

# THE REQUIRED ETIQUETTE OF HOSPITALITY



- Matthew wrote in hindsight; he was not an eyewitness
- Christ was sending out His 12 Disciples only to Jews in the Holy Land
- Hospitality demanded care for travelers
- Yeshua sent the Disciples out in pairs
- They were to take nothing with them, not even money





# WOLVES!

- The Disciples will be wandering into wolf territory
- It is the Jewish religious leadership Christ is calling wolves
- Being wise as serpents means to be shrewd
- Harmless as doves     *akeraois* = pure, single-minded, simple
- The Disciples must not be naïve, but must also maintain their focus on the goal: spreading the Good News



# EXPECT SUFFERING

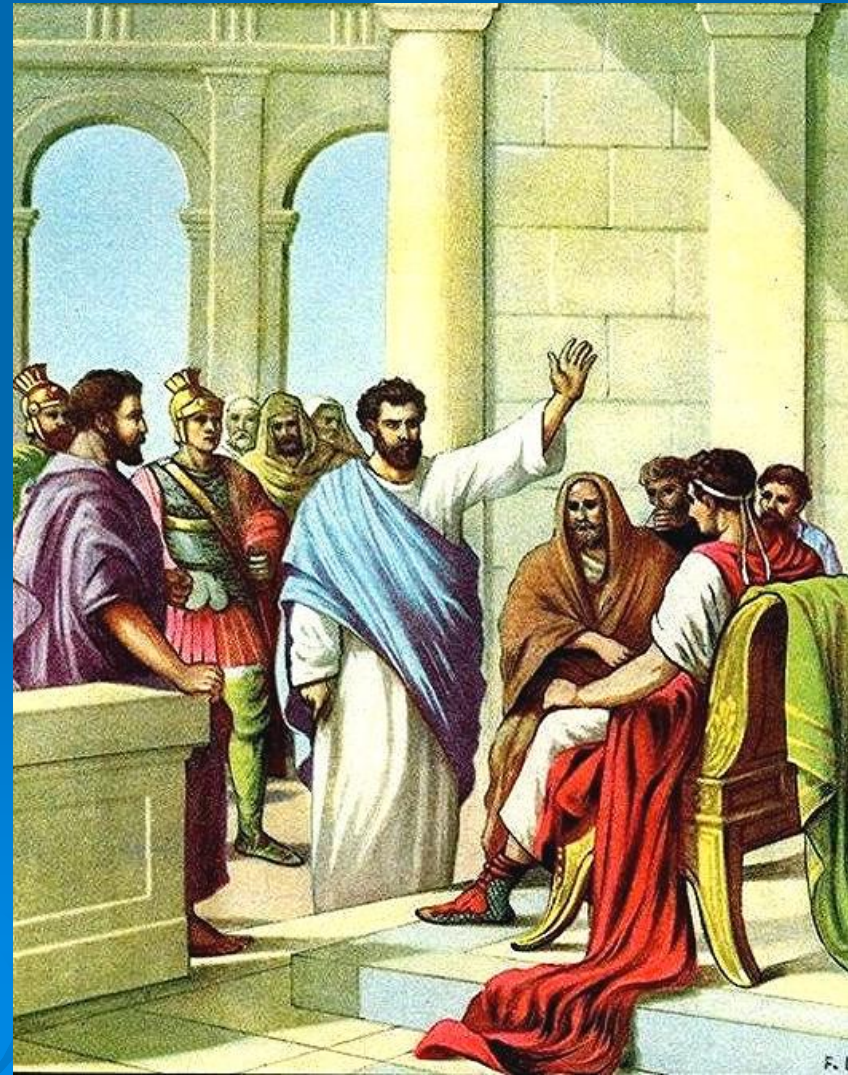
- The main danger will be the Synagogue leaders
- The Disciples are NOT proclaiming Yeshua as Messiah..... yet
- The lesson: persecution goes with the territory of following Yeshua
- Synagogues were more congregations of people than buildings
- Lots of synagogues in the Holy Land so they weren't far apart





# RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL PERSECUTION

- Standing before governors and kings indicates political persecution
- This will happen in all eras
- God's worshippers are not to fear this persecution because it is an opportunity to speak truth to power
- ***Ethnos*** = a large people group
- Best translation is "nations"
- The Gospel will in time go to the nations; but it all begins with Israel, the Jewish people and 12 Jewish Disciples







**JOEL 3:1** And it shall come to pass afterward, that  
**I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH;**

your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men  
shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

- Disciples no doubt alarmed; Jesus says don't worry
- "Spirit of your Father" = Holy Spirit will give them the rights words to say
- Not everything Christ says necessarily applies to the 12 Disciples or to their era
- Might the "Spirit" be part of the gifting Yeshua is equipping the 12 Disciples with?



# WAS JESUS A FAILED PROPHET?



- We cannot say if the 12 Disciples defended their faith before kings
- Christ prophesies several things that don't seem to have occurred in His lifetime
- Some modern Bible interpreters allege that He is a failed prophet
- Using the Greek approach to Scripture study, it is not hard to see Yeshua in that light
- Jewish study approaches the Bible in a different way



# 3 DIMENSIONS INSTEAD OF ONLY 2

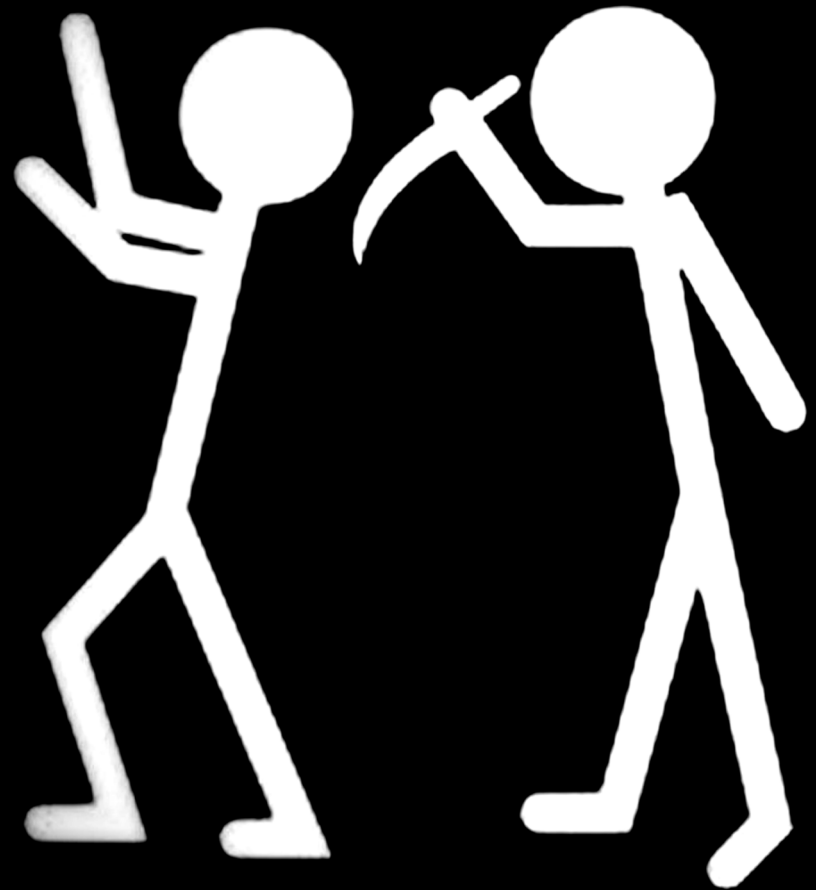


- Still a manmade system, but it opens up the depths of Scripture
- Probably not used in Christ's day, but the underlying mindset was there
- Doesn't demand either/or and yes/no answers like the Greek approach does
- Yeshua's prophecies will manifest in one way in one era, and in another way in another era



# FAMILY STRIFE ESCALATES

- Vs. 21 Yeshua is speaking about the End Times
- Disciples thought they were in the End Times
- Middle Eastern families were head-of-household extended families
- Family division not likely over religion; the father decided, family followed
- Once the faith entered the gentile world, serious strife would come with it (Paul spoke about it)
- The issue would not be division; it was homicide





# NO SAFE HAVEN

- In End Times, Believers will be safe from harm primarily spiritually, not physically
- It is futile for Believers to think we can always protect ourselves from persecution
- We can create oases of joy and spiritual refuge, but they too are vulnerable
- Yeshua's 12 Disciples took His solemn words of warning as pertaining to them
- Christians often think others will be affected in a later time, but not themselves.... now





Are we living in

# THE END TIMES



- If you believe we are living in the End Times, does your behavior reflect your belief (faith)?
- James 2:14 – 17 *“What good is it... if someone claims to have faith but has no actions to prove it.....?”*
- Yeshua spent His entire ministry telling us what is going to happen..... Few have ever truly believed it





*THE SON OF  
MAN  
AND THE  
ANCIENT OF DAYS,  
DANIEL 7:13-14*

- Did Christ mean “son of man” only as “I” or “me”?
- Did Matthew put those words in Yeshua’s mouth in order to create a desired connection?
- Is the Son of Man not Jesus, but another that He expected?
- Matthew 24:15 -16, 30
- No doubt this is direct reference to Daniel chapter 7





# EVANGELISM NEVER ENDS

- Hundreds of villages and synagogues in the Holy Land (400 in Jerusalem, alone!)
- Unlikely the 12 Disciples could ever visit them all
- The Gospels speak of sending out the 12, but never of their returning
- For now, Christ was speaking **ONLY** about evangelizing Israel
- Later this would expand to include the gentile world