

## Study 10 Revelation 19-20

# A Bride **fit for a King**



Elegant, poised and relaxed, Tasmanian Mary Donaldson is fulfilling every school-girl's dream - she's marrying a prince! Mary will be the wife of Frederik, Crown Prince of Denmark. Newspapers around the world have tried to dig up some dirt as they've investigated Mary's Tasmanian upbringing... but apparently, there's no dirt to be found. While she's spent the last few months learning Royal protocol, it seems she has taken to her new role with natural flair. She really is a bride fit for a king.

### **Meet the Bride**

Read Revelation 19:1-10... a tale of two very different women.

a) What points of contrast are there between the woman in verse 2 and the woman in verses 7 and 8?

b) What is the future of the first woman?

If she is "Jerusalem" (as discussed last time) what does this imply?

c) Who is this bride? (What can you deduce about her identity from verse 8?)

From the angel's words in verse 10, what extra description do we get of these people? (Assume they are among the "brothers" described)

Looking ahead to 21:1, how is the bride FURTHER described?

### **The New People of God!**

Can you see what's happening? The old Jerusalem thought she was destined to be "the Messiah's bride." But she was unfaithful. And her destruction is celebrated as a mark of God's justice and truth. Now, the bride of Christ is the new Jerusalem - those who have held to the testimony about Jesus against all the odds. But there are some loose ends to tie up before the wedding can proceed.

