

# GENERAL CEREMONY QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

Type:	CHRISTIAN	FIRST NATIONS	JEWISH	GREEK
<b>Ceremony Length</b>	1 to 3 Hours	1 Hour	20 Min.	3 Hours
<b>Officiant</b>	Priest, Preacher	Shaman	Rabbi	Priest
<b>Formal Attendants</b>	Bride, Groom, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids, Maid of honor, Matron of honor	Bride, Groom, Elders	Bride, Groom	Bride, Groom, Maid of honor, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids
<b>Clothing</b>	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:	
<b>Unique Etiquette</b>	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
<b>Ceremony Length</b>	3 Days	30 Min.	1-7 Days, Depends on Tradition	Range from 7 Hours to 1 Day
<b>Officiant</b>	Prayer Leader or any man familiar w/Islamic law	Monks	Minister/Priest; traditionally a Shaman	Priest
<b>Formal Attendants</b>	Bride, Groom, immediate family of Bride & Groom, Friends	Bride, Groom, Guests	Bride, Groom, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids	Bride, Groom, Maid of honor, Groomsmen, Bridesmaids
<b>Clothing</b>	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
<b>Unique Etiquette</b>	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