



GENERAL CEREMONY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



Type:	CHRISTIAN	FIRST NATIONS	JEWISH	GREEK
Ceremony Length	1 to 3 Hours	1 Hour	20 Min.	3 Hours
Officiant	Priest, Preacher	Shaman	Rabbi	Priest
Formal Attendants	Bride, Groom, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids, Maid of honor, Matron of honor	Bride, Groom, Elders	Bride, Groom	Bride, Groom, Maid of honor, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids
Clothing	Traditionally, white wedding dress for bride; black tux for groom	Deerskin dress for bride; deerskin leggings for groom	Bride: white dress and face veil; groom:	
Unique Etiquette	Crowd stands when Bride enters	Bride & groom wrapped in blue blanket; baskets of corn are exchanged	Bride stands on right side of groom; no standing when bride enters; a wine glass wrapped in a cloth is stomped on by the groom after the vows	No clapping; couple doesn't say vows; rings placed on right hand, not on left hand
Type:	MUSLIM/ISLAM	BUDDHIST/ASIAN	CARRIB./AFRICAN	HINDU
Ceremony Length	3 Days	30 Min.	1-7 Days, Depends on Tradition	Range from 7 Hours to 1 Day
Officiant	Prayer Leader or any man familiar w/Islamic law	Monks	Minister/Priest; traditionally a Shaman	Priest
Formal Attendants	Bride, Groom, immediate family of Bride & Groom, Friends	Bride, Groom, Guests	Bride, Groom, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids	Bride, Groom, Maid of honor, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids
Clothing	Bride: a cherry red shalwar-qameez outfit (a wrap-like garment in two pieces) or traditional white wedding dress; groom: white silk brocade suit with a turban and sword	Handwoven silk garments for bride & groom traditionally; bride: a dress; groom: a suit	Tunics of red, green & black and head wraps	Bride wears red or red & white sari & henna decorations on hands & feet; groom wears long shirt extending to knees & matching leggings
Unique Etiquette	Bride doesn't have to be present when contract is signed; no special religious official is necessary	Guests sit on floor	Depending on tribe, Bride is bathed in butterfat; Groom jumping, which symbolizes the sweeping away of evil; Eyes are kept open during prayers	Guests sit on floor; Guests socialize and eat while ceremony takes place