

The Parable of the Wedding Feast Matthew 22:1-14
Jesus challenges the Jewish authorities and the church's presumption

I. **Introduction:** Our wedding guests

The marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9)

Review of the context: *Jesus is answering the Jewish leaders' objections to his actions in three parables*

II. **The failure and ultimate judgment of Israel's leadership (22:1-7)**

The gracious, repeated invitation of the king (1-4)

The indifferent rejection of the invitation of some (5)

The hostile and violent rejection of some – a picture of the Jewish leaders (6)

The judgment on the “unworthy,” who reject the invitation (7)

III. **Invitations go to the rest of world (22:8-10)**

“Great transfer” – the invitation goes out to the *main roads* (the nations)

Romans 11:11-20

IV. **The final judgment of the visible church (22:11-14)**

Who are these undressed wedding guests?

What is it about their clothes that is noticeably missing?

Revelation 19:8

The judgment of the church and the doctrine of “perseverance of the saints”

Many are called, but few are chosen – which are you?

2 Peter 1:3-11