

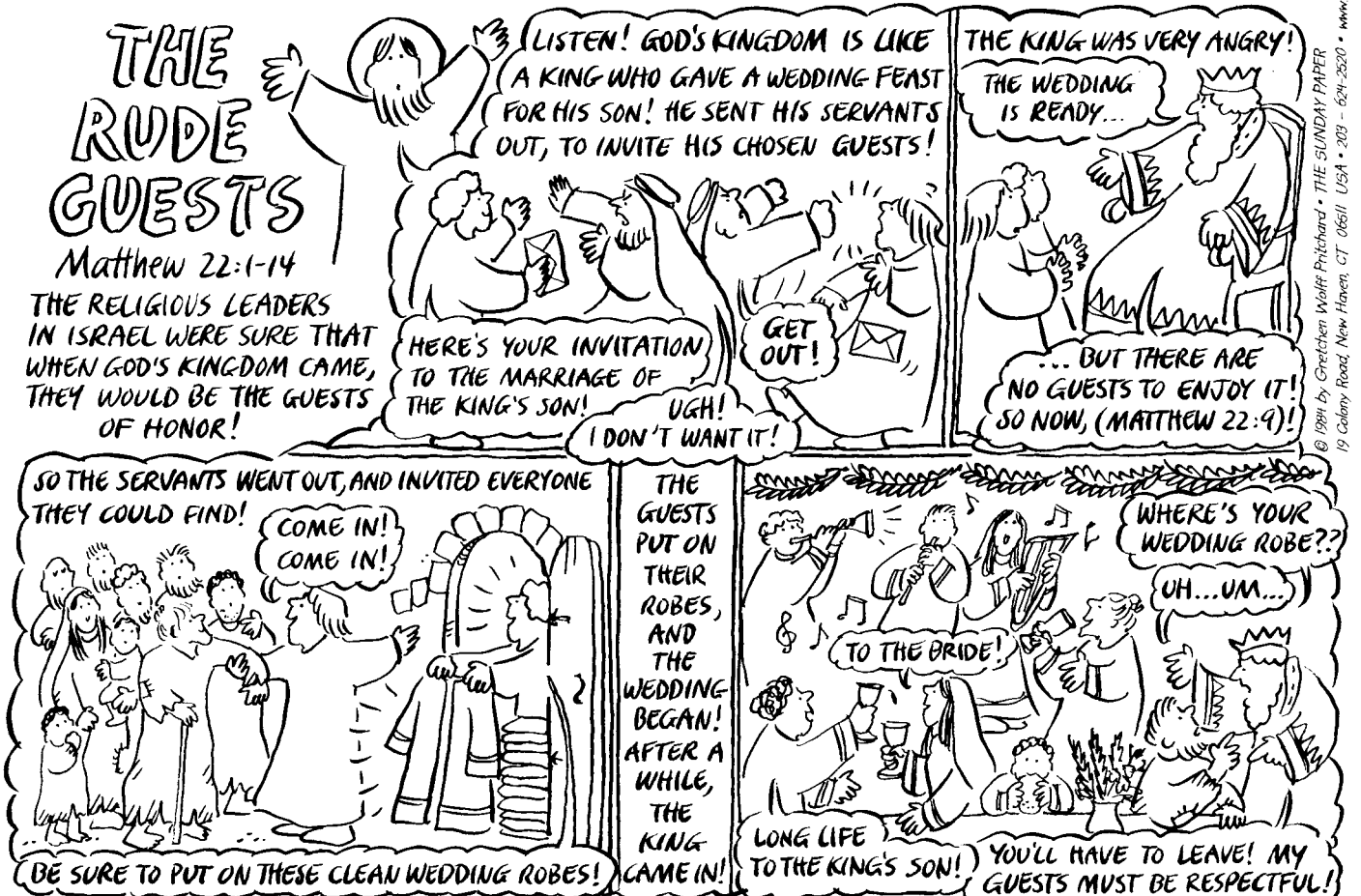
We know that Jesus often used the idea of a field or a vineyard to talk about God's Kingdom. And we know that Jesus didn't make up that idea. He got it from the prophets in the Old Testament. Jesus also got another idea about God's Kingdom from the Old Testament. That is the idea that God's Kingdom is like a FEAST, or a very big, happy party.

Jesus said that God's Kingdom is like a wedding feast, when the groom brings home his bride, and everyone celebrates. But some people just don't want to come to the party!

THE RUDE GUESTS




Matthew 22:1-14

THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS IN ISRAEL WERE SURE THAT WHEN GOD'S KINGDOM CAME, THEY WOULD BE THE GUESTS OF HONOR!



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The Bible says that God is always trying to give us presents and invite us to parties. He wants us to want what he is giving us. He wants us to share in the joy of his Kingdom!

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| <p>EXODUS 32:5 (God's own people worship a golden calf instead of the God who saved and fed them)</p>  | <p>PSALM 106:21 "The people turned away from God their Savior, who did so much for them"</p>  | <p>PHILIPPIANS 4:7 "Always be full of joy in the Lord! And God's peace will be in your hearts"</p>  |
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