## Joseph's two dreams related to his eleven brothers

Genesis 37:7, 9b

- (7) And behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and remained standing and behold, your sheaves gathered around and bowed down to my sheaf.
- (9) ... behold, I dreamed another dream, and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.

והנה אנחנו מאלמים אלמים בתוך השדה ס והנה קמה אלמתי וגם־נצבה והנה תסבינה אלמתיכם ותשתחוין לאלמתי הנה חלמתי חלום עוד .... והנה השמש והירח ואחד עשר כוכבים משתחוים לי

- These verses/phrases have been isolated because the words of each of them follow the Hebrew word "hinei" ( הנה ), meaning "behold".

  The word "behold is in the text five times for a reason.
- The five Hebrew words "and behold" ( והנה ) or "behold" ( הנה ) have a numeric value of: 66 + 66 + 66 + 60 + 66 = **324**. 324 = **18** x **18**
- The remaining 23 Hebrew words have a total value of 7,777.
   7,777 can be expressed as 77 x 101.
   101 is the 26<sup>th</sup> prime number.
   26 is the numeric value of יהוה ... the word we say as "the LORD".

777

\* The words "and behold" ( והנה ) occur four times in these verses. Numeric value = 66 In these examples, and others below, it is possible to use 66 in different ways to create many combinations of 777 or 888 or 999

888

## והנה קמה אלמתי וגם־נצבה

66 + 115 + 66 + 511 + 19 = **777**\*

("and behold, my sheaf arose and remained standing")

etc. etc.

999

• Joseph in Hebrew is "Yosef" ( אוסף )

שלי means "He will add". God has something to add to the story of Israel.

- In the life of Joseph, we see a certain symbolism of Jesus:
- Joseph's brothers were jealous of him.
   They sold Joseph into slavery to the Egyptians.
- Joseph was rejected by his brothers.
   Jesus was a Jew, yet most Jews rejected Him.
- Joseph went to the Egyptians.
   The good news of Jesus went to the nations.
- Joseph rose to fame in Egypt.
   Multitudes of non-Jews have come to believe in Jesus.
- Joseph "saved" Egypt from a famine.
   Gentiles were "without God and without hope" (see Ephesians 2:12)
   Jesus rescued all who believe in Him.
- Joseph was revealed to his brothers.
   Jesus will be revealed to His brothers.
- Joseph's brothers bowed down to him.
   Israel, and all the world, will bow to Jesus.

Joseph had two dreams. They are similar, but not the same.

## The first ...

"... we were binding sheaves ..."

"... my sheaf arose and remained standing ..."

"... your sheaves ... bowed down to my sheaf."

They bowed down ... not to Joseph, but to his sheaf.

In the symbolism of this dream, it's not Joseph who is acclaimed, but the "sheaf" that he binds.

All Israel will come to recognize their Messiah.