



Dreams and Visions

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INTRODUCTION

Common themes:

Some recurring themes in end days dreams and visions include:

- Natural disasters: Earthquakes, floods, plagues, fires
- Social unrest: Wars, conflicts, societal breakdown
- Spiritual signs: Appearance of celestial signs, angels, or demonic figures
- The coming of a Messiah or savior figure: A powerful leader who will bring about a new era

As I've discovered, it's also a good idea to write down your dreams. Look for ominous or unusual imagery. Things like dark clouds, cliffs, floods, unfriendly animals. Bridges, doorways and roadways are significant too. They often symbolize impending periods of change or testing.

One of the benefits of being a child of God is that He will warn us when we're entering dangerous territory.

God's warnings come in various forms: a challenging word from a friend; a story from a pastor's sermon; a still, small voice inside letting you know it's not right; and the unavoidable truth of God's Word. We have a choice to listen to God's warning or to ignore the warning

God's warnings are for our good and protection. Despite this, we don't always want to hear what God says, do we? What are some reasons we might choose to ignore God's warning?

First, we might be set on our own agenda. We have a plan and we're sticking with it, even if it's not necessarily God's plan. Second, the situation might appear to be good. In our own understanding we can't possibly see how anything bad could result. Third, we might just want to do what we want to do, not what God wants us to do, especially if deep down inside we know what we're doing is sinful.

Is God warning you of a danger in your life? Are you listening? I've heard a saying, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Let's not be foolish. Let's listen to God's warnings. Let's trust Him and not ourselves.

Lesson 1

The Christian Life: Understanding The Mystery of Dreams and Visions

The Bible states in Numbers 12:6 (KJV), *“Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision and will speak unto him in a dream.”*

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We often apply secular assumptions to the meaning of dreams or why we dream what we dream. For example, eating something bad, having an overactive imagination, or our brain is trying to make sense of the day’s activities. We often forget that we are spiritual beings as well as physical creatures. Therefore, we also have spiritual interactions and spiritual communication. The Creator communicates constantly with His creation.

Activity:

1. Below write down one of your most recent dreams that was different than anything you have ever dreamed in the past. _____

2. In which of the 9 categories does this dream fall? _____

Lesson 2

The Source of Dreams and Visions

It is important to understand that dreams and visions may come from multiple sources, and it is also essential to develop the capacity to identify God's voice. Furthermore, distinguishing between a God dream and a deceptive projection from the devil will also be highly beneficial.

First, there are three sources of dreams or visions. These include:

- God
- Satan
- Yourself, the physical man

We started by establishing and explaining that God communicates to us using dreams and visions. The Bible provides us with many examples of situations where God intervened and communicated with man through visions and dreams. Many of which we will explore. Furthermore, God makes it clear that we ought to know His voice.

John 10:14-15 (NIV) states, *"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father and I lay down my life for the sheep."*

And John 10:27-30 (ESV) adds, *"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."*

This reveals a deeper, and greater purpose that God had for humanity. If we examine the relationship between God and Adam, we will see an example of what it will be like in heaven when Jesus comes again. He desires an intimate relationship, where we can communicate spirit to spirit.

The Devil

However, it is also important to note that Satan always attempts to replicate the actions of God. Therefore, he, too, will attempt to communicate and influence your spirit, soul, or heart. When this occurs, it is important to rebuke him, renounce any actions on your part and ask Jesus Christ to intervene.

Dreams from the devil are demonic, dark, and depressing. These dreams cause you to feel unsettled. Your discerning will indicate that something is wrong, but you just cannot identify what it might be. In some cases, you might have sexual encounters, be led into threatening situations, or be coerced to come into agreement with seemingly safe or non-threatening people, situations, or things.

Activity:

1. Thinking about your last dream or latest dream, which of the three (3) sources do you believe it came from? _____
2. Identify, by name, the situation, person, sin, area of your life, or demonic entity that may be working to disturb your life. After discovering it, seal it in the name of Jesus Christ, who has given the power and authority to do so.

Lesson 3

Gaining Deeper Levels of Understanding

Figuring out a dream can be as challenging as solving a Rubix cube. Some dreams are simple to understand and are like seeing an occurrence in everyday life. However, many others require the knowledge and understanding of symbolism and in many cases direct interpretation from the Holy Spirit.

One of the first steps to gaining deeper levels of understanding about dreams and vision is to learn about the categories, types, and differences between a dream and a vision.

The Difference Between Dreams and Visions

With dreams, it feels more like you are a character in a movie; you can be participating or observing. The environment does not resemble where you currently are, and it can seem as if you are viewing from behind a veil sometimes.

With visions, you might feel as if you are interacting or living out the experience. It is more tangible. The environment can depict exactly what you see in the physical setting, in that period, though it is a spiritual encounter. Would you say you have more dreams or visions?

The Bible further clarifies dreams as occurring when one is asleep. It states this in Job 33:15 (ESV). *"In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds,*

Spiritual Warfare Dreams

These dreams can be intense but revealing in nature. We need to consider them as a true gift of grace from God because He is allowing us to see the unseen enemy.

Spiritual warfare dreams have three (3) purposes. These include:

- To set us free
- To bring us closer to God
- To allow us to pray effectively to expose hidden strategies of the enemy

There is one foundational principle that many of us are not aware of and therefore, are at a disadvantage when we do not take advantage of this kingdom principle.

God gave man dominion over the earth. As such, God needs a man to pray, make declarations or speak commands into the spiritual realm. This sanctions and calls upon God to act on our behalf. If you notice, in the Bible, God is always using a servant to do His will on the earth – prophets, apostles, judges, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, or the normal person without a call or spiritual gift.

Remember, God created these everlasting principles as He is a God of order. These rules also safeguard us from the looming siege from the demonic powers if it was not in place.

Furthermore, this is why demons try to influence or possess a person so that they can take control over them, speak through them, and exert their demonic will or agenda on the earth.

Prophetic Dreams or Visions

You may understand prophetic signal foretelling or predictive information. Something that states what will happen in the future or is occurring, with no possibility of the person/prophet gleaning that information by some other means.

Prophetic dreams operate in the same way. Remember, God communicates constantly with His servants and an 'auditory' prophet can also be a 'visual' prophet. Communicating both what they see and hear from God. This is where the term 'Seer' comes from about prophets, who see visions and have dreams.

Dreams Giving Directions

Joseph, husband to Mary and earthly father of Jesus Christ received several dreams giving directions. God demonstrated his supernatural power to counter the tactics of the enemy to try to kill Jesus Christ when he was a small child.

Hence, several times Joseph had dreams giving directions. They were so that he would marry Mary despite her being pregnant, take Jesus to a safe place, and flee the country.

Matthew 1:20 (ESV) *But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 2:13 (ESV) *"Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."*

Matthew 2:19-23 (ESV) *19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." 21 And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. 23 And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.*

Activity:

1. Have you ever had a dream where you felt like you were warring and/or fighting a demon?

2. What was the outcome?
3. Has God ever dealt with you regarding the direction you need to go in the natural? (go down this street, etc.) Or the direction of your ministry? _____

4. Describe the last or most vivid vision you have ever had? _____

Lesson 4

The Language of God Understanding Symbolism and Interpretation in Dreams and Visions

Imagine embarking on a journey where you possess a secret code that unlocks hidden messages from the divine. As a serial dreamer, have you ever experienced the frustration of waking up from a dream, left only with a lingering sense of confusion and a jumble of nonsensical images? Fear not, for in this chapter, we will explore the fascinating world of dream symbolism and interpretation from a biblical perspective.

Biblical figures such as Joseph, Daniel, Peter, and John all had life-changing experiences through dreams and visions. From the prophetic visions in Revelation to the iconic dreams of Pharaoh in Genesis, the Bible is filled with dream imagery. Dreams and visions are considered one of the primary ways God communicates with His people. But how do we decipher their meaning? How can we understand the symbolism and imagery in our dreams and visions?

In this Lesson, we will delve into the concept of symbolism, exploring how it's used throughout the Bible to convey complex spiritual truths. We will also examine the importance of context in dream interpretation, and how our personal experiences and emotions can influence the symbolism in our dreams. Furthermore, we will discuss practical techniques for interpreting dreams and visions, including journaling, prayer, and seeking counsel from trusted spiritual mentors.

By the end of this Lesson, you will have a deeper understanding of the language of God in dreams and visions. You will possess the tools needed to interpret these messages with confidence, allowing you to unlock hidden truths and guidance from the divine. So, get ready to buckle up and embark on a thrilling journey of discovery as we explore the fascinating world of dream symbolism and interpretation.

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The Language of Heaven

God Almighty is the original poet. He is a master lyricist and from Him is the genesis of all nuances, metaphors, allegories, symbolism, and imagery. He intrigues us by painting pictures of various spiritual scenarios using symbolic elements that are contrived from heavenly, universal, and personal representations.

Dreams and visions are supernatural encounters, unlike any earthly example that we could ever concoct. However, because it occurs with frequency, many have lost the well-deserved, awestruck reaction it should inspire.

Furthermore, God is the original telepath. He speaks to our spirit, and those messages are received and translated in some fashion to our minds, and hearts. And He gives to each his own measures as dictated by our capacity and gifting. So, if you are receiving overly complex symbolic dreams, God is indicating that you can translate or interpret that dream.

However, it will require unwavering faith, steadfast effort in searching for meaning, and consistent diligence on your part, to develop those abilities or gifts. You may also find that God encourages your development by constantly communicating with you via dreams or visions.

For example, in the story of the dreamer, Joseph, when he first received his dreams in Genesis 37, he was not the person who interpreted them. This was mostly done by his father or brothers, who ironically did not realize they had the gift of dream interpretation; they were blinded by jealousy and anger. Joseph though, was a young boy who was merely excited and naïve.

However, by Genesis 40, we see that Joseph developed into a mature and wise man who could interpret dreams and wisely acknowledge God, giving Him the glory. He was able to reach a kingdom assignment to King Pharaoh because God had progressively groomed him using Joseph's trials and tribulations. One of these encounters we know occurred in prison.

This is also a clear example that even at our worst moments, or the most challenging and grim times of our lives, God will still maintain His heavenly communication with our spirit and attempt to guide, warn, or deliver us.

Activity:

1. When you dream or have a vision, what do you do with it? _____
What is the wise thing to do? _____

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Lesson 5

90 Bible Verses about Dreams & Visions

From the wisdom of King Solomon in 1 Kings to the powerful encounters of the prophets and disciples, we'll explore how God speaks to us, imparts His guidance, and reveals His plans through the mysterious world of dreams.

So, whether you're a fellow minister, a curious believer, or simply someone intrigued by the profound messages that can be found within the realm of dreams, I invite you to join me on this enlightening exploration.

Together, let's delve into these verses, each carrying its unique treasure of insight, revelation, and divine guidance.

Bible Verse	Scripture
1 John 4:1 ESV	Beloved, do not believe every spirit but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.
1 Kings 3:5 ESV	At Gibeon, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you."
1 Samuel 28:6 ESV	And when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets.
1 Samuel 3:1 ESV	Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.
2 Chronicles 32:32 ESV	Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the Book of the Kings of Judah and Israel.
2 Chronicles 9:29 ESV	Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, from first to last, are they not written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?
2 Corinthians 12:1 ESV	I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV	All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.
Acts 10:17 ESV	Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate
Acts 10:3 ESV	About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius."
Acts 16:9-10 ESV	And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him, and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.
Acts 18:9 ESV	And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, "Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent,
Acts 2:1-47 ESV	When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.
Acts 2:15 ESV	For these people are not drunk, as you suppose since it is only the third hour of the day.
Acts 2:17 ESV	"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
Acts 9:10-12 ESV	Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold,

	he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”
Amos 3:7 ESV	“For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.
Daniel 1:17 ESV	As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.
Daniel 10:1 ESV	In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a word was revealed to Daniel, who was named Belteshazzar. And the word was true, and it was a great conflict. And he understood the word and had understanding of the vision.
Daniel 10:14 ESV	And came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”
Daniel 10:7 ESV	And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision, for the men who were with me did not see the vision, but a great trembling fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves.
Daniel 11:14 ESV	“In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.
Daniel 2:1-49 ESV	In the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his spirit was troubled, and his sleep left him. Then the king commanded that the magicians, the enchanters, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans be summoned to tell the king his dreams. So, they came in and stood before the king. And the king said to them, “I had a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream.” Then the Chaldeans said to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation.” The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, “The word from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you shall be torn limb from limb, and your houses shall be laid in ruins. ...
Daniel 2:19 ESV	Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

Daniel 2:28 ESV	But there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. Your dream and the visions of your head as you lay in bed are these:
Daniel 4:1-37 ESV	King Nebuchadnezzar to all peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you! It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me. How great are his signs, how mighty his wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion endures from generation to generation. I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me. ...
Daniel 4:5 ESV	I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me.
Daniel 7:1-28 ESV	In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream and told the sum of the matter. Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then as I looked its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a man, and the mind of a man was given to it. And behold, another beast, a second one, like a bear. It was raised up on one side. It had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth; and it was told, 'Arise, devour much flesh.' ...
Daniel 7:13 ESV	"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.
Daniel 7:15 ESV	"As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious, and the visions of my head alarmed me.
Daniel 7:7 ESV	After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces and stamped what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Daniel 8:1 ESV	In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first.
Daniel 8:13 ESV	Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to the one who spoke, "For how long is the vision concerning the regular burnt offering, the transgression that makes desolate, and the giving over of the sanctuary and host to be trampled underfoot?"
Daniel 8:15 ESV	When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. And behold, there stood before me one having the appearance of a man.
Daniel 8:18 ESV	And when he had spoken to me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face to the ground. But he touched me and made me stand up.
Daniel 8:26 ESV	The vision of the evenings and the mornings that has been told is true, but seal up the vision, for it refers to many days from now."
Deuteronomy 13:1-3 ESV	"If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the Lord, your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
Ecclesiastes 5:3 ESV	For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.
Ecclesiastes 5:7 ESV	For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.
Ezekiel 1:1 ESV	In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was among the exiles by the Chebar canal, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God.
Ezekiel 11:24 ESV	And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to the exiles. Then the vision that I had seen went up from me.

Ezekiel 12:22 ESV	“Son of man, what is this proverb that you have about the land of Israel, saying, ‘The days grow long, and every vision comes to nothing’?”
Ezekiel 7:26 ESV	Disaster comes upon disaster; rumor follows rumor. They seek a vision from the prophet, while the law perishes from the priest and counsel from the elders.
Genesis 15:1 ESV	After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”
Genesis 20:3 ESV	But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, “Behold, you are a dead man because of the woman whom you have taken, for she is a man’s wife.”
Genesis 28:12 ESV	And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it!
Genesis 31:24 ESV	But God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream by night and said to him, “Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.”
Genesis 37:1-36 ESV	Jacob lived in the land of his father’s sojourning’s, in the land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was pasturing the flock with his brothers. He was a boy with the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father’s wives. And Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his sons, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a robe of many colors. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peacefully to him. Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. ...
Genesis 40:1-23 ESV	Sometime after this, the cupbearer of the king of Egypt and his baker committed an offense against their lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was angry with his two officers, the chief cupbearer, and the chief baker, and he put them in custody in the house of the captain of the guard, in the prison where Joseph was confined. The captain of the guard appointed Joseph to be with them, and he attended them. They continued for some time in custody. And one night they both dreamed—the cupbearer and the baker of the king of Egypt, who

	were confined in the prison—each his own dream, and each dream with its own interpretation. ...
Genesis 40:8 ESV	They said to him, “We have had dreams, and there is no one to interpret them.” And Joseph said to them, “Do not interpretations belong to God? Please tell them to me.”
Genesis 41:1-57 ESV	After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed that he was standing by the Nile, and behold, there came up out of the Nile seven cows attractive and plump, and they fed in the reed grass. And behold, seven other cows, ugly and thin, came up out of the Nile after them, and stood by the other cows on the bank of the Nile. And the ugly, thin cows ate up the seven attractive, plump cows. And Pharaoh awoke. And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time. And behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk. ...
Genesis 46:2 ESV	And God spoke to Israel in visions of the night and said, “Jacob, Jacob.” And he said, “Here am I.”
Habakkuk 2:2-3 ESV	And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.
Hebrews 1:1-2 ESV	Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.
Hosea 12:10 ESV	I spoke to the prophets; it was I who multiplied visions, and through the prophets gave parables.
Isaiah 1:1 ESV	The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
Isaiah 21:2 ESV	A stern vision is told to me; the traitor betrays, and the destroyer destroys. Go up, O Elam; lay siege, O Media; all the sighing she has caused I bring to an end.
Isaiah 29:8 ESV	As when a hungry man dreams, he is eating and awakes with his hunger not satisfied, or as when a thirsty man dreams, he is drinking

	and awakes faint, with his thirst not quenched, so shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against Mount Zion.
James 1:5 ESV	If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.
Jeremiah 14:14 ESV	And the Lord said to me: "The prophets are prophesying lies in my name. I did not send them, nor did I command them or speak to them. They are prophesying to you a lying vision, worthless divination, and the deceit of their own minds.
Jeremiah 23:16 ESV	Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord.
Jeremiah 23:28 ESV	Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the Lord.
Job 20:8 ESV	He will fly away like a dream and not be found; he will be chased away like a vision of the night.
Job 33:15 ESV	In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds,
Job 4:13 ESV	Amid thoughts from visions of the night, when deep sleep falls on men,
Job 7:13-14 ESV	When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,' then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions,
Joel 2:1-32 ESV	Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; it is near, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations. Fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is like the garden of Eden before them, but behind them a desolate wilderness, and nothing escapes them. Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and like war horses they run. As with the rumbling of chariots, they leap on the tops of the mountains, like the crackling of a

	flame of fire devouring the stubble, like a powerful army drawn up for battle. ...
Joel 2:28-31 ESV	“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. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit. “And I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and awesome day of the Lord comes.
Judges 7:13-15 ES	When Gideon came, behold, a man was telling a dream to his comrade. And he said, “Behold, I dreamed a dream, and behold, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian and came to the tent and struck it so that it fell and turned it upside down, so that the tent lay flat.” And his comrade answered, “This is no other than the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel; God has given into his hand Midian and all the camp.” As soon as Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, he worshiped. And he returned to the camp of Israel and said, “Arise, for the Lord has given the host of Midian into your hand.”
Lamentations 2:9 ESV	Her gates have sunk into the ground; he has ruined and broken her bars; her king and princes are among the nations; the law is no more, and her prophets find no vision from the Lord.
Luke 24:23 ESV	And when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.
Matthew 1:20 ESV	But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.
Matthew 2:12 ESV	And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.
Matthew 2:1-23 ESV	Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired

	of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ...
Matthew 2:13 ESV	Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him."
Matthew 2:19 ESV	But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,
Matthew 27:19 ESV	Besides, while he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much because of him today in a dream."
Micah 3:6 ESV	Therefore, it shall be night to you, without vision, and darkness to you, without divination. The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them;
Nahum 1:1 ESV	An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh.
Numbers 12:6 ESV	And he said, "Hear my words: If there is a prophet among you, I the Lord make myself known to him in a vision; I speak with him in a dream.
Obadiah 1:1 ESV	The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the Lord God concerning Edom: We have heard a report from the Lord, and a messenger has been sent among the nations: "Rise up! Let us rise against her for battle!"
Proverbs 29:18 ESV	Where there is no prophetic vision, the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.
Psalms 23:1-6 ESV	A Psalm of David. The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ...

Psalms 89:19 ESV	Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one and said: "I have granted help to one who is mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people.
Revelation 1:1 ESV	The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,
Revelation 9:17 ESV	And this is how I saw the horses in my vision and those who rode them: they wore breastplates the color of fire and of sapphire and of sulfur, and the heads of the horses were like lions' heads, and fire and smoke and sulfur came out of their mouths.
Zechariah 10:2 ESV	For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; they tell false dreams and give empty consolation. Therefore, the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd.
Zechariah 4:2 ESV	And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it.
Zechariah 6:1 ESV	Again, I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four chariots came out from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of bronze.

Lesson 6

Exploring the Dreams and Visions of Biblical Dreamers

Biblical Dreamers

King Abimelech

Read Genesis 20: Our journey begins with King Abimelech, a ruler in the time of Abraham. In a dream, God appeared to him and warned him not to take Sarah, who was actually Abraham's wife, as his own. This remarkable encounter reminds us that God intervenes to protect His chosen ones and ensures that His plans come to fruition.

Jacob

Genesis 28:12; Genesis 31:10–13: Jacob, the patriarch known for his cunning ways, experienced awe-inspiring visions of a ladder reaching into heaven. In another dream, God instructed him to return to the land of his fathers. These visions serve as a testament to God's guidance and His commitment to fulfill His promises.

Joseph

Read Genesis 37:1–10; Genesis 40:9–19; Genesis 41: Joseph's life was a tapestry of dreams. His own dreams of his family bowing down to him set the stage for his journey. Interpreting the dreams of Pharaoh's cupbearer and baker while in prison, and later interpreting Pharaoh's dreams about the impending famine, showcased God's gift of wisdom in Joseph.

The Midianite Soldier

Read Judges 7:13–14: Gideon's mission to defeat the Midianites began with a dream. A Midianite soldier recounted a dream where a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp and caused chaos. Gideon's dream served as a confirmation of God's plan for victory.

King Solomon

Read 1 Kings 3:5–15: Solomon's dream in which he asked for wisdom rather than riches or long life demonstrated his heart for serving God and His people. God granted his request and made him renowned for his wisdom.

Daniel

Read Daniel Chapters 2, 4 & 7: The book of Daniel is a treasure trove of visions and dreams. Daniel's interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the great statue, his own vision of the four beasts, and Nebuchadnezzar's humbling dream of becoming like an animal all point to God's sovereignty over earthly kingdoms and rulers.

Joseph, Mary's Husband

Read Matthew 1:18–2:23: Joseph's dreams played a crucial role in the life of Jesus. He received divine guidance through dreams, including instructions to take Mary as his wife and to flee to Egypt to protect the child Jesus from Herod's wrath.

Pilate's Wife

Read Matthew 27:19: Even in the midst of the trial of Jesus, a dream entered the scene. Pilate's wife sent him a message, warning him about having nothing to do with the innocent man Jesus. This dream underscored the divine nature of the events unfolding before them.

Conclusion

In each of these divine encounters, we witness the profound ways in which God communicates with His people through dreams and visions. These experiences serve as a reminder of His sovereignty, His guidance, and His unwavering commitment to fulfill His divine plan.

As we explore the dreams and visions of these biblical dreamers, may we be inspired to seek God's wisdom and guidance in our own lives, knowing that He is the ultimate source of revelation and insight.

Five (5) Principles of Dream Interpretation:

1. **Prayer and Seeking God's Wisdom:** Just as Daniel and Joseph sought divine insight through prayer, we must also approach dream interpretation with a humble heart, asking God for wisdom and understanding.
2. **Context Matters:** Consider the context of the dream, including the emotions, symbols, and events that surround it. Dreams often respond to personal experiences and concerns.
3. **Consulting Trusted Advisors:** Seek counsel from trusted spiritual mentors or individuals experienced in dream interpretation. They can offer valuable insights and different perspectives.
4. **Journaling and Reflection:** Keeping a dream journal allows you to track recurring themes, symbols, and emotions in your dreams. This can provide clarity over time.
5. **The Role of the Holy Spirit:** Rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who can illuminate the meaning and significance of dreams in alignment with God's Word.

Modern-Day Relevance

Dreams continue to be a means through which God communicates with His people today. Countless testimonies highlight how dreams have provided direction, comfort, and revelation in the lives of believers. As we engage in the ancient practice of dream interpretation, we can draw closer to God, gain insights into our personal journeys, and discern His will more clearly.

Dream interpretation is not a lost art but a living connection between the heavenly and earthly realms—a language through which God continues to reveal Himself.

Activity:

1. Which one of the Biblical dreamers do you relate to? _____
2. Why? _____

3. Which one of the five (5) principles of dream interpretation do you leave out? _____
4. Do you see your dreams as another way Father is attempting to use you as a prophetic vessel?
_____ Yes, _____ No
5. Do you believe God is calling you into the prophetic to prophesy by releasing visions and dreams to you?