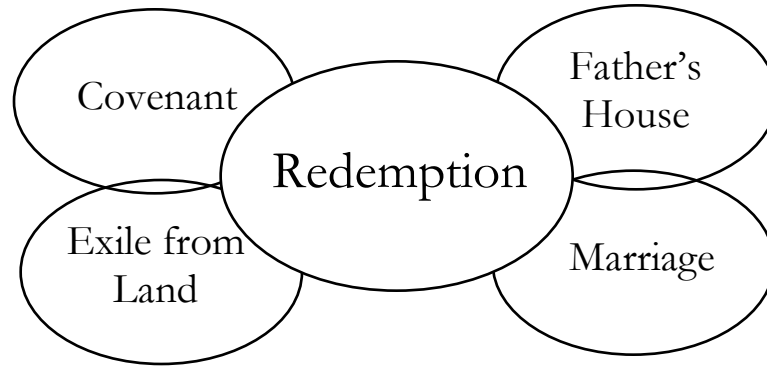


**1. Metaphors that Communicate Redemption:**



- **Redemption** – the presence of God, the place (land), and the people of God (Rev. 21:3).
- **Metaphor** – "The essence of metaphor is understanding and experiencing one kind of thing in terms of another."<sup>1</sup>

**2. Redemption as Marriage:**

- Exodus 6:6-7 – the four expressions of redemption.

I will <b>bring</b> (אצ') you out	- to be moved or "brought out" of a location
I will <b>deliver</b> (rescue) (צל) you	- to rescue, but it doesn't imply an ongoing relationship
I will <b>redeem</b> (גאל) you	- doing the part as a <b>kinsman</b> to redeem from difficulty or distress. Restoring to the rightful place of a <b>household</b> (father's house).
I will <b>take</b> (קח) you as my own	- to "take" as in a <b>marriage</b>

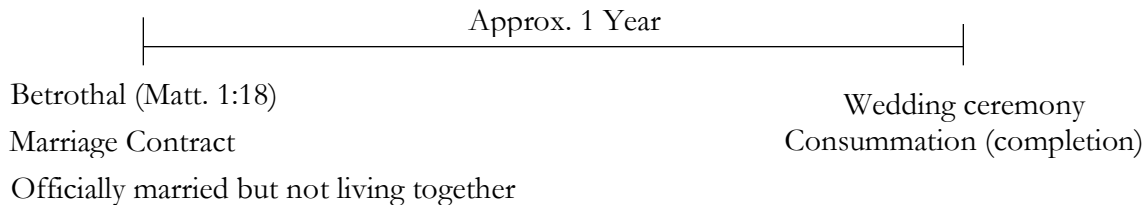
- Four Cups of Wine at a Passover are based on the four expressions of redemption:
  - Cup of Sanctification – bring out
  - Cup of Deliverance – deliver
  - **Cup of Redemption** – redeem (see Luke 22:20 – Jesus uses the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup to establish his covenant as the kinsman-redeemer.
  - Cup of Restoration (Consummation) – take you as my own.

**3. Biblical Examples:**

- Ezekiel 16 – see v. 8.
- Hosea 1:2 – "go take in marriage (קח) a promiscuous woman."
- Isaiah 54:5 (NIV) – "for your Maker is your husband."
- Jeremiah 2:2 (NIV) – "I remember the devotion of your youth, how as a bride you loved me."

<sup>1</sup> Lakoff, George and Johnson, Mark, 1980. *Metaphors We Live By*. Chicago, Ill: University of Chicago Press, (p. 5).

#### 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Century Marriage in Two Parts -



#### 5. Confirm Your Oath to the Marriage Contract:

- Female is not obligated – she may choose freely (Gen. 24:57-59)
- Affirm your oath to the marriage contract through a shared cup of wine.
- Accepting the cup of wine signifies "I do," and you are not to violate the marriage contract.<sup>2</sup>

#### 6. Engagement Period:

- The bridegroom prepares a room in the Father's house during the engagement period.

#### 7. New Testament Message of Redemption through a Marriage Metaphor:

- **Matt. 26:28** – "my blood of the covenant."
- **Luke 22:20** – Jesus comments at the 3<sup>rd</sup> cup – after the meal.
  - This is the Cup of Redemption.
- Sharing a cup of wine also represents a betrothal ceremony!

#### 8. Symbolism of the Eucharist:

- Each time we drink the wine, we are reenacting two symbols:
  - Covenant Ratification Ceremony – to affirm our commitment to the covenant.
  - We say "I do" to our bridegroom. We reaffirm our wedding vows.

#### 9. Symbols of Redemption:

- **John 14:1-3** – we wait as our bridegroom prepares a room for us in the Father's house.
- **John 14:23** – redemption language of making "our home with them."
- **Revelation 21:9** – Bride of the Lamb.

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<sup>2</sup> See the discovery of 5<sup>th</sup> century BCE papyri from a Jewish community at Elephantine island in Egypt which includes marriage contracts: <http://jewishchristianlit.com/Texts/ANEmrg/marriage01lit.html>