

MARRIAGE CHALLENGES IN THE SLAVIC WORLD

Marriage is:

God's	Not:
Sovereignly	Not:
An Unbroken	Not:

Marriage Is God's Idea:

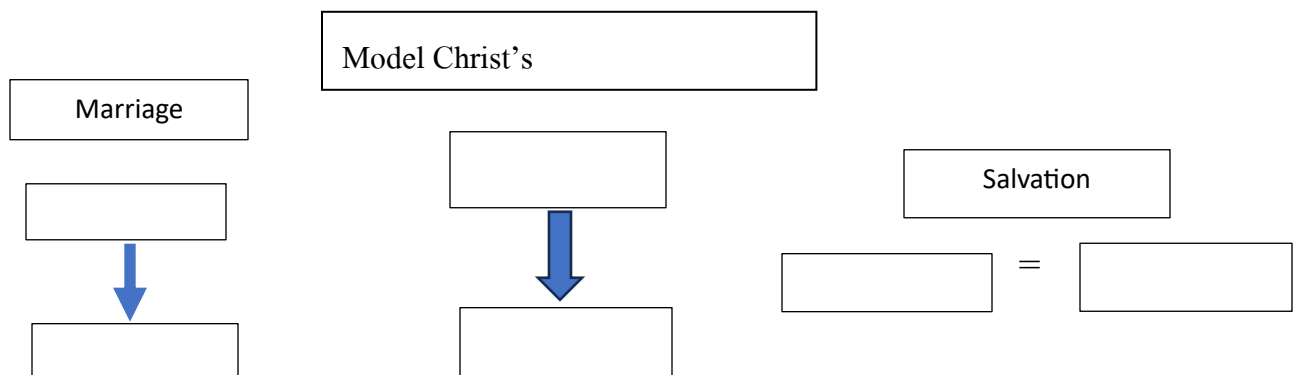
God's General Design: Genesis 1

Genesis 1:1-23	
Genesis 1:24-27	

God's Specific Design: Genesis 2

Genesis 2:4	God
Genesis 2:5, 6	No man to
Genesis 2:7	God creates a man
Genesis 2:15	God puts the man
Genesis 2:16, 17	God gives a rule
Genesis 2:18	God pronounces
Genesis 2:19, 20	God shows
Genesis 2:22	God solves
Genesis 2:23	Man recognizes
Genesis 2:24	God defines

What A *CHRISTIAN* Marriage Should Do:



How Marriages Were Divinely Arranged in Genesis

	Arranger	Selector	Process
Genesis 24			
Genesis 28			
Genesis 26			
Judges 14			

How do you know that your marriage was sovereignly arranged?

The First Ceremony – Genesis 2:24

God's _____ ; Man's _____

Semitic ceremony:

Betrothal/Engagement –

- *Considered marriage* (Gen 29:21; Deut 22:23, 24; Matt 1:18, 20 [μνηστεύω – *promised/committed to marriage*]) [NBD, 743]
- Mohar [מֹהָר] – bridal compensation (*for lost labor & to provide for widowhood/divorce*) [ZPE, 4:96]

Ceremony

- Procession
- Marriage Feast
- **Covenant of Faithfulness** [*contract drawn by father of the bride ... Pro 2:17; Ezk 16:8; Mal 2:14*]
- Blessing Gen 24:60; Ruth 4:11
- Bridechamber/Huppa Psa 19:5; Joel 2:16; Mark 2:19
- Proof of Virginity Deut 22:13-21
- Festivities Gen 29:27 Psa 45; 78:63

PRINCIPLE	SCRIPTURE	SLAVIC CULTURE
Divine Origin	Genesis 2:23, 24	
Designed For Permanence	Matthew 19:4-6	
Male Leadership	Genesis 2:7, 18, 22	
Complementarian	Genesis 2:20-23	
Leave/Cleave	Genesis 2:24	
God Centered	1 Corinthians 10:31 Colossians 3:1-4	