

MARRIAGE

Judaism
Practices

Marriage: a legal union between a man and a woman (or in some countries, two people of the same sex) as partners in a relationship.

What happens & why

In the Tanakh it says...

‘That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become **one flesh**’.

‘Behold you are consecrated to me by means of this **ring**, according to the rituals of Moses and Israel.’

The groom says this while placing the ring on his brides finger.

Marrying out, is when someone marries a non-Jew, also called intermarriage.

Most **Orthodox Jews** are against marrying out because a couple may not agree to raise their children in the Jewish tradition.

Most **Conservative Jews** are against marrying out but may accept it if the partner who is not Jewish may convert to Judaism in the future.

Most **Reform Jews** accept marrying out but would prefer that their children be raised in the Jewish tradition.

Rites of passage: Ceremonies that mark important transitional periods in a person's life, including marriage.

Past Exam Questions

2019: Explain two ways in which the marriage ceremony helps Jews to understand marriage. (5)

Possible Questions

Explain two ways Jews are influenced by the customs that take place at the marriage ceremony. (5)

Explain two customs that take place during the marriage ceremony. (5)

‘Marriage is the most important rite of passage.’ (12)

‘Betrothal is the most important part of the marriage ceremony.’ (12)

Rites of passage Influences