

Question 1440) - How is marriage contracted?

A: It is contracted by offer and acceptance, with words in the past tense; or at least one in the past tense and one in the future tense. An example of the first is where the guardian says, "Zawwajtuha lyyaka ?I have married her to you:" and the groom replies, "Qabiltuha -I have accepted her." An example of the second is where the groom says, "Marry her to me:" and the guardian says, "I have given her to you in marriage." Whilst the groom used the command tense it is interpreted as future tense here.

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