

READIED, READILY, READINESS, READY

When the three men (two of whom were angels) told Abraham to prepare them a meal, he told Sarah to quickly get it **ready**.

- **Genesis 18:5-6:** "And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth."

When Pharaoh heard that the Israelites had left Egypt, he made his chariot **ready** (so he and his army could chase after them).

- **Exodus 14:5-6:** "And it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him:"

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to be **ready** on the third day (because He was going to come down and speak to them).

- **Exodus 19:11:** "And be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai."

When Moses went down from the mountain, he told the Israelites to be **ready** to approach God on the third day.

- **Exodus 19:15:** "And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not at your wives."

God told Moses to be **ready** in the morning to come up to mount Sinai (so He could give him a new set of stone tablets to replace the one he broke).

- **Exodus 34:1-2:** "And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon these tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount."

God told Moses to tell the Israelites to sanctify themselves and be **ready** for the following day (because He was going to give them meat to eat).

- **Numbers 11:18:** "And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat."

God commanded Joshua to tell the Israelites to sanctify themselves so they would be **ready** the following day (to get rid of Achan, who caused God to curse them).

- **Joshua 7:13, 15:** "Up, sanctify the people, and say,

Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you. ... And it shall be, that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel."

Joshua commanded the ambush party to be **ready** (to destroy the city of Ai).

- **Joshua 8:3-4**: "So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valour, and sent them away by night. And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, even behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:"

When David told his servants to flee from Jerusalem (to escape from Absalom), they told him they were **ready** to do whatever he decided.

- **2 Samuel 15:14-15**: "And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint."

After the pot of pottage was **ready**, it was poured out for the

men to eat. (However, since it had been poisoned they couldn't eat it.)

- **2 Kings 4:39-40:** "And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them not. So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O thou man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof."

When the watchman at Jezreel said the person was driving like Jehu, Joram said to make his chariot **ready** (so he could go out to him).

- **2 Kings 9:20-21:** "And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously. And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite."

When Hezekiah sent people to Isaiah, they said the children were **ready** to be born but there was no strength to give birth. (This seems to mean the Jews wanted to be saved, but there was no strength to save them.)

- **2 Kings 19:3:** "And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth."

- **Isaiah 37:3:** "And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth."

When David was at Hebron, people came him who were **ready** and armed for war (to give him control over the kingdom).

- **1 Chronicles 12:23-24:** "And these are the numbers of the bands that were ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war."

The men who Jehozabad commanded from the tribe of Benjamin were described as being **ready** and prepared for war.

- **2 Chronicles 17:18:** "And next him was Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war."

The enemies of the Jews (who were trying to prevent them from rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem) learned that their surprise attack wasn't going to be a surprise, and the Jews had armed themselves and were **ready** for their attack.

- **Nehemiah 4:15:** "And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work."

Nehemiah's servants were armed and **ready** for war.

- **Nehemiah 4:16:** "And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah."

The Jews who worked on rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem were armed and **ready** for battle. They were ready to fight should the adversaries of the Jews attack.

- **Nehemiah 4:17:** "They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon."

God is **ready** to pardon our sins.

- **Nehemiah 9:17:** "And refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not."

Haman's commandment to kill the Jews went out to every province, so people would be **ready** to kill all of them on the 13th day of the 12th month.

- **Esther 3:13-14:** "And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the

twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day."

Eliphaz compared the trouble that was going to prevail against the wicked to a king that was **ready** for battle.

- **Job 15:24:** "Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid; they shall prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle."

Job said the grave was **ready** for him. (It seems he thought he was dying.)

- **Job 17:1:** "My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct, the graves are ready for me."

Job said that in the past, he delivered those who were **ready** to perish.

- **Job 29:13:** "The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy."

Elihu compared his belly to wine that didn't have a vent and was **ready** to explode. (In other words, he felt compelled to speak.)

- **Job 32:19:** "Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent; it is ready to burst like new bottles."

God isn't unaware of the wickedness of the wicked. He's very angry with them and is **ready** to judge them for what they've done.

- **Psalm 7:12-13:** "If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors."

The wicked have made their arrows **ready** against the righteous.

- **Psalm 11:2:** "For, lo, the wicked bend their bow, they make ready their arrow upon the string, that they may privily shoot at the upright in heart."

One day God will make His arrows **ready** against the wicked.

- **Psalm 21:11-12:** "For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform. Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back, when thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings against the face of them."

Our sin can make us **ready** to stop and give up.

- **Psalm 38:17-18:** "For I am ready to halt, and my sorrow is continually before me. For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin."

The psalmist compared his tongue to the pen of a **ready**

writer. (In other words, he was eager to speak.)

- **Psalm 45:1:** "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer."

God is **ready** to forgive.

- **Psalm 86:5:** "For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."

Heman said he had been **ready** to die from his youth. (It seems he had been greatly afflicted for a long time.)

- **Psalm 88:15:** "I am afflicted and ready to die from my youth up: while I suffer thy terrors I am distracted."

God doesn't make all truths easy to find and **readily** accessible. Instead He hides some things so we have to work to uncover them.

- **Proverbs 25:2:** "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter."

When you enter into the house of the Lord, you must be **ready** to listen instead of to give offerings.

- **Ecclesiastes 5:1:** "Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil."

In ancient times, a trumpet was sounded to get people **ready** to go to battle.

- **Ezekiel 7:14:** "They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof."

God said that the sword had been made **ready**. (This seems to be a reference to coming judgment.)

- **Ezekiel 21:9:** "Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD; Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished:"
- **Ezekiel 21:11:** "And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled: this sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer."
- **Ezekiel 21:15:** "I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may faint, and their ruins be multiplied: ah! it is made bright, it is wrapped up for the slaughter."

Since God's sword was **ready** to go out to battle, it wasn't time for the Jews to engage in mirth. This was the time for them to mourn and repent, not a time to rejoice.

- **Ezekiel 21:10:** "It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter; it is furbished that it may glitter: should we then make mirth? it contemneth the rod of my son, as every tree."

God said that the king of Babylon made his arrows **ready** for battle. (In other words, God's judgment was coming.)

- **Ezekiel 21:21:** "For the king of Babylon stood at the

parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver."

God said that the sword was **ready** to consume the Ammonites.

- **Ezekiel 21:28:** "And thou, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach; even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn: for the slaughter it is furbished, to consume because of the glittering:"

God compared the house of Judah to a quality horse that was **ready** for battle.

- **Zechariah 10:3:** "Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle."

In the parable of the king who made a marriage for his son, the king told his servants that the wedding of his son was **ready**. (However, the guests who he had invited refused to come.)

- **Matthew 22:8:** "Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy."

It's important to be **ready** when Jesus returns.

- **Matthew 24:44:** "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such

an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

The reason we must be **ready** for the return of Jesus is because we don't know what hour He is going to return.

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In the parable of the ten virgins, the people who went in with the bridegroom to the marriage were those who were **ready** when he returned.

- **Matthew 25:10:** "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

Mark 2 took place at a time of year when there was corn in the field, which was **ready** to be harvested and eaten.

- **Mark 2:23:** "And it came to pass, that he went through the corn fields on the sabbath day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn."

The harvest comes as soon as the fruit is **ready**.

- **Mark 4:29:** "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

When Jesus returns, we must be **ready** to receive Him.

- **Mark 13:35-36:** "Watch ye therefore: for ye know not

when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."

When Jesus returns, He doesn't want to catch us sleeping. He doesn't want His return to catch us by surprise, and find that we weren't **ready** for His return.

- **Mark 13:36:** "Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping."

Jesus commanded His disciples to make **ready** to celebrate the Passover in the large upper room that had already been furnished and prepared.

- **Mark 14:15:** "And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us."

The disciples of Jesus made things **ready** to celebrate the Passover in the upper room, exactly as Jesus had said.

- **Mark 14:16:** "And his disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover."

Jesus said that the spirit of His disciples was **ready**, but the flesh was weak (which was why they couldn't remain awake long enough to pray with Him).

- **Mark 14:38:** "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak."

Those who were baptized by John the Baptist were **ready** to hear and accept what Jesus had to say.

- **Luke 7:29:** "And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John."

Jesus used messengers to prepare villages for His arrival, so they would be **ready** to receive Him when He arrived.

- **Luke 9:52:** "And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him."

A body that doesn't contain a spirit is compared to an empty house that's **ready** for a spirit to move in. (That's one of the reasons why it's so important for us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. That prevents us from ever becoming demon possessed.)

- **Luke 11:24-26:** "When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first."

We must be **ready** to serve the Lord at a moment's notice.

- **Luke 12:35-36:** "Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that

when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

Jesus doesn't want His return to catch us by surprise. Instead He wants to find us watching for Him and **ready** for His return.

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We must be **ready** for the return of Jesus.

- **Matthew 24:44:** "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."
- **Luke 12:37:** "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."
- **Luke 12:40:** "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

The servants of God who are found watching for the return of Jesus when He comes, and who are **ready** when He appears, will be greatly blessed.

- **Luke 12:37:** "Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

If Jesus returns very late, we must still be watching and **ready**.

- **Luke 12:38:** "And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants."

If Jesus returns very late and still finds us watching for His return and **ready** for it, then He will greatly bless us.

- **Luke 12:38:** "And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants."

The reason we must be **ready** and watching for the return of Jesus is because He will return at an unexpected hour. Therefore we must be ready and watching at all times.

- **Luke 12:40:** "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

In the kingdom of God, He will give positions of authority to those who were watching for the return of Jesus and who were **ready** when He returned.

- **Luke 12:42-44:** "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath."

If we're watching and **ready** for the return of Jesus when He comes, our job in the coming kingdom will be to rule over His

household and give food to people in due season.

- **Luke 12:42:** "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

Those who are watching for Jesus to return, and are **ready** when He comes, will be considered by God to be faithful and wise.

- **Luke 12:42:** "And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

There are consequences for failing to watch for the return of Jesus, and for not being **ready** when He comes.

- **Luke 12:47:** "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

In the parable of the dinner invitation, the meal was made **ready** at supper time. (That's why he sent out the invitation for people to come to the meal.)

- **Luke 14:17:** "And sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready."

Jesus commanded His disciples to look around and see that there were a great many souls **ready** to be harvested. (In

other words, Jesus came when the harvest had already been prepared and was ready.)

- **John 4:35:** "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Jesus told His brothers that their time was always **ready**. (This is because they were of the world.)

- **John 7:6:** "Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready."

The centurion Cornelius told Peter that he and his family was **ready** to hear all the things that God had commanded.

- **Acts 10:33:** "Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."

Paul said he was **ready** to die in Jerusalem. (The problem was God didn't want him to go to Jerusalem at all, and yet Paul went anyway.)

- **Acts 21:13:** "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

Paul's nephew told the chief captain that more than 40 people were **ready** to attack Paul when the chief captain brought him

down to the council tomorrow.

- **Acts 23:21:** "But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee."

The chief captain told two centurions to get their soldiers, horsemen, and spearmen **ready** to go in the third hour of the night, to escort Paul safely. (This would have been around nine PM.)

- **Acts 23:23-24:** "And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Caesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; And provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor."

Paul was **ready** to preach the gospel to those who were in Rome.

- **Romans 1:15:** "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also."

Churches should have a mind that's **ready** to hear and believe the truths of the Scriptures.

- **2 Corinthians 8:19:** "And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind:"

Paul wanted the Corinthian church to be **ready** to give to those who were in need, so that when the chance came up they could immediately give to those needs. (He didn't want the church to be caught unprepared.)

- **2 Corinthians 9:3-4:** "Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting."

Paul didn't want an offering to be collected while he was present with the Corinthian church. He believed it was better for it to be **ready** when he arrived.

- **2 Corinthians 9:5:** "Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness."

Christians must have answers **ready** for those who ask. We're not at liberty to ignore questions.

- **Colossians 4:6:** "Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

Christians must be **ready** to give to those who are in need.

- **1 Timothy 6:18:** "That they do good, that they be rich in

good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;"

Those who walk in God's ways must be **ready** to perform every good work. (In other words, they need to be prepared.)

- **2 Timothy 2:21:** "If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

God's servants must not strive against other people. Instead we should be people of peace, not people who are hostile and **ready** to get into fights.

- **2 Timothy 2:24:** "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,"

Paul was **ready** to lay down his life for the sake of Jesus and the gospel. (He knew he was about to be martyred.)

- **2 Timothy 4:6:** "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand."

Christians must be **ready** to do every good work.

- **Titus 3:1:** "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,"

Paul expected Philemon to want to see him, and to have a place **ready** for him if he ever came to visit him.

- **Philemon 1:22:** "But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you."

When God spoke of a new covenant (the covenant of grace), that meant the first covenant (the covenant of works) was old and **ready** to vanish away.

- **Hebrews 8:13:** "In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."

We must be **ready** to give an answer to all those who ask us questions about the gospel.

- **1 Peter 3:15:** "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"

Elders should have a **ready** and willing mind to take care of the church.

- **1 Peter 5:2:** "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;"

In the sign of the woman (the only "great wonder" found in the entire Bible), the heavenly constellation (which consisted of twelve stars) was said to be **ready** and in pain to be delivered. That means when the sign comes to pass, something had been inside the constellation Virgo for nine

months and was about to exit. Since stars can't move in relation to one another, this must be referring to a "wandering star" (such a planet) that had been inside the constellation for nine months.

- **Revelation 12:1-2:** "And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered."

An angel told Jesus to use His sickle to reap, because the time of reaping had come and the harvest on the earth was **ready**. (This will take place during the end-times tribulation.)

- **Revelation 14:15:** "And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe."

Before the tribulation harvest is **ready** and the reaping happens, God will send *three* angels to preach the everlasting gospel, to warn of the fall of Babylon, and to warn people not to take the mark of the beast. The reaping happens *after* the whole world has been reached with the gospel and warned not to worship the antichrist.

- **Revelation 14:16:** "And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

After Babylon is destroyed (in the tribulation), the wife of the Lamb will finally be **ready** for marriage.

- **Revelation 19:2, 7:** "For true and righteous are his

judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. ... Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

The New Jerusalem is **ready** when God creates the new heaven and the new earth (after the final day of judgment).

- **Revelation 21:10:** "And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,"