

**D r e a m s**  
**and**  
**Dream Interpretation**

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**Acts 2:17**

How often do we dream dreams and push them aside, not realising that often the Holy Spirit is speaking to our spirit?

We spend a third of our life on this earth asleep.

God spoke in both Old testament and New testament times to His prophets, to common every day people. Dreams provided divine guidance, foretold future events, led others away from danger and challenged the condition of people’s hearts.

This book endeavours to teach some of the basic principals for dream interpretation.

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## Introduction

I believe that dream and dream interpretation is the forgotten gift of the Church. In the New Testament it is written as being part of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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Therefore dreams and visions should be a part of our experience in Christ.

**Numbers 12:6** says, **“If there be a prophet among you, I will make myself known unto him in a vision, and I will speak unto him in a dream.”** This does not mean that because we all dream that we are all prophets, but we have been included in the prophetic outpouring.

Likewise **Hosea 12:10** says, **“I have spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and used similitude’s by the ministry of the prophets.”**

Therefore, we can firmly establish that dreams are a part of the prophet’s ministry, and part of the prophetic outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. Often as Christians we fail to hear clearly the instruction of the Lord, so God will open our heart to receive a dream.

**“For God speaketh once, yea twice, yet man perceives it not; in a dream, in a vision of the night when deep sleep falls upon men, in slumberings upon the bed, then he opens the ears of men, and sealeth there instruction, 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.”**

**Job 33:14-18**

Dreams and visions are like parables, and we know that a parable is a short story or illustration given to emphasise to us one particular truth. But for the dream’s truth to be understood, it must first be interpreted.

When we begin to talk about interpretation we are talking about a special anointing of interpretation. It is a special gift. That is why Paul explains to the Corinthian Church, “Let two or three speak in tongues and one interpret.” Daniel had this gift of interpretation which was not only used for dreams, but also for “the showing of hard sentences,” and for “the dissolving of doubts,” as seen in Daniel 5:12.

**“If there be a messenger with him, an interpreter, one among a thousand, to show unto man his uprightness.”**

**Job 33:23**

One in one thousand people had the right heart attitude before God to receive the gift of interpretation in the Old Testament. In the New Testament we have all received a new heart and have had a new spirit put within us. This gives all saints the potential to interpret their dreams. We must endeavour to keep our hearts right before God for this gift to continue to flow.

God will hide things from the interpreter if his heart is not right. In saying this, I am stating that, even though we have received a new heart, we still have to contend with our old carnal nature that can rise up and block the interpretation.

**“For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets, rulers, the seers hath he covered. And the vision 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 can not for it is sealed; And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. Wherefore the Lord said, For as much as this people draw near with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men.”**

**Isaiah 29:10-13**

It is plain to see how God seals up visions and dreams when the heart attitude of man is not right. God will not give His secrets to anybody, but He will reveal His mysteries to a right heart. Daniel, a man with a gift of interpretation, is a fine example of a man with a right heart attitude. What does it mean to have a right attitude? Let us have a look at an example from Daniel. King Nebuchadnezzar had just had a dream about the great tree being cut down, which represented his kingdom being taken from him. He was to eat grass like a cow. When Daniel began to interpret the King's dream, he came in a spirit of mercy and love, and not of judgment. Daniel says to the King in **4:19**, **“The dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemy.”** Although Daniel had to proclaim judgment he gave the message from a compassionate heart. He did not use a ‘chain-saw’ like a lot of prophetic people do, who let the chips fly in all directions, but seasoned his words with the fruit of the Spirit.

All believers have the ability to interpret what God has for them, and for others. The interpretation comes by seeking God, and in the searching, the Holy Spirit reveals the secrets of the Lord.

When an interpretation is given, it should bring an inner witness of the truth of what has been said to the recipient. Sometimes this witness can come as a burden to the dreamer as it came to King Nebuchadnezzar in Daniel 4:28.

The gift of interpretation is given to reveal the secrets of men's hearts. In Daniel 2:46, 47, we see the King falling down on his face when hearing the words of Daniel. This is just like the conviction that comes upon a person, which Paul speaks about in **1 Corinthian 14:25**. **“And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.”**

The truth in the last part of this scripture is that the conviction, which comes upon a person from the Holy Spirit, will be a confirmation that God is speaking through you.

**“His flesh shall be fresher than a child's and he shall return to the days of his youth: he shall pray unto God, and He will be favourable unto him: and He shall see his face with joy: for He will render unto man His RIGHTEOUSNESS. He looketh upon men, and if any say I have sinned, and perverted that which was right and it profited men not; He will deliver his soul from going down to the pit.”**

#### **Job 33:25-28**

In this passage, when the interpretation is given, and if the person receives the interpretation and sees the error of his ways, the Lord will forgive him and render to him his righteousness which will in turn cause the man's face to shine and his strength to come to him as in his youth.

Sometimes you can receive a dream or vision for a person and although we can be absolutely sure of the interpretation; and have God's permission to speak it; it may not be received upon first speaking it to the person. I recall a situation a few years ago when a French woman came for ministry with myself and my Pastor. She was unsaved and desperate for counsel at the time. As we began to pray, the Lord gave me a vision of the woman in a supermarket, in the drapery section, pulling different materials around about her and telling her sister that she wanted them all. When I told her the vision, she snapped at me instantly, saying that it was not her that I was seeing, but her sister. The lady's reaction wounded me because I was sure it was a vision from God, but she was adamant that it was not her. Thankfully, my Pastor discerned the truth in what I had spoken and backed me fully. At that moment the woman broke down and cried, confessing that what I had seen was true. It was instrumental in bringing her to salvation.

It may take time for the person to respond initially, but guaranteed, the presence of the Holy Spirit will soften the hardened heart.

# 1

## Dream Categories

**“Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. Daniel answered and said, blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and He changeth the times and seasons: He reproveth Kings, and setteth up Kings: He giveth wisdom unto the wise and knowledge to them that know understanding: He reveals the deep and secret things: He knoweth what is in the darkness, and light dwelleth in Him.”**

**Daniel 2:19-22**

In this passage Daniel blesses God for nine different ways that God speaks to the dreamer. I believe all dreams are based on these categories:

- 1. Wisdom and might are His** (strategies)
- 2. He changes times and seasons**
- 3. He removes Kings and leaders**
- 4. He sets up Kings and leaders**
- 5. He gives wisdom to the wise** (increases learning)
- 6. He gives knowledge and understanding**
- 7. He reveals deep and secret things**
- 8. He knows what is in darkness** (in our lives and in the heavenlies)
- 9. And light, (revelation) dwells in Him**

Let us begin to look at different dreams that people have. These examples will give us a basis in which to begin interpretation of our dreams.

## 2 Animal Dreams

Animals can often appear in our dreams. They can represent certain parts of our character.

**“But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee, and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee; Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee: and the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee. Who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this.”**

**Job 12:7-9**

Animals can teach us wisdom about ourselves. They can speak of emotions or hidden feelings, fear, hatred, jealousy, lust, pride, ambition and anger; to name a few. It is important to note that some animals may have more than one meaning. For example, a snake can represent ‘wisdom’, as seen in Matthew 10:16; or ‘authority’ as in the account of Moses, where God instructs him to take up a serpent and instantly it becomes a rod of authority (Exodus 4:4). This is why dreams can not be interpreted by natural means but must come by revelation of the Holy Spirit.

Another animal that can have many different applications is the bird. It can represent both clean and unclean spirits. Leviticus 11:13-19 gives an assortment of birds listed as unclean. Eagles, ostriches, owls, ravens, storks, heron, to name a few. Yet we see in Isaiah 40:31 and 1 Kings 17:6 that eagles and ravens are used with a completely positive application.

Bearing this in mind, let us look at some examples of animals and the emotions they may be depicting. A charging rhinoceros that tramples all in its path may be telling the dreamer of his anger. A fox can represent characteristics of cunning craftiness. God can often use animals that we are afraid of to help us overcome our fears. Again, we can look at the example of Moses.

**“And the Lord said unto Moses, what is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And He said, Cast it on the ground, and he cast it on the ground and it became a serpent; AND MOSES FLED FROM BEFORE IT. And the Lord said unto Moses, put forth thine hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it and it became a rod in his hand.”**

**Exodus 4:24**

Moses did not particularly enjoy the idea of picking up a live snake, just as surely as you and I would balk at the suggestion. In fact it says that Moses fled from before it. The snake has many applications in this scripture.

Firstly, it represents the nation of Egypt. Moses fled from the snake just as he had fled from Egypt. Secondly, it was the symbol worn on the head of Pharaoh and the princes, symbolising the demonic stronghold over that nation. So we can see that the snake represents Moses' fears. God was calling Moses to go back to Egypt, to overcome all of his fears, and to lead the people out from under the bondage of Pharaoh. Thirdly, note how the snake became a rod of awesome authority in Moses' hand once he had overcome that instinctive fear of the snake.

If we are to increase in the anointing we must learn to overcome our fears. Just as Moses, Elijah, Deborah and Gideon had to; to see the mighty hand of God move.

Animals can speak of nations. In Daniel 7, Daniel dreams a dream in the night upon his bed. He sees an assortment of great beasts, the likeness of an eagle, a lion, a bear, a leopard; and others. But the interpretation is not given until verse 17, when the Lord shows him that they represent four great Kings that would arise out of the earth.

It is important that the dreamer note the national symbols of each country so that he will know what the Holy Spirit is trying to speak to him. Once, my wife, Tania had a dream that seven kangaroos were trapped in a wire fence. They were skinny and dehydrated from lack of water. Tania went to them and began to take a cup and pour water down their mouths to strengthen them. At the time we both did not understand the dream totally, till two years later every state in Australia was affected by widespread drought.

Sometimes, the animals in our dreams can actually communicate with us as a human would. This literally happened in the account of Balaam and his donkey.

**“And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, what have I done unto thee, that though has smitten me these three times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me; I would there were a sword in mine hand for now I would kill thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am I not thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay. Then the Lord opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the Lord standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand; and he bowed down his head and fell flat on his face. And the Angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? Behold I went out to withstand thee, because thy way is perverse before me.”**

#### **Numbers 22:28-32**

God used the mouth of an animal to warn Balaam, which in turn, saved his life. Wicked spirits can also speak through the mouth of an animal in our dreams. In Genesis 3:1-5, Satan spoke through the serpent. Although the donkey and serpent incidences occurred in the natural, God can use them as symbols in our dreams.

Biblical examples serve as a guide post as to what the dream is speaking to you. Sometimes discernment of the dream will take much prayer and patience, at other times the meaning will be obvious.

### 3

## Odd and Out of Character Dreams

These dreams come from everyday life, when we come into contact with the world and unclean spirits. What happens is that we can meet people that are carrying an unclean spirit of one type or another and that thing can try to cling to us. We may not be even remotely aware of the transferral but God will wash it off in a dream. Remember when Jesus said to the disciples, **“you are clean save your feet,” John 13:10.** It was because we have to walk in a sinful world and our feet can get dusty, spiritually speaking. I like John Paul Jackson’s analogy of a man who goes to inspect a mine-shaft dressed in a pure white suit. Although he makes no contact with any of the surfaces in the shaft, he finds when he comes up that the coal dust has settled on the suit and it is now a greyish colour. That is exactly what happens to us in the world, and thankfully, God will wash it off in a dream. These dreams are called ‘odd and out of character’ because that is exactly what they are. If you dream a man or woman is chasing you to have sexual intercourse with you, and it truly is not in your heart, then you can be sure you have come into contact with an adulterous spirit.

This happened to me once and I fell on my face before God weeping, wondering how a happily married man could have such a thing in his heart. The dream would occur every time I would go to get my hair cut by this particular Christian lady. She had three beautiful children and appeared to be happily married herself, but still the dream would come that same night and she would be chasing me. So I said to myself, next time, if it happens again I will be sure that this woman has an adulterous spirit. And sure enough, three month’s later, after another visit to the hairdresser, the dream came again. My wife and I began to uphold her in prayer but we learned a few months later that she had left her husband and was indeed having an affair.

I was in Holland with my wife, one time, and had been doing a lot of street witnessing to a transvestite. That night I dreamt he was chasing me, and in the morning my wife told me she had dreamt that a half man, half woman was trying to seduce her. She had never actually met the transvestite I had witnessed to the previous day, but described him to a tee.

One thing is for sure, with these type of dreams, you will begin to know the spiritual condition of your surroundings and of the people you come into contact with. Your spiritual warfare will become much more accurate and effective because you will know from your dreams the demonic strongholds you are up against.

Once you are sure of the particular problem that is being shown to you in your dreams, it is time to faithfully intercede for the person. You may never be called to confront them, only to pray, unless you have specific leading from the Holy Spirit to do so. Sometimes, we rush in too quickly to reveal what we know, which can often do more harm than good. There is a scripture in Proverbs which says “he that conceals a matter is wise.” In this case it is extremely important to deal wisely with what you are shown. Nevertheless, use what you have been given, to pray effectively.

## 4

### Happening Dreams

These are dreams in which you can actually visualise and act out the deliverance of a person or particular situation. They occur directly after deep intercession or warfare has been waged. The dreamer may be shown the deep root of a person's problem, and even the demonic stronghold keeping the person bound.

Once my nephew became very ill and the doctors felt he would die. He was just three months old, and I recall the panic my mother and sister were in at the time. So I went home and began to pray from about 6:00pm to the early hours of the morning, desperate for God to intervene and heal my nephew. At some time early in the morning I fell asleep on the floor of my bedroom and began to dream. In the dream I could see a house, and through the window was my nephew tied with chains to a chair in an empty room. As I approached the door of the house there was a man standing there. I told him to move out of the way but he had no intention of letting me in. So I proceeded to punch the man in the nose many times, and each time I could hear his nose break but he still would not budge. Then I said to him, "you are not flesh and blood." And once this realisation hit me I rose up in the spirit and in the dream said, "In the name of Jesus, get out of my way." As I said this it was like someone had hit him with a sledgehammer. I ran through the door and ripped the chains from my nephew and ran with him out of the house. I awoke at this point from the dream, and took note that it was 3:30am in the morning. The next day, I found out from my sister that my nephew's fever had broken at exactly 3:30am that morning in hospital. I had actually acted out the deliverance of my nephew in the dream, but it was after hours of intercession.

Another instance of this happening was when I entered into deep intercession for a gang of youths in our town, who called themselves the "Birdie-Gang." They had driven fear into the hearts of the town-folk because of their violence. They made the local news twice and the state news once, because they had bashed some tourists with iron bars as they were getting off a bus.

The more I heard of their continuing escapades, the more grieved I was becoming. So I began to intercede for the boys, again in the early hours of the morning. I fell asleep after some hours, and began to dream that I was on the main street of the town, near the local pub. The gang was coming down the street towards me with the gang leader in front, whose name was Tommy. As I approached the gang I began to weep and say, "Don't you know Jesus loves you, Tommy." But he just pushed me over without remorse. I picked myself up and again said, "Don't you know Jesus loves you?" And again he pushed me over. This happened a third time and he picked me up off the ground and threw me into the fascine. I swam back to the wall and tried to climb up out of the water but was greeted by a huge demon which appeared to have wings that had been clipped. It was a terrifying sight to see, I can assure you. Everything in me wanted to swim back out into the ocean, but suddenly, out of my spirit, I heard myself say, "In the Name of Jesus." It was as though someone had hit the demonic power with a hammer (Jeremiah 23:29) and it buried him into the ground. When I saw that, I

gained confidence and climbed the fascine wall and began to run toward the principality. But much to my horror, the thing grew to twice its original size. Isn't that the way it always seems to happen in the natural, when you begin to pray for a person or problem, it just seems to blow up in your face. And that is exactly what appeared to be happening in my dream. But, again out of my spirit I said, "In the name of Jesus," and again the demon was buried in the ground, rising up to three times larger. The final time I spoke the name of Jesus, I saw the dust rising from the ground and woke from my sleep, deeply shaken. From that day the gang fell out with one another, never to be heard of again and months later God granted me the privilege of seeing some of those gang members come into salvation.

These dreams will come as we learn to pray much and break through in prayer. The demon I saw was the principality that had established itself, and was controlling that gang. As you will be aware, "we fight not against flesh and blood," so it is not surprising to have an encounter of this kind when you begin to wage war and shake things in the spiritual realm. So we can see, these 'happening dreams' are related solely to prayer and intercession.

## 5

### Heart Condition Dreams

In these type of dreams God shows us what is truly in our hearts.

**“I the Lord, search the heart, I try the reins even to give to every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.”**

**Jeremiah 17:10**

**“Out of the heart of men proceedeth evil thoughts, adulteries, fornication, murder, theft, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness; and all these evil things come from within, and defile a man.”**

**Mark 7:21-23**

My wife and I have had many of these types of dreams, showing us what is truly in our hearts whether it be a small matter or more serious. Often God will use the similitude of our house to represent our personal life. You may dream that your house looks great on the outside, even neat and tidy on the inside. But then the cupboards are opened, and the junk stored in there is jam-packed. The dream is showing you that your life may look good to others from the outside, even okay on the inside, but you have stored up many problems, hidden away, that need to be brought out into the open and dealt with.

Another example I have known of is a dream of a house which had many floors. On each floor something of the character of the person was being displayed. The ‘floors’ actually represented ‘flaws,’ character flaws. On the top floor was a huge banqueting table. The man in question admitted to a problem with gluttony. Below this floor were dancing women set to entice him. This obviously represents the man’s lust problem. The next floor had people fighting and boxing one another, and upon further questioning he admitted to a problem of always rising up and wanting to fight situations in the natural. Although this may seem a lot of faults to deal with at one time, God knows our strengths and our weaknesses, and just how much we are able to deal with at the one time. He will only give us what He knows we are capable of handling at the time.

## 6

### Calling or Ministry Dreams

God loves to show His people His plans and purposes for their future. It can be such an encouragement to receive a prophetic word about what He has in store for us. Often He will reveal His plans in a dream. Let us look at the example of the dreams of Joseph.

**“For behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, shall thou indeed reign over us? Or shall thou indeed have dominion over us. And they hated him yet the more for his dreams and for his words.”**

**Genesis 37:7-9**

Joseph was shown a great future promotion that was to happen in his life. Often the calling or ministry dream will take much time, and sometimes hardship too, before it comes to pass. Joseph’s dream was clear and certain, which served to give him hope and courage for the years of bondage and hardship that were to befall his young life. Often, the clearer the dream, the longer it takes to come to pass. It is usually to encourage us to carry on against all odds, and the Lord knows we need it sometimes.

## 7

### Body Dreams

These are the dreams we have which are due to chemical imbalances, i.e. pregnancy, hormonal changes, medications, drugs, or just plain business as stated in **Ecclesiastis 5:3. “For a dream cometh through a multitude of business...”** The way to deal with these types of dreams is to balance them out with prayer. Although the dreamer can be affected by the categories listed above, it does not mean that everything he or she dreams is not from God. It just means they need to be tested and sifted through very carefully.

## **8**

### **False Dreams**

These are dreams sent by Satan to confuse and disturb the dreamer. They violate scripture and turn the believer away from the ways of God.

**“For the idols have spoken vanity and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams.”**

**Zechariah 10:2**

**“Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams.”**

**Jeremiah 23:32**

If you dream that God is telling you to leave your wife or husband for no apparent reason, you can be sure it is not from God. We have an enemy who will attempt to deceive us any possible way he can. To protect yourself against this, know God’s Word. Also, test the spirits, whether they be of God. (1 John 4:1) If you doubt the dream is of God, reject it in prayer.

## 9

### Warning Dreams

This is where the believer is led away from danger in his dream.

**“And when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.”**

**Matthew 2:13**

The Lord once sent me to a war zone in Croatia, to a place called Zadar. This was at a time when Serbian fighters were trying to capture the city. I can remember that the Lord directed me many times away from danger in dreams. He gave me specific directions where to go and where not to go, saving me from being foolish in my dangerous surroundings. At one stage I had planned to visit relatives living in Serbia, although I was doing ministry in Croatia. In my heart I longed to go and see them to make sure they were okay. But in my dreams I would be trying to reach them and all the bridges would be blown up, and the way made it impossible to get through. The more I tried to get through the more trouble I seemed to get into until I would find myself in fear, completely trapped. The Lord was warning me not to try and reach my family. We must make sure we heed the warnings of the Holy Spirit or we may find ourselves out of the will of God, without protection and in serious trouble.

It is interesting to note that Pharoah heeded the warnings that Joseph gave him, when he had interpreted the dreams, believing not only in the seven years of plenty, but also the seven years of famine which were to follow. Pharoah acted on those dreams and had seven years to prepare for the horror years of drought. How many lives would have been lost if he had taken Joseph lightly?

## 10

### Out of Body Dreams

These type of dreams are rare. They certainly do not happen every night. This is when the Holy Spirit takes your spirit out of your physical body into the spirit realm. This happened to Paul, and he talks about the experience in **1 Corinthians 5:3**. **“For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already as though I were present concerning him that hath so done this deed.”** In this, Paul was saying that he was taken out of his body to be shown the revelation concerning a particular man’s sin in the Church at Corinth.

God can take a person from one side of the country to the next, if He so chooses. Bear in mind that this is not a common experience or one we should seek after, but is a sovereign act of God.

Once I had been fasting and praying for a few days and had gone with my Pastor to a small seaside town called Shark Bay. My Pastor often went there to minister as there was no leadership present at the time. That night as I lay down in my bed to go to sleep, I had absolutely no prior warning of what the Holy Spirit was about to do. About four hours into my sleep I woke suddenly to feel a strong hand holding mine, but there was no hand there. My instant reaction was to run to the light and switch it on, then enter into warfare, thinking the devil had come into my room. Finally, when my heart had settled down, I went back to sleep.

The second time it happened I had turned one hundred and eighty degrees in my bed, and that hand was squeezing mine again. I rose up, thinking it was the devil, then back to sleep a third time. The next thing I knew I was suddenly standing up in the room and clothed in a pure white luminescent garment. I looked down and saw that there were silver buttons down the front of the garment and my feet were floating above the ground. I saw my sleeping body on the bed but the real me was on the outside. Then the Spirit began to take me to places in the town and show me things. Finally I found myself in my Pastor’s bedroom watching him reading a book. I realised he could not see me. Then, I thought to myself, I will call out his name and scare him, but when I did, no sound came out of my mouth. Yet, I could hear my own voice in my head. When this happened, it scared me much, and instantly I was back in my body.

At another time, the Holy Spirit took me out of my body to somewhere in the United States. I could see some drunks sitting around a burning rubbish bin and flew down to where they were. I began to whisper the gospel message into one of the drunks ears; then in turn, he began to preach it to the others that were sitting around. When the whole gospel message had been preached, I found myself back in my body in Australia.

The Spirit once took me to Israel through a door that seemed to go down a long tunnel. When I arrived on the other side, a lady was waiting and she proceeded to prophesy over me. Then I was back in my body. Of course, the counterfeit to this experience is that of astro-travel, practised by those involved in the occult. God gives

these out-of-body type experiences to show us something He wishes us to see, to encourage us and also to use our availability in certain situations.

# 11

## Jesus In Your Dreams

When the Lord appears in your dreams, often you will see Him as you would imagine Him to look. Jesus comes to comfort, correct, or reveal something to the dreamer. In the example of King Abimelech, He came to sternly correct.

**“But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man’s wife.”**

**Genesis 20:3**

I have also known the awesome correction of the Lord in a dream, and it is not something you forget in too much of a hurry. I dreamt I was sitting in a church listening to a speaker preach his message, and inside myself I said, “How boring.” Have you ever said that? Well, I had been going through a real long stretch of thinking it, and the Lord was not impressed. As I thought it in the dream, my eyes were suddenly opened and I could see into the spirit realm. There were beautiful angels everywhere, some playing harps and trumpets. God was revealing just exactly what was going on in the spiritual realm. Those angels were giving honour to the word that was being preached. Then I heard the voice of the Lord thundering above me. He said, “Come”, and with that the roof began to peel back and I was flying up through it into the heavenlies. Then I began to slow down, and from my right I could see the Lord coming. He was dressed in what could only be described as royal robes, the train of His garment seemed endless behind Him. The Lord rebuked me sorely for my heart attitude in that dream, and I awoke with the weight of repentance upon me.

Sometimes, Jesus comes as a representation of what is happening in His body, the Church. I dreamt once that I could see a crowd of people pressing in on someone. I forced my way through the throng and was amazed to see Jesus in the midst of them. His clothes were all torn and He looked exhausted. I ran to Him and lay Him on the ground, my arm supporting His head, then sent my wife to make some soup for Him, which she did. When I awoke, the Holy Spirit showed me that Jesus represented the state of the body of Christ at that time. The Church was weary and people needed to be encouraged. This dream was chiefly a call to enter into prayer for His body.

Jesus appeared to his disciples in many different forms, revealing different aspects of Himself, after He had risen from the grave. For these examples see these scriptures: John 20:19-20; John 21:1,14; Luke 24:15; Luke 24:36.

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### **Directional and Revelatory Dreams**

A revelation simply means a secret revealed. The word “secret” comes from the Hebrew word “so’ed”, which means “a couch or cushion.” It implies a secret told by one whispering to another while sitting close together.

These type of dreams are so called because God is about to move. He is about to do something and by revealing future events, we as His children are directed, and hence, prepared.

I had a dream that I was ministering in a Church in my home town when a blonde-haired woman came to the front weeping. I had never seen her before, but for some reason I knew her name was Julie. I said “Julie, you want to give your life to Jesus don’t you?” She said yes, and I led her in a prayer of repentance, then I woke up. The next day I rang my mother who was to hold a women’s meeting in that church, and told her to expect a blonde woman called Julie to come to the front. Sure enough, as true as the Holy Spirit had showed me in the dream, this lady made her first appearance at that Church and gave her heart to Jesus.

The dream was like a signpost of the things about to happen, and we were prepared for it.

In the story of Pharaoh’s dream of seven fat cows and seven thin cows, future events were being revealed. Although Pharaoh’s dreams can come under the title of “warning dreams”, they were also revelatory and directional. Pharaoh took heed and prepared in advance for the years of drought. It was the response God was hoping for.

One thing to note is if the Holy Spirit gives you the same dream more than once, as he did to Pharaoh in Joseph’s day, you can be sure the thing is established by God and will shortly come to pass. (Genesis 41:32)

We can experience many dreams throughout the year, some of which can be amazing revelations, while others are like little signposts just to let you know what is about to happen, and to show you that you are right on track.

These little signpost dreams occurred frequently to me over a year of working as a fork-lift mechanic. I dreamt one night that the foreman, whom everyone had a problem with, was in the head office writing out his resignation. I felt to tell the co-workers because many were planning to leave because of this man. But no-one believed the dream. These were unsaved men, of course, so naturally they found it hard to swallow. Then within the month there he was, in the office, signing his resignation. You can imagine how the workers had a change of heart when next I had a dream to tell.

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### Dream Tips

**These are some guidelines that will help you in the interpretation of your own dreams.**

1. Read over and over the parables and visions of the Bible.
2. Get to know the book of Proverbs.
3. Do not break the dream down too finely or you may obscure the meaning.
4. Start to write your dreams down, first thing when you wake up.
5. Make a note of your feelings in the dream, were you afraid, angry?
6. Were you in the dream or observing the dream? i.e. King Nebuchadnezzar said, "I saw a dream." (Daniel 4:10)
7. Ask God for the interpretation. Always seek Him first and wait for a more sure word if the meaning is unclear. In Daniel 4:19, Daniel waited before the Lord for one hour for the interpretation of a dream. So do not rush in.
8. Ask someone with an interpretation gift, but be sure that the person's track record is sound. Remember the words of King Nebuchadnezzar in **Daniel 2:9**, "**For you have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me.**" Look for a person's fruit in all areas of the interpretation gift.
9. Develop your own dream alphabet. A policeman in your dream may represent Authority. Your car could mean your ministry. You will begin to see a pattern emerge as you write your dreams down. Each thing in your dream is symbolising something. The idea is to interpret what each item represents to you.
10. Colours can give added meaning to the symbols in your dreams. Blue usually represents the Holy Spirit, black can mean spiritual famine and death, red: anger, danger or war.

Remember not to place more value on dreams and dream interpretation than on the other ways God may choose to speak to you.

A mature attitude coupled with a firm knowledge of God's word are sure safeguards that will protect you from the pendulum swinging too far in one direction.

“Sweet Dreams”

Proverbs 3:24