

It should be obvious that both male and female are included in this address to live as dead to sin. For this reason, an old man in a female's dream can represent that person's 'man of the flesh,' that is, that aspect of them that is opposed to the Spirit.

Finally, it should be noted that the man of Macedonia who appeared to Paul in a vision of the night beckoning him to come to Europe,²⁰³ turned out to be a woman!²⁰⁴

Alternatively, it is also worth noting that a woman in a dream may also be representative of the church.²⁰⁵ Often she (the church) may be portrayed as a person's mother, sister or even a young girl because these may represent aspects of her (the church) spiritually.

Names

The names of places and people in dreams are very significant. Sometimes the people in dreams represent themselves and at other times the meaning of names is a major key to dream interpretation. At other times, the presence of someone you know in a dream may point to their chief characteristic or what they represent to you. Once again, the key is to look at the dream as a whole before assuming that the dream literally refers to that person or the meaning of their name. However, when it comes to name meanings, the dream with Mel Gibson, earlier in this chapter, is a fair example of how a name meaning assists in opening up a dream for interpretation.

People in dreams may represent:

- Themselves;
- Their character;
- Their position, role or what they represent to the dreamer;
- The organization or church they represent;
- The meaning of their name.

The name dictionary included in this book provides more than a 1000 meanings for common place and people names. However, if you anticipate doing a lot of dream interpretation you may consider investing further by purchasing a comprehensive book of name meanings. I chose the one I use because it was relatively economical and provides more than 50,000 name meanings. Search engines on the Internet are also a good resource for further name definitions, but be aware that many baby-name internet sites have links to gambling and pornography. Due to variations in the agreed etymological roots of a