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GODLY DREAMS

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1. Jacob received the confirmation of the Abrahamic covenant in a dream (*Genesis 28:12*).
2. Solomon received both wisdom and a warning in a dream (*1 Kings 3:5; 9:2*).
3. Joseph in the New Testament received three messages in three dreams.
 - a. Assuring him of Mary's purity (*Matthew 1:20*).
 - b. Commanding him to flee to Egypt (*Matthew 2:13*).
 - c. Ordering him to go back to Palestine (*Matthew 2:19-22*).
4. The wise men were warned of Herod's evil intentions in a dream (*Matthew 2:12*).

VISIONS

1. Jacob was instructed to go to Egypt in a vision (*Genesis 46:2,3*).
2. David was warned of judgment in a vision (*1 Chronicles 21:16*).
3. Isaiah saw God's holiness in a vision (*Isaiah 6:1-8*).
4. Daniel saw the great Gentile powers in a vision (*Daniel 7-8*).
5. Daniel saw the glories of Christ in a vision (*Daniel 10:5-9*).
6. Daniel saw the rise and fall of Alexander the Great in a vision (*Daniel 8*).
7. Ezekiel saw the regathering of Israel in a vision (*Ezekiel 37*).
8. Ananias was ordered to minister to Saul in a vision (*Acts 9:10*).
9. Cornelius was instructed to send for Peter in a vision (*Acts 10:3-6*).
10. Peter was ordered to minister to Cornelius in a vision (*Acts 10:10-16*).
11. Paul was ordered to Macedonia in a vision (*Acts 16:9*).
12. Paul was comforted at Corinth in a vision (*Acts 18:9*).
13. Paul was comforted at Jerusalem in a vision (*Acts 23:11*).
14. Paul viewed the glories of the third heaven in a vision (*2 Corinthians 12:1-4*).
15. John the apostle received the book of the Revelation in a vision

VISIONS

I Sam. 3:1 In those days; there was no open vision...

In *Acts chapter 7*, the heavens were opened, and Steven saw Jesus at the right hand of God, *verses 55-56*.

In *Acts ch. 9*, Saul was on the road to Damascus where he experienced the supernatural.

Peter in *Acts ch. 10* is caught in a trance (to be led of God) *Acts 10:10*

In *Acts ch. 11:28* Agabus sees a vision and prophesies that a dearth in the land was to come.

In *Acts 21:9* Agabus also gave prophesy of Pauls imprisonment.

In *Acts ch. 9:10* God speaks to Ananias in a vision to minister to Paul and not be afraid.

In *Acts chapters 16, 18, 23 & 27*, Dreams, visions and angelic beings visit Paul.

How do Dreams and Visions Help Equip Us for Spiritual Battles?

- Encouragement, Strengthen and Confirm God's Word.
- Give Direction
- Reveal God's Glory
- Men become humble, cleansed and ready to heed God's call. (Isaiah said Woe is Me).
- **GIVE MEN A BURDEN FOR THE LOST.**

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WHAT CAN HINDER DREAMS & VISIONS IN YOUR LIFE?

- SIN

Isaiah 29:10, For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes; the prophets and your rulers the seers hath he covered. V. 11 And the visions of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this I pray thee; and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed:

- REBELLION

Isaiah 30:10, Which say to the seers, see not; and to the prophets, prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits.

- PEOPLE PLEASERS

Job 33:14-18

4 DIFFERENT TYPES OF DREAMS

WARNING DREAMS

Genesis 20:3-8; Daniel 4:4-18; Matthew 2:13; Matthew 27:19; Matthew 2:12; Genesis 31:24

DIRECTIVE DREAMS

Genesis 31:10; Matthew 1:20; Matthew 2:19-20

FUTURISTIC OR PROPHECY

Genesis 37:5; Genesis 40:3-16; Judges 7:13-15

SPIRIT REALM DREAM

Genesis 28:12; Proverbs 4:23; Joel 2:28

Dreams & Visions are the language of the Holy Spirit to the heart. (God speaks to you by way of your heart).

DREAMS & VISIONS (How God Speaks to Us)

THE HEART

Proverbs 4:23; II Chronicles 9:23; I Samuel 10:9; Ezekiel 11:19

HOW DOES GOD TALK TO OUR HEART? (What are some of the ways?)

DREAMS: Night as well as day, but are they Godly or flaky?

FALSE DREAMS:

1. Worry & Anxiety: ***Ecclesiastes 5:3***
2. Vain Imaginations: ***Job 20:8; Ezekiel 8:12***
3. Fear: ***Job 7:14***
4. Filthy Dreams: ***Jude 1:8***

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Isaiah 29:10, 11

- REBELLION**

Isaiah 30:10

- PEOPLE PLEASERS**

Acts 5:29

- STRONG DRINK**

Isaiah 28:7; II Corinthians 12:1-6, 7

Proverbs 3:24; Psalm 18:11; Psalm 19:2; Psalm 16:7; Genesis 20:3-6

What type of dream was this?

Daniel 2:32-35

MAKE SURE YOUR DREAM IS FROM GOD!!

- CAST DOWN VAIN IMAGINATIONS
- DESIRE TO HEAR FROM GOD
- CAST DOWN TRADITIONS
- CHECK YOUR DREAM WITH GOD'S WORD
- KEEP PEN AND PAPER BY YOUR BED

Remember Dreams are inspirational, instructional and most importantly to **CHANGE CIRCUMSTANCES**

TEST FOR GODLY DREAMS

REVIEW:

False Dreams

Vain Imagination

Dreams of Fear

Filthy Dreamers

Anxiety, Worry, Busy

Godly Dreams

Warning Dreams

Directive Dreams

Futuristic Dreams

Spiritual Dreams

Job 33:14-18 For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceiveth it not. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; (*v. 16*) then he openeth the ears of men, and sealeth their instructions, that he may withdraw man from his purpose, and hide pride from man. He keepeth back his soul from the pit, and his life from perishing by the sword.

6 ways to test your dreams:

- Is it scriptural?
- Does it draw you closer to the Lord?
- Pray for confirmation.
- Heed the unction of your spirit.
- Is it Futuristic?
- BE WILLING TO BE CORRECTED.

Correction never stops for anyone! Remember interpretation comes from God. Dreams and Visions are not by age, but by people that are open to God to move in the spirit.

These are the most symbolic items in dreams:

ANIMALS

Serpent-snake: trouble, trials

Genesis 3:1; Proverbs 23:32; Revelations 12:9

Sheep-lamb: Christians, flock, church

Matthew 10:6, 25:33; Mark 6:34

Goat: Deceptive person

Genesis 27:16, 37:31; Numbers 7

Wolves: False spirituality

Matthew 7:15; Acts 20:29; Ezekiel 22:27

Swine: Unclean person or backslider

Leviticus 11:7; Matthew 7:6; II Peter 2:22

Dog: Attack from a wicked person (least expect)

Exodus 22:31; I Kings 21:19; II Peter 2:22 (man's best friend) perverted

Birds: Evil spirits

Genesis 15:10, 40:19; Mark 4:4; Revelations 18:2

Dove: Holy Spirit, peace, or joy

Genesis 8:11; Matthew 3:16; John 1:32

Lion: Authority or attacks (from leadership)

Psalms 17:12; Psalms 7:2; I Peter 5:8

TREES AND PLANTS

Palm Tree: righteous or strength

Psalms 92:12; Jeremiah 10:5

Cedar Tree: Firm or majestic

I Kings 5:6; Psalms 92:12; Ezekiel 17:23

Wheat: Good harvest

Psalms 81:16; Joel 2:24; Matthew 13:30

Tares: Bad harvest or people

Matthew 13:25-40

Thorns: small trials (series of) or pattern of pricked

II Corinthians 12:7

Fruit: harvest of souls

Psalms 1:3; Psalms 132:11; James 5:7

Seed: the Word of God

Mark 4:14

Flowers: New Start; Beginning

Song of Solomon 2:12

Olive Tree: Anointing Oil

Exodus 31:11, 0:9; Leviticus 8:12

Pomegranate: the law of God (Word) Old Testament

Exodus 28:34, 39:26 (it has 613 seeds; Jews had 613 laws to abide)

Mustard seed: Faith

Matthew 13:31; Mark 4:31; Luke 17:6

Oil: Anointing

Exodus 31:11, 40:9; Leviticus 8:12

ELEMENTS

Fire: Trials, destruction

Genesis 19:24; Job 1:16; 1 Peter 1:7

Wind-Storms: Trouble (change)

Genesis 4:16; Exodus 10:13; Job 27:21

River: The flow of life (direction)

Psalms 1:3; John 7:38

Clouds: Bright over your head; dark storm

Zechariah 10:1 (Bright); *Joel 2:2* (dark coming)

Lake: Place of souls (congregation; church)

Matthew 4:19; Mark 1:17

Floods: Sudden Trouble

II Samuel 22:5; Psalms 18:4, 93:3; Isaiah 59:19

Soil: The condition of a person's heart

Ezekiel 17:8; Mark 4

Stones: Hardness, hindrances, foundational

Psalms 91:12; Matthew 7:24, 16:18

Shepherd: Spiritual Leader
Psalms 23:1, 80:1; John 10:14

Mountain: To conquer; people overcome
Zechariah 4:7 (problem, nation, etc)

House: Physical body
I Corinthians 6:19; Matthew 12:44; I Corinthians 3:16

Rain: Abundance (everywhere) not just you
I Kings 18:41