

Equipped for Understanding Dreams & Visions From God's Perspective

Resources

Recommended:

- *Exploring Heavenly Places Volume 8: Dreamspeak* by Barbara Kain Parker
- *Mysteries of the Night: A fresh Perspective on Dreams* by Barbara Kian Parker
- Unraveling the Mystery of Dream Interpretation webinar @ https://aslansplace.com/language/en/unraveling-the-mystery-ofdream-interpretation-barbara-parker/
- *A-Z Dream Symbology Dictionary* by Dr. Barbie L. Breathitt (2015-05-04)
- *Divinity Code: The Keys to Decoding Your Dreams and Vision* by Beale, Adrian & Thompson, Adam F.

Caution! Beware of dream books, seminars or internet dream tips, unless using a trusted Christian source. Watch for key words or phrases that indicate false teaching. Use discernment!

Importance of Dreams

And it shall be in the last days, God says, that I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all mankind; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even upon My bond slaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18

Importance of Dreams

The primary purpose is for God to communicate with us:

- A comforting thought from Job 33;16 He seals their *instruction* so even if we don't recall the dream, God is still doing a work in us, because there's an open pathway to our soul/spirit when the body and mind are at rest
- Dreams show the thoughts of the heart, as opposed to logical, mind-driven thoughts while awake
- God-given dreams for the purpose of building up, not tearing down, even if frightening

His agenda is not to terrorize us but to encourage and bring us into wholeness of body, soul & spirit

A Biblical Foundation for Dreams, Visions & Parables

God Speaks in Dreams, Visions and Parables

• Numbers 12:6-8 • Job 7:14, 33:14-17 • Psalm 24:5 Proverbs 25:2 Daniel 2:28 • Joel 2:28 • Matthew 13:10-23

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Dreams & Visions Transcend All Dimensions

- Height
- Length
- Depth
- Width
- Stars
- Body
- Soul
- Time
- Land
- Water

Biblical Vocabulary

- Dreams
 - Challah -Hebrew to cause to dream
 - Enupnion Greek- something seen in a sleep or vision during sleep (Acts 2:17, Jude1:8)
- Visions
 - *Chizzayown* Hebrew- a revelation especially in a dream.
 (2 Sam. 7:17, Job 4:13, Is 22:1, Zec. 13:4)
 - Horasis Greek- something gazed at, a sight, a thing seen. (Matt. 17:9, Acts 7:31, 9:10,12)
- Parables
 - Mashal Hebrew מָשָׁל can refer to a(n): taunt, riddle, allegory, proverb

Dreams in the Bible: Believers

- Abraham Gen. 15:12 -17
- Jacob Gen. 31:10
- Joseph Gen. 37:5
- Daniel Dan. 7
- Solomon 1 Kings 3
- Jeremiah 30:1 31:26
- Joseph (Mary's husband) Matt. 1:20-21, 2:12-13, 19, 22

Dreams in the Bible: Unbelievers

- Abimelech Gen. 20
- Pharoah Gen. 41
- Midianite Soldier- Gen. 7:13
- Nebuchadnezzar Daniel 2 & 4
- Daniel Dan. 2
- Jeremiah 30:1 31:26
- Pilate's wife Matthew 27:19

Visions in the Bible

- Abram Genesis 15:1
- Jacob Genesis 46:2
- Multiple Prophets Numbers 12:6
- Ananias Acts 9:10
- Peter Acts 3
- Saul/Paul Acts 9, 16, 18
- John Revelation

Parables in the Bible

Old Testament (parables called proverbs):

- Isaiah 14:3-4
- Psalm 49:4
- Ezekiel 17:2-10
- Deuteronomy 28:37
- Ezekiel 17:2-10
- Deuteronomy 28:37

New Testament:

• Jesus' many parables

Expanded Definitions of Dreams & Visions

English Definitions

- Lucid Dream: During lucid dreams, the sleeper is aware a dream is taking place but will not leave the dream state. Some further define these phenomena as dreams in which the sleeper can exercise control over different aspects of their environment, though studies have found this is not always the case, and that certain people are more predisposed to "lucid dream control" than others.
- **Theophanic Dream:** A dream in which God is either present or delivers a message to a person.

English Definitions

- Visions are more clear and need less interpretation than dreams, and may seem so real they are hard to distinguish from everyday life
 - Usually while awake, but can happen inside of a dream
- Parables are stories or sayings that illustrates a truth using comparison, hyperbole, or simile. Can be a model, analogy, or example.

A Dream or Vision?

• Similarities:

- Both can be prophetic
- Both can either be from God or the enemy
- Dreams
 - Metaphorical, in picture format
 - Usually need interpretation
- Visions
 - Usually obvious meaning, but can require interpretation (i.e., as in exploration when attempting to determine what God wants to say and different people see different things)

Two Ways Visions Are Seen

- Internal
 - With the inner eye, the mind's eye (quick snapshots or like a movie)
 - May not be see by all present
 - Night Visions:
 - Job 4:13
 - Daniel 7:7
 - May be referenced as, "in the Spirit" (i.e., John the whole book of Revelation)
- External
 - Eyes wide open in 3 ways
 - Co-existing spiritual realm (2 Ki. 6:17)
 - Open heaven experience (Ez. 1:1, Is. 6, Gen. 28:12)
 - The future realm (Dan. 8:3, 10:7, Revelation)

Popular & Historic Thought About Dreams

Dream Catcher Lore:

• First Nations peoples believe, but have also become a popular tool of New Age practitioners:



- Night air is filled with dreams
- They may be good or bad
- A popular tool of New Age practitioners, using occultbased beliefs and practices for divination and to connect to their 'higher consciousness or spirit guides

Are Dream Catchers OK for Christians?

- God's plan for sleep Psalms 3:5, 4:8
- Idolatry Definition Exodus 20:3-5
- God's view of idols Deuteronomy 7:25; Exodus 23:13; 2 Corinthians 6:16



- But what if just a pretty gift, souvenir or decoration with no belief in it by the owner?
 - Consider the generational implications of idolatry
 - Consider 1 Corinthians 10:25-32: So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Psychological schools of thought (i.e., Freud, Jung, popular psychology)

Philosophical schools of thought (i.e., Aristotle taught that anything that is not tangible or logical is irrelevant

Personal speculation (i.e., developing one's own 'truth')

And the list goes on, but all based in historical thought that is not of God.

Common false Christian perspectives of dreams and dream interpretation:

- Oh, that's New Age
- Dreams stopped with the death of the apostles and the first church (Cessationism)
- Dreams don't seem to mean as much as they did in Bible times
- Dreams should be kept private, between you and God alone
- Protestations such as, "I don't dream; I'm a Christian"

From the earliest times people viewed dreams as a mystery, provoking speculation about another actual sphere of existence in which the person lived and acted while the body slept.

- Dreams, especially those of emperors and kings, were held to be messages from the gods.
- Ancient recorded dreams focused on three main areas: religion, politics, and personal destiny.
 - Religious dreams called for piety and devotion to the gods.
 - Political dreams supposedly forecast the outcome of battles and the future destiny of nations.
 - Personal dreams guided family decisions and presaged serious crises.

The understanding of ancient views regarding dreams and visions provides clear evidence of why Christians cannot rely on current non-biblical interpretive methods because they all evolved from the ancients.

Because of the revelatory value of dreams, people often tried to induce such visions through incubation, by spending the night in a temple or holy place, where:

- A god took the initiative and forewarned the person about something unexpected
- Rulers or generals would sleep there, hoping to bring on a dream that would help cope with some serious problem.
- Often, dream interpreters were consulted and records were kept concerning specific dreams and the subsequent events.

Greek mindset:

- Plato and Aristotle taught that knowledge comes through the 5 senses and reason, which would also include the understanding of dreams & visions
- Aristotle (4th century BC), and Artemidorus Daldianus (2nd century BC), were the chief recorders of dreams in ancient Greece
- Hippocrates, the founder of modern medicine believed that dreams are only a bodily process

1800s—Age of Enlightenment:

- Societal rejection of anything that couldn't be explained by science or logic
- Sigmund Freud thought dreams are the product of unconscious conflicts in childhood & full of sexual overtones
- Carl Jung, founder of analytical psychology, suggested that dreams were the result of unconscious emotional conflicts, and his dream analysis theory incorporated mythology

Mesopotamia:

- Provided earliest forms of writings on dreams
- Believed that good dreams were directly sent by God, and nightmares were sent by demons
- If one were in the ruling class, sleep was also a medium to communicate with the deities

Mesoamerica:

- Mayan civilization classified the interpretation of dreams into three parts - prophecies offering a reverse image; metaphor; literal representation of the future
- Interpreters were known as day keepers who possessed a trait called body lightning, a feeling of air passing through one's body which was deciphered as a prophecy.

Islam: According to Islamic traditions, dreams are divine connection to one's true spirit.

Ancient India:

- According to the oldest Hindu script, when one falls asleep the soul leaves the body to travel through time and space, and if awakened suddenly, the soul might not reach the body in time
- Taught three material state of consciousness, the awake, dream state, deep sleep; plus a non-material fourth state in which one can become aware of the supreme God.

Ancient Egypt:

- Dreams have a divine message
- Interpretation was the work of temple priests known as "Masters of secret things" or "Scribes of the double house of life"
- Priests recorded recurring omens and dream images and the gods, whom they assume to have sent favorable dreams
- Bes was the Egyptian god that was said to have a positive effect on dreams

Early Aboriginal:

- gods and mortals created the earth in a timeless state known as dreamtime
- The term 'dreaming' (tjukurrpa in aboriginal language) meant 'to see and understand the law
- Dreaming formed an important part of a collective memory, which was taken to be a stories passed down through generations of a tribal group

Native Americans:

- Many viewed the dream space as a sacred place where one could step outside the bonds of mundane existence and connect with a more universal consciousness
- Each tribe/culture had its own way of accessing this dimension, including the knowledge to be learned from the animal and ancestral spirits that inhabit it
- Distinct and important differences in the spiritual practices and beliefs of various nations, but a shared appreciation of the dream space as a sacred, holy place to be attained through ritual activities

Historic Dreams

Alexander Duff's Youthful Dream

A Scottish boy, lying on the heather beside a brook, fell asleep and had a wonderful dream. The sky became glorious with a dazzling golden light. Out of this light came a chariot drawn by horses of fire. Faster and faster it came down from the sky, and when it came near the boy he heard a voice as sweet as the mountain brook, saying, "Come up hither, I have work for thee to do." When he got up to obey, he awoke, and found it was a dream.

Myconius' Dream

One night he dreamed that Jesus approached and showed him his hands and feet; he saw the fountain in which he had been cleansed from sin. The Lord said, "Follow me," and took him to a lofty mountain and pointed eastward. Looking in that direction, Myconius saw a plain stretching away to the horizon. It was dotted with white sheep - thousands and thousands of them, and one man was trying to shepherd them all. The man was Martin Luther. Then to the west, Myconius saw a great field of standing corn with one exhausted-butpesistant reaper trying to harvest it all. Again, it was Luther. When awake, Myconius said, "It is not enough that I should pray. The sheep must be shepherded; the fields must be reaped. Here am I; send me." And he went out and shared his old friend's labors.

Dream of Caesar's Wife

In the middle of the night of the fourteenth of March, Caesar awoke in his bed, and looking down upon Calpurnia, who lay sleeping in the moonlight by his side, he heard her utter in a dream indistinct words and inarticulate groans.

When the day dawned, Calpurnia told Caesar how in her dream she had held him bleeding and dying in her arms. She besought him not to stir out of the house, but to adjourn the meeting of the senate fixed for the fifteenth, the Ides of March, to another day.

A.B. Simpson's Dream

I was gazing into the heavens at night, looking at one of the brightest constellations, when suddenly there appeared among them a wonderful star as bright as Venus at its brightest. As I gazed upon it, wondering at its strange beauty, I became conscious that it was rapidly growing larger every moment and swiftly approaching. So fast did it enlarge that it seemed to be literally rushing earthwards. My whole being was stirred with the thought that some stupendous event was happening. Then there passed over my spirit in my dream a distinct consciousness that the Lord was coming; that this was the Morning Star and He was just behind it. The best part of the dream was that it brought only rest and joy. Startling as was the appearance and certainty of the coming King, there was no fear, but a sweet consciousness that all was right. I was glad He was coming, that in a few moments He would be here. I also had the consciousness that it was all right for those I loved as well as for myself.

Abraham Lincoln's Dream

In a dream, Lincoln awakened to the sound of grieving in the East Room. As the president entered the room, he saw, "a corpse wrapped in funeral vestments. Around it were stationed soldiers who were acting as guards; and there was a throng of people, some gazing mournfully upon the corpse, whose face was covered, others weeping pitifully."

Lincoln approached one of the soldiers guarding the body, and asked who had died in the White House, to which the soldier responded with "The president. He was killed by an assassin."

Later, he recalled, "I slept no more that night; and although it was only a dream, I have been strangely annoyed by it ever since."

Inventions: Elias Howe

The Eye of The Needle:

He dreamed he was building a sewing machine for a savage king in a strange country. Just as in his actual working experience, he was perplexed about the needle's eye. He thought the king gave him twenty-four hours in which to complete the machine and make it sew. If not finished in that time death was to be the punishment.

Howe worked and worked, and puzzled, and finally gave it up. Then he thought he was taken out to be executed. He noticed that the warriors carried spears that were pierced near the head. Instantly came the solution of the difficulty, and while the inventor was begging for time, he awoke. It was 4 o'clock in the morning, and by 9AM, a needle with an eye at the point had been rudely modeled. After that it was easy.

Inventions: Albert Einstein

The Speed of Light:

As a young man, Einstein dreamed he was sledding down a steep mountainside, going so fast that eventually he approached the speed of light. As this moment, the stars in his dream changed their appearance in relation to him. He awoke and meditated on this idea, soon formulating what would become one of the most famous scientific theories in the history of mankind.

Inventions: Frederick Banting

Insulin:

After his mother passed away from diabetes, he was motivated to find a cure. Eventually he found the next best thing: a treatment using insulin injections which, though not a true cure, could at least significantly extend the lifespan of sufferers. Though he lacked knowledge of diabetes and clinical research, his discovery won him a Nobel Prize in Medicine at just 32 years old.

While seeking to isolate the exact cause of diabetes, Banting had a dream telling him to surgically ligate (tie up) the pancreas of a diabetic dog in order to stop the flow of nourishment. He did - and discovered a disproportionate balance between sugar and insulin. This breakthrough led to another dream that revealed how to develop insulin as a drug to treat the condition.

Inventions: Dmitri Mendeleev

Periodic Table:

This man was obsessed with finding a logical way to organize the chemical elements. It had been preying on his mind for months, and in 1869 he wrote the elements' names on cards – one element on each card. He then wrote the properties of every element on its own card. He saw that atomic weight was important in some way, but he could not find a pattern.

Convinced that he was close to discovering something significant, Mendeleev moved the cards about for many hours until finally he fell asleep at his desk. When he awoke, he found that his subconscious mind had done his work for him! A logical arrangement of the elements had come to him. He later wrote, "In a dream I saw a table where all the elements fell into place as required, Awakening, I immediately wrote it down on a piece of paper."

Inventions: Otto Loewi

Nerve Signaling Across Synapses:

In 1903, he had the thought that nerve signals were possibly transmitted using chemical instructions, but could not think of how he could prove his new idea. Later, in 1920, he dreamed about the problem. He woke excitedly during the night and scribbled notes about the dream. In the morning, he could neither remember the dream nor read his nocturnal notes. The following night, he dreamed about the problem again. The dream was about an experiment he could use to prove his idea, and this time he remembered it. He carried out research based on his dream and published the work in 1921, establishing that signaling across synapses was indeed chemical, as he had suspected.

It's ironic that it took 17 years for subconscious thoughts to come to the surface in the man often called the father of neuroscience!

Dream Facts

The Science of Dreaming

Everyone dreams. You spend about 2 hours each night dreaming but may not remember most of your dreams. Its exact purpose isn't known, but dreaming may help you process your emotions. Events from the day often invade your thoughts during sleep, and people suffering from stress or anxiety are more likely to have frightening dreams. Dreams can be experienced in all stages of sleep but usually are most vivid in REM sleep. Some people dream in color, while others only recall dreams in black and white.

https://www.ninds.nih.gov/Disorders/Patient-Caregiver-Education/Understanding-Sleep#5

Spheres of Dreams

- Intrinsic Dreams:
 - Dreams that deal with heart issues and with our relationship or lack or relationship with God.
 - Heart issues pertain to matters of our soul: personal longings, opinions, and emotions.
- Extrinsic Dreams
 - Dreams that focus on something or someone other than ourselves.
 - Only 1-5% of most people's dreams are extrinsic in nature.
 - The greater our intimacy with the Lord, the more extrinsic dreams we have.
 - Pharaoh's dreams Gen. 41:1-32

Streams Dream Philosophy

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Secular Interpretation	Biblical Interpretation
Temporal	External
Internally Originated	Externally Originated
Psyche Driven	Spirit Driven
Introspective	Theospective
Archetypical Characters	Spiritual Beings
Singular Meaning	Levels of Meanings
Self Change	God Change
Logically Derived	Intuitive Derived
Soul Centristic	Theo Centristic

Remembering Dreams

Dreams images are written in our minds with disappearing ink; if we don't re-experience them immediately, dreams become invisible:

- Try to wake up slowly and capture the twilight time when we hear God speak
- Ask the Holy Spirit to wake you up before your alarm clock does
- Immediately go over the dream with God and write down any dreams
- Consider verbally recording dreams

Repetitive Dreams

God-given dreams may repeat over and over until we pay attention to them; consider:

- Repetitious childhood dreams
- Dreams you've had 2 or 3 times
- Remembering a previous dream within a dream, or recognizing a place you've been before

Dream Categories

- Healing
- Flushing
- Calling
- Warning
- False
- Body
- Chemical
- Self-condition
- Courage
- Correction
- Direction

- Intercession
- Prophecy- Revelation
- Dark Dreams
- Spiritual Warfare
- Fear
- Invention
- Word of Knowledge
- Deliverance
- Soul Dreams
- Reoccurring Dreams
- Sexual Dreams

Dream Blockers

We devalue our dreams when we say or think things such as:

- They are not relevant
- That's the weirdest dream ever!
- It makes no sense
- I must be crazy
- Must be something I ate

Dream Blockers

As kids, dreams may have been shut down by such comments as:

- It's just a dream; don't worry about it
- Just ignore it because it's not real
- You're just imagining things (whether good or bad)
- Night terrors/nightmares/bad dreams can't hurt you so go back to sleep; there's no reason to be scared

Parents must:

- Encourage kids to talk about their dreams
- Never denigrate the reality or the feelings attached to dreams

Dream Blockers

- Attitudes can hamper dreams
 - Anger
 - Grief
 - Worry
 - Anxiety/fear
 - Negativity
 - Bitterness, etc.
- Health Issues
 - Sleep disorders
 - Alcohol/drugs
 - Frequent waking
 - Hormonal changes
- Loud noises abruptly waking you up

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Dream Interpretation



Three Essential Keys to Dream Interpretation:

• Intimacy with God

- Listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit
- Knowing what the Bible actually says

God may give interpretation by:

- Instant revelation of a dream's meaning through an angel
 Daniel 7
- Simultaneously speaking the dream's interpretation to us as we sleep
- Twilight revelation (a knowing in the moments between sleeping and waking)
- The process of writing it down 1Chronicles 28:19
- Unfolding a dream's meaning over time as we mature in understanding His ways - Proverbs 25:2



Interpretation Principles

- Ask God for understanding.
- Study the parables of Jesus.
- View dreams the same way as parables.
- Refer to Scripture.
- Develop a dream vocabulary.
- Note colloquial expressions, idioms and puns.
- Ask what the symbol means to you.
- Make a note of your feelings in the dream.
- Get counsel from gifted interpreters, not friends.

Basic Types and Symbols

- Type: shape, style or resemblance of that which is to come Romans 5:14)
- Symbol: Something that represents someone or something 1 Corinthians 11:10
- Pattern: the exact way something should be done or made Exodus 25:9
- Shadow: to pre-figure that which is to come Colossians 2:16-17
- Sign: signal, evidence of that which is coming, earthly oriented Genesis 9:17
- Wonder: A conspicuous miracle that validates what is coming, heavenly oriented - Acts. 2:19
- Parable: a fictitious narrative that illustrates a parallel truth Matthew 13:13
- Simile: comparison using 'like' or 'as' Revelation 1:14-18
- Metaphor: comparison without 'like' or 'as' Revelation 1:16

Interpretive Process

- Ask what part do you have in the dream. Are you an observer, a participant or the main focus?
- Note the colors bright, muted tones or black and white.
- Reduce the dream to its simplest form.
- Keep the main thing, the main thing.
- Look at the context of the dream.
- Determine the attitudes and agendas of those in the dream.
- Recognize what God presently is dealing within your life.
- Determine the title and the tone of the dream.

Establish the Focus and Sub Focus

- The focus is who or what the dream is about.
 - Ask who is this dream about? What's the center of attention?
 - If you can remove an element and the dream falls apart, that was the focus.
- Sub-focuses are the elements in a dream that are necessary to find the theme / plot of the dream and to make it have meaning.
 - Ask would this dream be the same without this element?
 - What did this particular element add to the whole of the dream?

Interpretation Basics

- Enter the dream.
- Ask the Lord if the dream is true or false.
- Is dreamer participant or observer?
- Note the colors.
- Find the focus and sub focuses.
- Think metaphorically. Find the key metaphor.
- Look for contrasts. Why this and not that?
- Keep the main things, the main things.
- Why did God give the dreamer the dream?
- Interpret the dream in 2-3 sentences.

FALSE DREAMS



Prayer to Release Dreams

Father, in the name of Jesus I submit this prayer on behalf of myself and my entire generational line back to before the beginning of time; and I renounce and repent for all of us who ever discounted or ignored our God-given dreams in any way.

I repent for:

- All who have believed or said, "I never dream," "God doesn't speak through dreams," or, "Dreams and dream interpretation stopped with the early church"
- Those among us who have discouraged, mocked and/or shut down dreams in any way, including asking the Lord to stop our dreams because we were fearful
- All rejection of godly dreams, thus refusing what You were trying to show us

- Any time we nurtured fear toward dreams or their interpretation
- Any time that we placed a priority on the socalled wisdom of man and ignored God's true wisdom in regard to dreams and the godly interpretation of those dreams
- The worship of Baal or Moloch, which contaminated our dreams
- Using dreams for astral-projection into the heavens, false realities and ungodly worlds, in order to access and bring back that which is not allowed by You

- Using drugs of any kind to produce or enhance dreams
- Engaging in cosmic sex with fallen sons of God
- Receiving or believing false dreams and/or dream interpretations, and becoming false prophets or teachers based on ungodly dreams
- Seeking knowledge from ungodly systems instead of from the living God, especially all that trace back to Nimrod who went into the heavens to gain information

• Intentionally going to sleep in an to attempt to gain esoteric knowledge, rather than entering into the Rest of the Lord

Lord, I declare that I will no longer allow the enemy, including all ungodly rulers, thrones and other entities to interfere in my dreams. I also declare that my subconscious is open only to the true and living God, Elohim. In Jesus' name, I now revoke any permissions given by my ancestors or myself to dream hackers or any other ungodly influence on my dreams; I totally surrender my dream life over to God.

Lord, I ask that You would retrieve all of my scattered soul and spirit parts that the enemy can no longer hold captive because of this repentance; please return them to me through the blood of Jesus and place them into my being according to Your perfect original creative design. Lord, please disconnect me from all ungodly trees, destroying their roots and branches; please graft me into the true Branch, which is Jesus, and remove me from all ungodly belief systems.

Lord Jesus, please now close any ungodly gates, especially dream gates. Regarding my mind, my sleep and my dreams, please close all of the unrighteous doors that have been opened and open the doors of righteousness. I invite You to possess the gates of my dreams, come into them, live in them, and speak Your truths to my heart and mind.

Holy Spirit, please increase my discernment, grant me Your wisdom, knowledge and understanding regarding dreams; please counsel and teach me to understand and interpret dreams from Your perspective alone. I claim Jesus' promise:

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you. (John 14:26)

Lord, please fulfill that promise in my life in regard to dreams, visions and twilight experiences.

Exposing False Dreams

False dreams are nothing new; we've all had them, but perhaps didn't recognize the lies and reacted incorrectly:

- Frightened because they seemed horrible
- Based our thoughts and actions on what we mistakenly thought was God's guidance or revelation, only to be disappointed when nothing worked
- Spoke or wrote prophetically, completely unaware of what we were doing; or worse, we knew it was false and did it anyway to suit our own purposes

God is very serious about the misuse of dreams:

- Deuteronomy 13:1-5
- Jeremiah 23:25-32
- Jeremiah 27:9-10
- Zechariah 10:2-3

Relevant today, for deception is rampant:

- Matthew 24:24 & Mark 13:22
- 2 Timothy 3
- Jude 1:8

Excerpt From EHP, Volume 8; Dreamspeak:

False dreams...can be realized as such, simply because a false doctrine that skews a biblical truth is recognized. Satan is clearly presented as an outright liar throughout scripture, so we must know what the Bible actually says and not just what someone has told us it says in order to keep from being deceived in a dream. We may awake unsure or even distressed about a dream but when things don't line up with what is known to be true, it can usually be dismissed as false.

Consider Job's complaint:

In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings, that he may turn man aside from his deed and conceal pride from a man; he keeps back his soul from the pit, his life from perishing by the sword. Job 33:15-18

Generational Considerations:

- Consider the concept of righteous and unrighteous doors: It makes sense to consider whether or not we have unwittingly allowed evil entities to gain further access to our dreams by accepting a false dream as truth
- Since not believing lying prophets is a direct admonition from God, it would seem that believing our own false dreams is also an unrighteous act, which by default would give the enemy access to our dreams

Dream from a lady in Asia:

I had a dream and I felt I was sleeping in another dimension. Suddenly, I felt that I was shot with electricity. It was running all over my head. I saw a brown bottle and on it was written DH Heaton.

The dreamer's interpretation:

• DH stands for 'dream hack'

 DH Heaton is a Swedish production company specializing in eSports tournaments and other gaming conventions

• Heaton is actually 'heat on', and is about gaming

Prophetic Word From Jana Green:

Again, it is the alignment to the system of Babylon where vain imagination was given a reality. The sons of men knew no truth except by a false hope without proof. Everything was given to the unseen but they ignored the rest [of the Lord], to work from lack or need; so they gave away their access of the heavens, remained in the stars, and created deception. The foundation was Baal, and imagination was stolen in order to block the memory of the original seed, and to stop the growth by what they believed. The trade was even unto their children that corrupted and comingled seed of the inheritance.

We concluded that we were all attached to an ungodly tree, with far-reaching roots and tentacles like branches, which had to do with ungodly belief systems. We crafted and prayed together a prayer to deal with the false dreams and 'dream hackers' - finishing just as the day ended.

But, the next day, Jana received another word regarding dreams:

Elders are hackers. Now, what has been held back and have been hacked is the same thing, which creates a belief and lack. The paradigms are a veil to block goodness, and make success or failure, not just for the things in need, but for the heart that cannot see. Out of the heart flows the issues of life. (continued on next slide)

Why do they have access to our dreams?

- **Idolatry** For the household gods utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; <u>they tell false dreams and give</u> <u>empty consolation</u>. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they are afflicted for lack of a shepherd. Zechariah 10:2
- Believing False Dreams For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are among you deceive you, and <u>do not listen to the dreams that they dream</u>, for it is a lie that they are prophesying to you in my name; I did not send them, declares the LORD. Jeremiah 29:8-9

• Blaming God:

- When I lie down I say, 'When shall I arise?' But the night is long, and I am full of tossing till the dawn... When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,' then <u>you scare me with dreams</u> and terrify me with visions, so that I would choose strangling and death rather than my bones. Job 7:4, 13-15

- Sin:
 - You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you make the loan shall bring the pledge out to you. And if he is a poor man, you shall not sleep in his pledge. You shall restore to him the pledge as the sun sets, that he may sleep in his cloak and bless you. And it shall be righteousness for you before the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 24:11-12
 - For the thing that I fear comes upon me, and what I dread befalls me. am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, but trouble comes." Job 3:25-26

- Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is in vain that you rise up early and go late to rest, <u>eating the bread</u> of anxious toil; for he gives to his beloved sleep. Psalm 27:1-2
- Not Recognizing God's Truth
 - In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. Psalm 4:8

My son, <u>do not lose sight of these—keep sound</u> <u>wisdom and discretion</u>, and they will be life for your soul and adornment for your neck. Then you will walk on your way securely, and your foot will not stumble. <u>If you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie</u> <u>down, your sleep will be sweet</u>. Proverbs 21:21-23

Contrast the difference between those who are not consumed by possessions versus those who are:

When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <u>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer</u>, whether he eats <u>little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let</u> <u>him sleep</u>. Ecclesiastes 5:11

This could apply to anything of the world that consumes our attention.

Does God hack into false or hacked dreams? Yes!!! He outranks the hackers:

• For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. Colossians 1:16-17

• Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Philippians 2:9-11

He always has our best interests at heart:

- It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." Deuteronomy 31:8
- What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Romans 8:31-33

Deliverance Using Dreams

Assumptions:

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2. We lead the person to ask the Lord the meaning.

3. We work at not trying to lead the person to give information we think is the correct interpretation of the dream. Often we are surprised at the final interpretation

4. We allow the team to help rather than relying on the leader of the ministry time.

5. Persons and animals in the dream can often be a cover up for the enemy. Therefore we often ask the Lord to remove the mask (false face).

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