



# MATTHEW

THE HEBREW GOSPEL

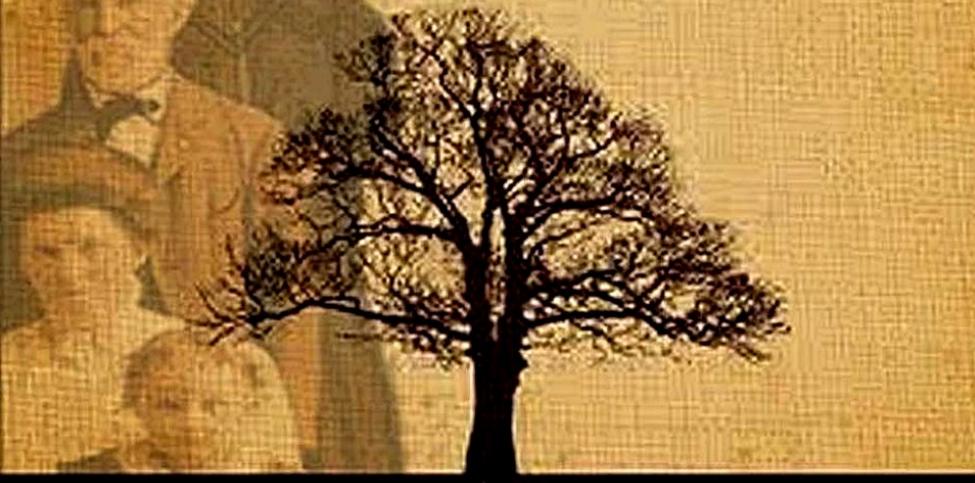
- **Our study worldview:**
- 1) Matthew was a Jewish Believer
- 2) His Gospel written in the mid-60's A.D.
- 3) It began circulating before the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D.
- 4) Oldest complete copy is from the 4<sup>th</sup> century
- 5) Earliest Church Fathers stated that Matthew's Gospel was first written in Hebrew
- 6) Gospel was shaped to be read by Jews

# PARABLES

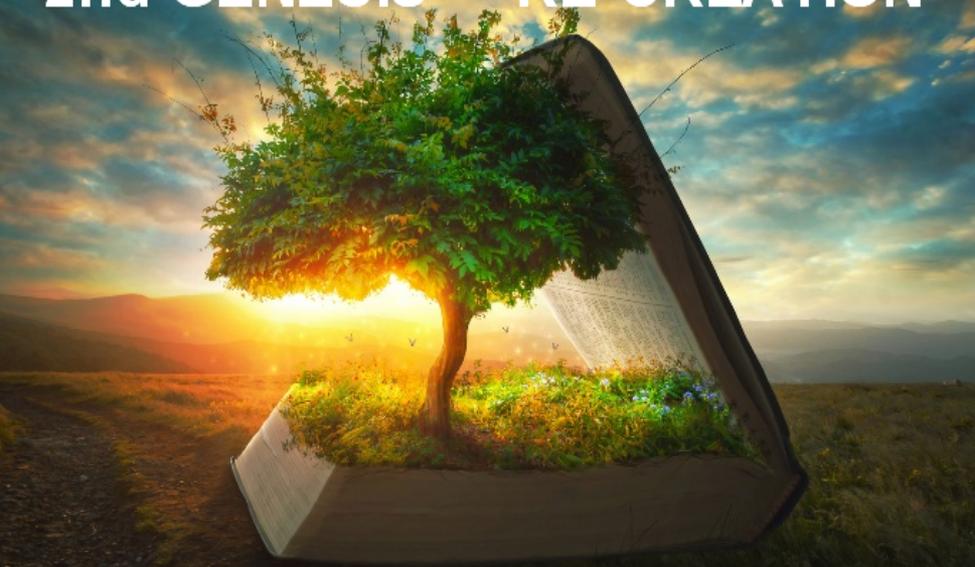


- Parables play a central role in Yeshua's teachings
- Christ did not invent this literary style; they were in use for teaching the Torah long before His day
- Understanding the mindset of 1<sup>st</sup> century Jews is critical to understanding Matthew
- Jews lived in two different worlds: 1) The Holy Land and 2) dispersed in gentile communities throughout Europe, Asia, and Northern Africa

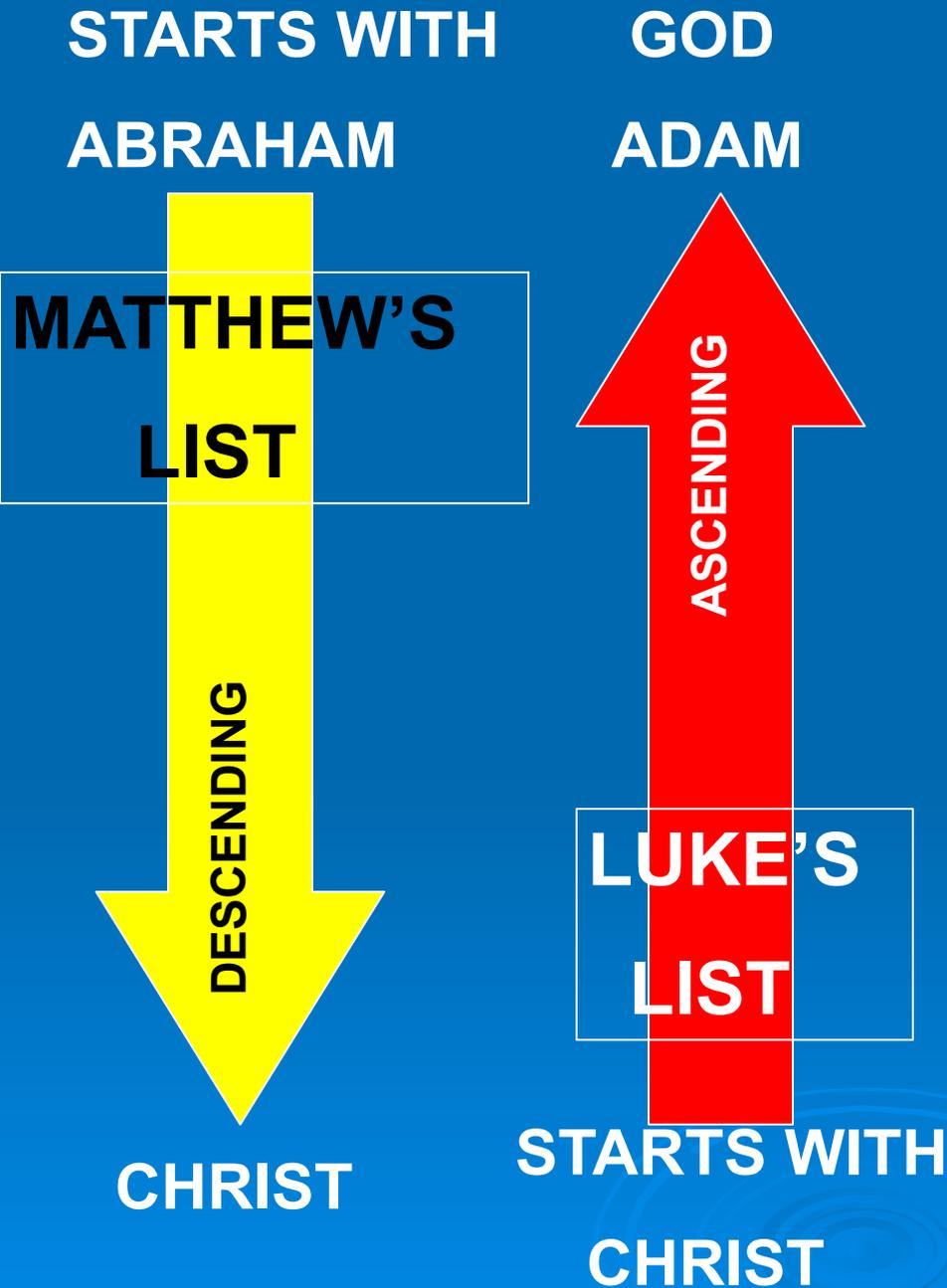
# GENEALOGY



## 2nd GENESIS RE-CREATION



- Bible uses genealogies for different purposes than in modern times
- In Greek, the word we translate as genealogy is “genesis”
- Theme throughout the NT is that the advent of Christ is the beginning of a re-creation—a 2<sup>nd</sup> genesis
- 2 Cor. 5:17
- John 1:1–3
- Romans 5
- Rev. 21:1–5



- Matthew needed to show that Yeshua met the requirements of the Torah and Tanakh to be the Messiah
- As Son of David, Yeshua is the proper line of royalty
- As Son of Abraham, Yeshua is a Hebrew eligible to fulfill Gen. 12
- Matthew seeks to connect Yeshua to Abraham, father of the Hebrews
- Luke seeks to connect Yeshua to Adam, father of all humanity

# GEMATRIA

- Genealogy is divided into 3 equal parts of 14 generations each
- Total generations is 42
- Several theories on this structure
- David's name is the 14<sup>th</sup> on the list
- 42 matches with Daniel's End Times predictions

## Matthew 1:1-17

1. Abraham
2. Isaac
3. Jacob
4. Judas
5. Phares
6. Esrom
7. Aram
8. Aminadab
9. Naason
10. Salmon
11. Booz
12. Obed
13. Jesse
14. David

So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations

1. Solomon
2. Roboam
3. Abia
4. Asa
5. Josaphat
6. Joram
7. Ozias
8. Joatham
9. Achaz
10. Ezekias
11. Manasses
12. Amon
13. Josias
14. Jechonias

and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations

1. Jechonias
2. Salathiel
3. Zorobabel
4. Abiud
5. Eliakim
6. Azor
7. Sadoc
8. Achim
9. Eliud
10. Eleazar
11. Matthan
12. Jacob
13. Joseph
14. Jesus

and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen generations

# DAVID

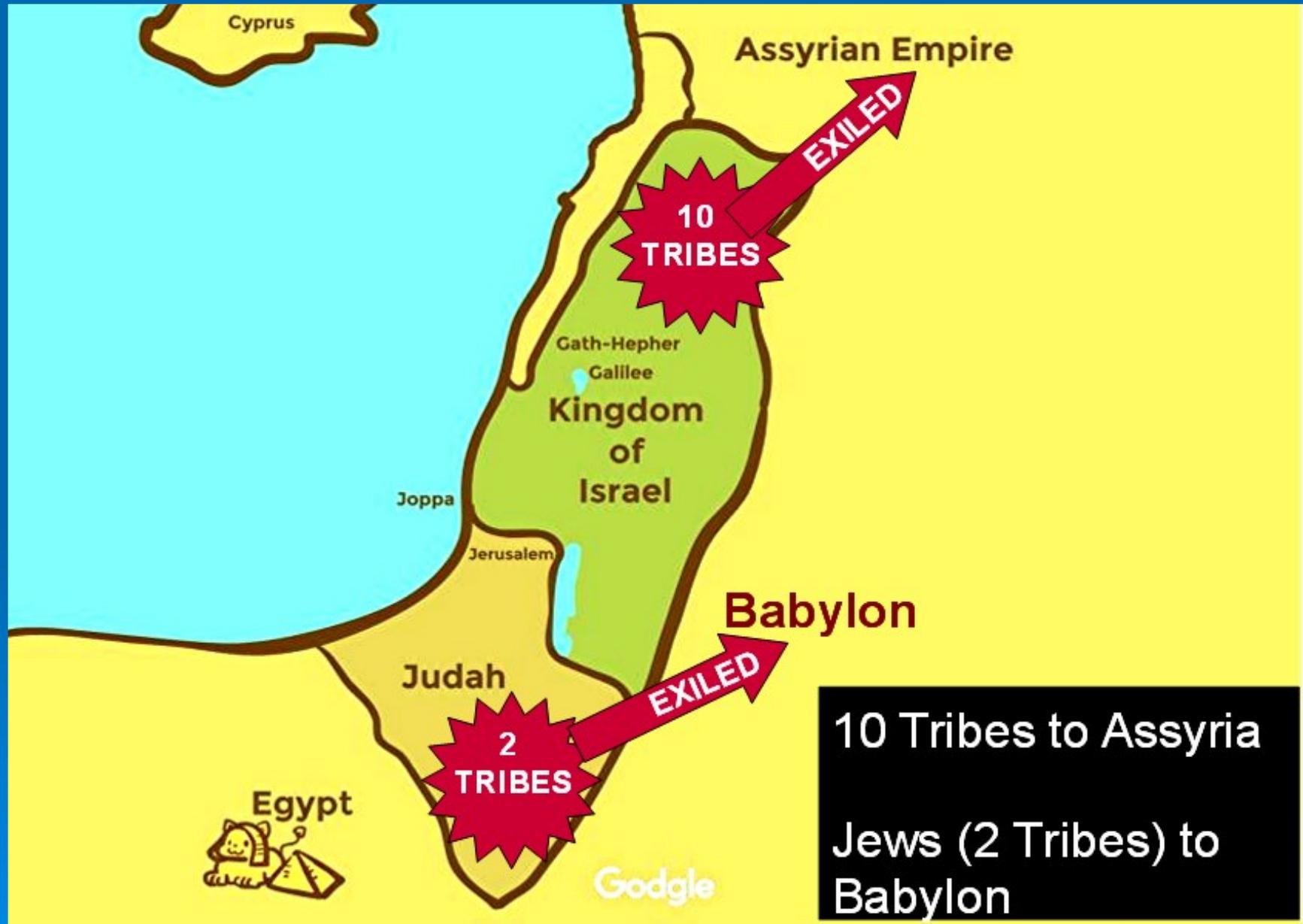
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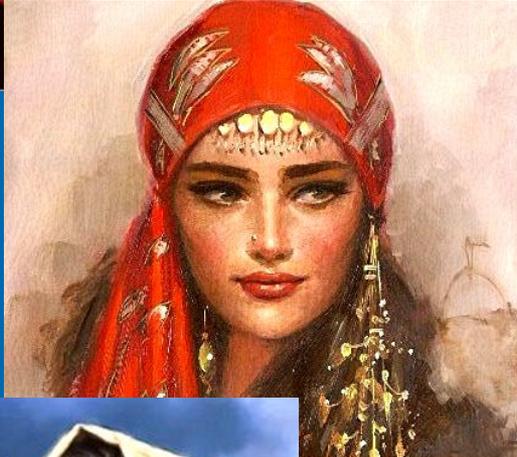
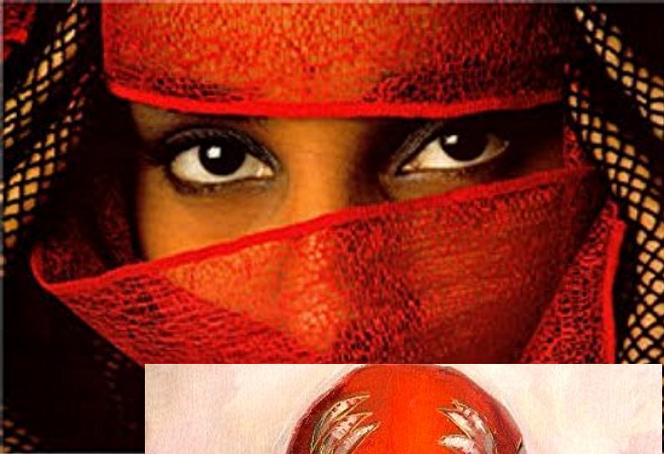
$$4 + 6 + 4 = 14$$

# BABYLONIAN CATASTROPHE



# 4 GENTILE WOMEN

- Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba (called the wife of Uriah) are listed in Yeshua's genealogy
- Assuming gematria is at play, the number 4 means universal, the whole world
- Yeshua also is the Son of David and born of a Jewish woman in the Holy Land
- Yeshua, though thoroughly Hebrew, has definite traces of gentile connections

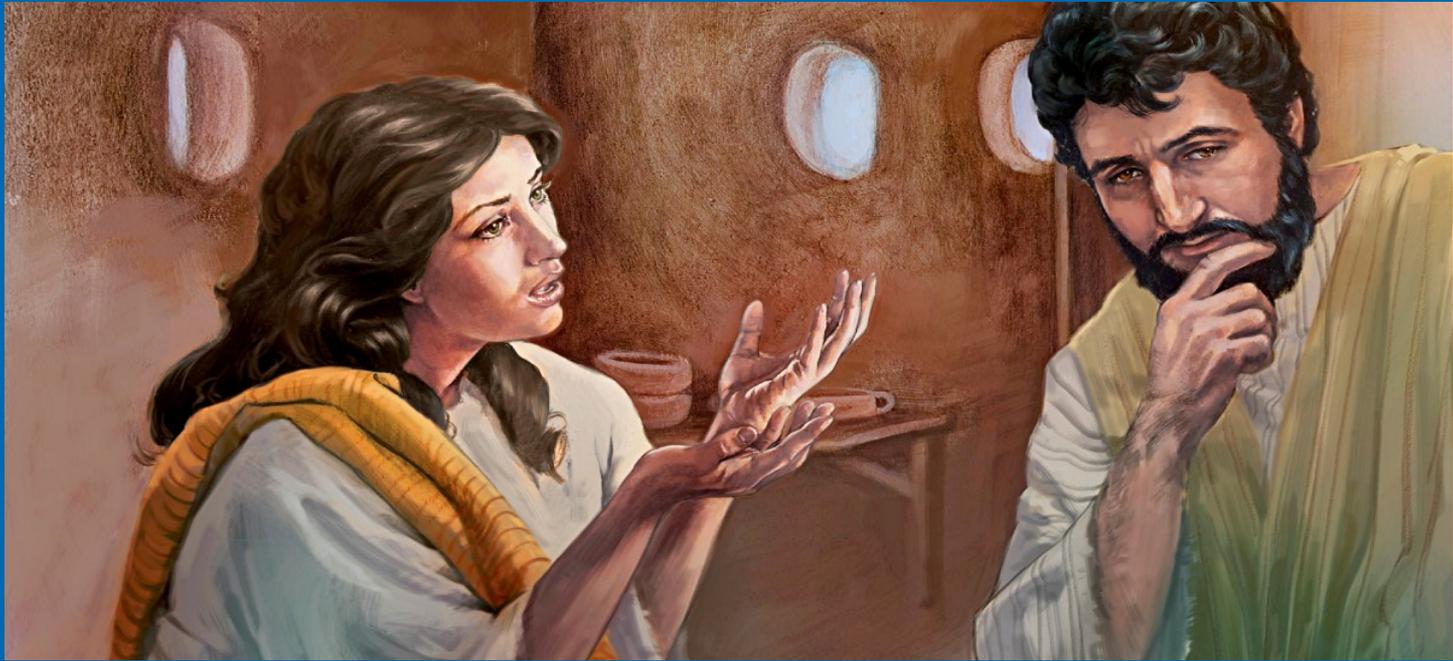


# YOSEF & MIRYAM BETROTHED

- Engaged and betrothed are not the same things
- Betrothal is a promise sealed with a commitment: includes a marriage contract
- Upon betrothal, the woman is “wife”
- If the betrothed male were to die, the woman would be a widow
- Cheating during betrothal period was adultery
- Betrothals could only be ended with a *get*



# A SCANDELOUS DISCOVERY

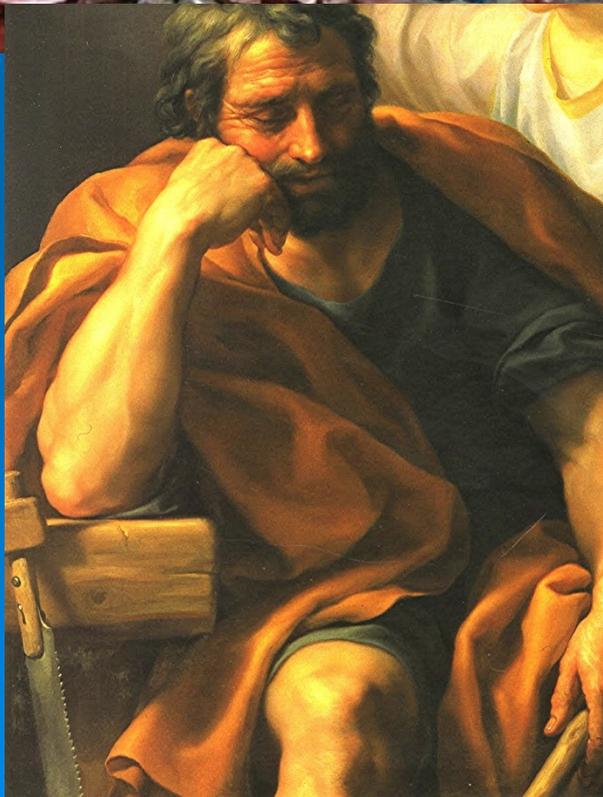


- Matthew states simply that Miryam's pregnancy was a work of the Holy Spirit...No further explanation
- Matthew's proof that Mary had done nothing wrong is that she had yet to move in with Joseph
- Becoming pregnant during betrothal would have brought enormous shame upon them and their families

# LAW ABIDING JOSEPH



- Joseph being righteous or just meant that he obeyed the Law of Moses
- Deut. 22:23–24
- An execution at the city gate was meant to inflict maximum shame
- Shame was a detested social status...Not an emotion
- Yosef decided to privately issue a *get* and not make a public accusation



# THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

LOVE GOD | LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

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MATTHEW 22:36-40

- Torah observance is right and holy, but must be done with love and in the spirit of the Law
- Deut. 6:5 and Lev. 19:18
- Joseph risked his own reputation by not taking action against Mary
- He did not abrogate the Law, or make his own kind of mercy; he followed the foundation of all the Law

# JOSEPH'S TROUBLING DREAM

- Would we believe the contents of a dream?
- In Yeshua's era, such things were not out of the norm
- Why in our day does this not seem to happen? Perhaps it's not the right time
- Acts 2:17
- Peter is quoting Joel
- The message is that in the Last Days, visions, dreams, and prophesying will happen once again

