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English: "meeting"

This word is a feminine noun yet the KJ translates it as if it was a verb. Consider the use of this noun in Acts 28:15.

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Mat.25: 1. went forth to meet (lit. the meeting of) the bridegroom.

6. bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

Acts 28: 15. they came to meet us as far as

1 Th. 4:17. to meet the Lord in the air: and

ACTS 28 CT

15 And-thence the brothers having-heard the-things concerning us, they-came-out into a meeting with-us unto Appii Forum and Three Taverns, whom having-seen, the Paul having-given-thanks to-the God he-took confidence. 16 But when we-went-in into Rome, the hundred-ruler gave-over the prisoners to-the camp-commander, but it-was-permitted to-the Paul to-be-remaining according-to himself with the soldier guarding him.

MATTHEW 25 CT

1 Then the kingdom of-the heavens will-be-likened to ten virgins, ones-who having-taken their torches went-out into a meeting-of-the bridegroom. 2 But five out-of them were prudent, and the five stupid. 3 They-who were stupid having-taken the torches of-themselves, took not oil with themselves; 4 But the-ones prudent took oil in their containers with their torches. 5 But as the bridegroom is lingering they all became-drowsy and they-were-sleeping. 6 But of-midst of-night a clamor has-come-to-pass-and-still-is, Behold, the bridegroom is-coming, YOU-be-going-out into a meeting-of-him.

I THESSALONIANS 4 CT

16 Because the Lord himself with stimulating-cry, with voice of-an-archangel and with trumpet of God, will-descend from heaven, and the dead ones in Messiah will-stand-up-again-for-themselves firstly.

17 Thereafter we the ones living namely-the ones being-left-around shall-be-seized-at-the-same-time with them in clouds into air with-reference-to meeting-of-the Lord; and thus we-shall-be always with Jehovah.

Paul was on his way to Rome. "Christians" from Rome went out to a "meeting" with Paul when they heard that he was coming. These formed a sort of welcoming committee.

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The word seems to have been a kind of *l.t.* for the official welcome of a newly arrived dignitary—a usage which accords excellently with its NT usage.

Jesus used this noun twice, in a parable, concerning his return to Israel as her bridegroom. (vs. 1, 6)



Do not make the false assumption that these "virgins" are women. Note "virgins" in Rev. 14: 4 are men, 144,000 standing with the Lamb. See Apologetics 29, "The Clear Appearing of the Glory" and Apologetics 10, "The Bride" (Israel NOT the NT "church"). The final use to consider is in 1 Thes. 4:17 commonly referred to as the "rapture." Note carefully verse 16, the words underlined. The Messiah is returning to Israel, hence the "meeting".

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into the air (belongs to ἀρραπῆσθεβα, not to εἰς ἀπ. τοῦ κυρ. as in E. V.)