OSTENSIBLE

FIRST CENTURY

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- 01. The selection of the bride
- 02. A bride price was established
- 03. The bride and groom are betrothed to each other
- 04. A written document is drawn up
- 05. The bride must give her consent
- 06. Gifts were given to the bride, and a cup called the cup of the covenant was shared between the bride and the groom
- 07. The bride had a water immersion, which is a ritual of cleansing
- 08. The bridegroom departed, going back to his father's house to prepare the bridal chamber
- 09. The bride was consecrated and set apart for a period of time while the bride-groom was away building the house
- 10. The bridegroom would return with a shout, "Behold, the bridegroom comes" and the sound of the ram's horn would be blown
- 11. He would abduct his bride, usually in the middle of the night, to go to the bridal chamber where the marriage would be consummated. This is the full marriage
- 12. Finally, there would be a marriage supper for all the guests invited by the father of the bride



