His people before He accomplishes it (see Amo 3:7). God's marriage to the children of Israel was His "blueprints" and example to show us how He wanted us to be married to Jesus and what would be desired and required in His bride.

Gal 3:21-29 (CEV)

His death made the way for the second covenant marriage to be established and it also gave new life to His wife, Israel. Just like Eve was formed from the body of Adam, the Church was formed from the body of Jesus (see United as one with Him). The Church is Israel reborn and now is made up of all believers who have faith in Jesus Christ. The Church is now a member of Abraham's family through Christ.

God has always showed us examples of His transforming power to form life from death, even in the creation of the Earth. God took what He first created, which was the Earth without form and covered with darkness, and then He **commanded** light to shine in the darkness and then gave form to the Earth (see Gen 1:1-10 and Isa 45:7). From the death of Jesus in the darkness of sin, the Church was formed. She was given the light and life of Jesus and was commanded to shine His light in this world.

Joh 8:12 (LITV)

Joh 11:25-26 (ESV)