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This document is not exhaustive but reflects the majority of The Harvest's requirements in order to be married.

Introductory Meeting: As Pastors of The Harvest Ministries, we want you to know that we are very excited that you are considering plans to be married. Over the past couple of decades, many Messianic marriages have suffered great stress and turmoil, or have even terminated in divorce. We believe that much of this has been due to lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6) and inadequate spiritual and emotional preparation. As a result, we at Harvest have designed a course of premarital preparation that we believe will facilitate the establishment of a foundation and relational process that will make for a fulfilled lifelong marriage.

Following Is A List of Prerequisites For Each Couple Intending To Be Married By The Harvest:

I. Prerequisites:

- A. If divorced, must provide a gett (an Ecclesiastical release from the previous marriage).
- B. Must be equally yoked. (2nd Cor. 6:14-18) Each person must affirm that they have placed their faith and trust in Yeshua the Messiah as Lord and truly believes in their heart that God raised Him from the dead (See Rom. 10:9-13). In addition, candidates must each verify that they have been immersed (water baptism, see Acts 2:38ff) in Yeshua the Messiah. This is the foundation on which a truly happy and enduring marriage can be built.

II. Pre-Wedding Process Items: Process related, not time related (generally lasts 3 months to 12 months).

- A. Pre-marital counseling: approximately 12 Regular (weekly) meetings, with a Harvest representative or equivalent, to work through practical, emotional, and spiritual process items. At this time, there are no shortened versions of this process, nor do we offer other forms of premarital counseling. Associated donation fees will be discussed and determined with the couple.
- B. Wedding date will be set upon completion of the premarital counseling process and in consultation with the staff to prevent scheduling conflicts.
- C. You may opt out of the premarital counseling process by agreeing to and signing the waiver found at the end of this document.

III. Wedding Ceremony: Ceremony logistics will be worked through/tailored by input from the bride and bridegroom via a Wedding Coordinator who will work with the Harvest Staff for final approval of needs and requests. Associated donation fees will be discussed and determined with the couple.

IV. Policies

- A. Date of Wedding: Weddings may only be scheduled and conducted from Sundays – through Thursday due to the sanctity of the Sabbath. Therefore, weddings will not be conducted on Fridays or Saturdays. In addition, weddings cannot conflict with national holidays or religious holydays.
- B. Rehearsal/Dinner: Must not fall Shabbat (may occur on Friday evening if it ends one hour before sunset or on a Saturday evening one full hour after sundown).
- C. Messianic Weddings: Non-negotiable items in order to have The Harvest involved in wedding ceremony and planning:
 - 1. Glass-breaking ceremony
 - 2. Liturgy
 - 3. Chuppah
- D. Length of Ceremony: no longer than 60 min. Any other preferences may be allowed as long as they adhere to biblical standards in the opinion of The Harvest Staff.
- E. Wedding site will not be provided. Couple must find site on their own.

- F. Harvest will only facilitate the rehearsal and wedding ceremony.
- G. The couple is responsible for everything outside of the rehearsal and ceremony such as set up, breakdown, reception, etc., etc.
- H. Engaged couple is responsible to secure proper civil marriage documents. You may present them to the officiating Minister to be signed.
- I. Couple is responsible for obtaining a wedding Ketubah and presenting it to the officiating Minister to be signed.

APPLICATION:

Groom (Print Name)

Have you ever been married before? Circle one: Yes NO

Marital Status Please Circle One: Single Widowed Divorced

If Divorced, please provide gett (an Ecclesiastical release from the previous marriage)

Number of Children: ____ In the Home ____ Outside the Home ____

Immersion (baptism) into Yeshua's (or Jesus') name (Yes/No) if yes, Date: _____

Congregation where applicant was immersed: _____

Bride (Print Name)

Have you ever been married before? Circle one: Yes NO

Marital Status Please Circle One: Single Widowed Divorced

If Divorced please provide gett (an Ecclesiastical release from the previous marriage)

Number of Children: ____ In the Home ____ Outside the Home ____

Immersion (baptism) into Yeshua's (or Jesus') name (Yes/No) if yes, Date: _____

Congregation where applicant was immersed: _____

Please Sign the Following Agreement

We understand the heart of this Premarital Planning Document and are in agreement with it. We desire the blessing and involvement of the community in this process and purpose to submit to this process.

We choose to forego the strongly recommended premarital counseling process and agree to accept full responsibility that our decision *may* have on our relationship and/or marriage.

(initials) _____

_____/_____/_____
Date

_____/_____/_____
Date

Groom, Printed Name

Bride, Printed Name

Groom, Signature

Bride, Signature

Groom, Phone #

Bride, Phone #

Groom, Email

Bride, Email

KT Staff Personnel - Printed Name

KT Staff Personnel - Signature