

First, A Word From Our Sponsor

2 Chronicles ¹³ "When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, ¹⁴ if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Biblical Dreams

Part 1: What Are Biblical Dreams?

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YES!



"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"

(Joel 2:28).

The Bible defines a dream (Job 33:15) "In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on people as they slumber in their beds"

A dream is a vision of the night. A dream occurs when deep sleep falls upon men. A vision is something that occurs when a man is awake, while a dream is something that occurs when a man is asleep.

Isaiah 29:8

"It will be as when a hungry man dreams - and behold, he is eating; But when he awakens, his hunger is not satisfied, or, as when a thirsty man dreams - and behold, he is drinking, but when he awakens, behold, he is faint and his thirst is not quenched."

Yahovah actively speaks to us through dreams **Dreams can have scriptural** meaning. Dreams can appear to be very real. Sometimes you may even wake up mad, sad or scared.

Job 7:13-15

¹³When I think my bed will comfort me and my couch will ease my complaint, ¹⁴ even then you frighten me with dreams and terrify me with visions, ¹⁵ so that I prefer strangling and death, rather than this body of mine.

Genesis 40:8 (NIV) ⁸ "We both had dreams," they answered, "but there is no one to interpret them." Then Joseph said to them, "Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams."

Yahovah uses our dreams and visions to bring instruction.

"He may speak in their ears and terrify them with warnings" (Job 33:16).

Yahovah also uses dreams and visions to open our ears.

Yahovah not only opens our ears, but imbeds in our minds His instruction through our dreams.

We just have to be open to listening to what He is saying.

Dreams notify us of our faults, They counsel us as to what is a wrong direction Dreams instruct us on the best ways to move forward.

1 Samuel 28:15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" "I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on you to tell me what to do."

Dreams are used by God to break down our walls of selfdefense.

Science tells us dreams are produced through our subconscious minds.

Because of this, they normally bypass our self-defense mechanisms and our preconceived notions about our strengths and weaknesses.

Our dreams go right to the truth of the matter.

By breaking down the walls of selfdefense, they allow us to see the true motives and conditions of our hearts. Through dreams we have the opportunity to listen to God and enter a whole new place of healing.

God uses dreams to bypass our pride. **Pride covers the sinful intentions of** our hearts. When we hide behind our pride, it's easy for us to be deceived.

We often learn during our sleep that although we have not given into temptation, there still remains a struggle to overcome sin in our hearts.

Because dreams are often formed from thoughts and images in our minds, they can show us the sin in our hearts that our conscious minds refuse to acknowledge.

Yahovah ultimately desires that we be dead to sin, and not allow it to reign in our bodies, hearts and minds.

We aren't always open to hearing Yahovah and we close our ears and don't take the time to feel the Holy Spirit tugging at our hearts.

While God can speak to us when we set aside time for prayer and meditation, He also speaks to us in our dreams

Numbers 12:6 He (Yahovah) said, "Listen to my words: "When there is a prophet among you, I, Yahovah, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.

During our dreams, God bypasses the shell we have surrounding our hearts

Only then we will hear what the Spirit is saying.

We must be cautious and not become too dependent on our dreams.

Some people expect to be directed by them on a daily basis and this pattern can set you up for error and deception.

You must be able to determine if your dream is of God or of the flesh. False dreams can come from our mind's attempt to lead us away from Yahovah's principles and precepts. False dreams can convey darkness' own prophetic messages.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

^[1]If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder, ² and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, "Let us follow other gods" (gods you have not known) "and let us worship them," ³ you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

⁴ It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. ⁵ That prophet or dreamer must be put to death for inciting rebellion against the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. That prophet or dreamer tried to turn you from the way the LORD your God commanded you to follow. You must purge the evil from among you.

This Warning Also Occurs Throughout The Book Of Jeremiah: Jeremiah 23:27

They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship.

Jeremiah 23:32

Indeed, I am against those who prophesy false dreams," declares the LORD. "They tell them and lead my people astray with their reckless lies, yet I did not send or appoint them. They do not benefit these people in the least," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 27:9

So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your interpreters of dreams, your mediums or your sorcerers who tell you, 'You will not serve the king of Babylon.

Jeremiah 29:8

Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.

The voice of Yahovah is speaking out to you right now through your dreams.

When we understand and interpret these messages, we can live fully in His purpose.

Pay attention to what Yahovah is telling you. He may be speaking to you right now and you don't even know it. When we understand what God is saying to us, we can communicate with Him in a new way and also live

in His purpose.

In the Hebrew Bible, the word used for dream is hălôm, referring to either an ordinary dream or one that is given by God. In the New Testament, two different Greek words for dream appear. The Gospel of Matthew contains the word ónar, referring specifically to message or oracle dreams (Matthew 1:20; 2:12, 13, 19, 22; 27:19).

Acts 2:17 and Jude 8 use a more general term for dream (enyphion) and dreaming (enypniazomai), which refer to both oracle and non-oracle dreams. A "night vision" or "vision in the night" is another phrase used in the Bible to denote a message or oracle dream. This expression is found in both Old and New Testaments (Isaiah 29:7; Daniel 2:19; Acts 16:9; 18:9).

God used dreams in the Bible many times to communicate his will, reveal his plans, and to announce future events. However, biblical dream interpretation requires careful testing to prove it came from God (Deuteronomy 13).

Both Jeremiah and Zechariah warned against relying on dreams to express the revelation of Yahovah

Jeremiah 23:28 - Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?" declares the LORD.

Zechariah 10:2 The idols speak deceitfully, diviners see visions that lie; they tell dreams that are false, they give comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep oppressed for lack of a shepherd.

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Anchor Angel Ant Apple Aureole Banner Bells Blackbird Book **Bread And Wine Burning Bush** Butterfly Candles

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Numbers **Olive Branch** Partridge Peacock Pearls Pelican Phoenix Plants and Trees Rainbow

Ram Raven Rock **Scales** Serpent Snake Sparrow Stars Stork **Swallow** Tower Unicorn Woodpecker

Dreams are an important part of many Biblical stories and passages. They offer insight and foresight into the favored decisions or actions that should be made.

Many dreams include visions of divine symbols, or Yahovah, himself, sharing wisdom that changes the course of history. Some dreams present a clear example of what could go wrong if the way of God is abandoned.



There are 21 dreams recorded in the Bible.

10 happen in the book of Genesis.



Let's look at the dream associated with the video clip played earlier.

Pilate's Wife's Nightmare

Yahshua is on trial.

Pontius Pilate's wife has a nightmare about the trial her husband is presiding over, because she knows that Jesus is innocent.

<u>Matthew 27:19</u>: ¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."



Yahovah Speaks To Us Through Dreams A Dream Is A Vision Of The Night -**You Must Be Asleep Dreams Can Have A Scriptural** Meaning **Dreams Can Appear Very Real God Interprets Dreams**

Yahovah Uses Dreams For Instruction **Dreams Tell Us How To Proceed Dreams Break Down Our Resistance To God Wishes Dreams Can Expose Our Sin Don't Over Rely On Dreams**

Make Sure Your Dreams Are From Yahovah **Dreams Communicate God's Will Dreams Can Be Prophetic Dreams Can Contain Divine Symbols** There are 21 Dreams Described In **The Bible**

Part 2: What Were The Dreams?

Next Fellowship we'll look at the other 20 dreams found in the Bible.

How many of the Bibles dreams can you name?

