

CHRISTMAS DREAM – Notes
Matthew 1:18-25

Providence – timely preparations for future inevitabilities.

BETROTHAL - A mutual promise or contract for a future marriage – (Deuteronomy 20:7).

Note - Joseph, like Adam and Eve, sought to cover up, Mary's "assumed" sin.

It's ludicrous to try and hide, what only God's grace can "cover!"

"Just man" - Just – *dikaios* – upright, virtuous, keeping the command (word) of God.

(Psalm 25:14) The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.

Life Lesson: God's promise (word) is greater than the nightmare you face!

(Psalm 34:19) Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all.

The "dream" (promise) was greater than his dilemma!

(Colossians 1:12-14) "...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

The "cure" made possible by virtue of God's "paternal Fatherhood!"

The Y-chromosome is inherited more or less unchanged from father to son to grandson, indefinitely. The Y-chromosome is one of the 46-chromosomes in the nucleus of each of the cells of all human males.

In Christ "alone," abides the Divine DNA, the "Y" chromosome of His Father, God!

(John 20:17) "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

The “providential fulfillment” of Christ’s birth was an answer to mankind’s “nightmare!”

(v.21)

Jesus – (Joshua – Hebrew) “Jehovah is salvation!”

(v.22, 23)

(Isaiah 7:14) Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Life Lesson - *Dreams and visions are not “primarily” about us, (CWC) but for the welfare of others, and the glorification of God!*

Avoid “spiritual gaslighting!” Gaslighting - act of manipulate (someone) by psychological means into questioning their own sanity.

HOW? Romans 12:1, 2

Satan wants to make the “dream” a “nightmare,” by calling into question “Christmas.”

“Disinviting” Jesus from His own party! “XMAS!”

“X” is the Greek letter “Chi” - the first letter in the Greek word for Christ. *Christians in the early church used the letter “X” as a secret symbol to indicate their membership in the church!*

Let your mind and heart be fueled with the oil of God’s presence! “IMMAUEL” - *God With Us!*

(2 Corinthians 3:17) Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

(v.24, 25). *Stop living the “nightmare!”*

(2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

CONCLUSION: Rejoice! The “Dream” is *now* a “reality!”