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1. Abimelech's Warning



Abraham was a wealthy and powerful man and moved from city to city. Sarah, his wife, was a beautiful woman.

When Abraham makes his way to Gerar, he's concerned that his wife is so attractive that Gerar's king, Abimelech, will kill him just to be with her. Abraham has a plan though: he just tells everyone Sarah is his sister.

Abimelech desires Sarah and takes her into his harem. Before he goes anywhere near Sarah, however, God comes to him in a dream.

Genesis 20:6-7

⁶ Then God said to him in the dream, “Yes, I know you did this with a clear conscience, and so I have kept you from sinning against me. That is why I did not let you touch her. ⁷ Now return the man’s wife, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all who belong to you will die.”

2. Jacob's Ladder



Jacob's twin brother, Esau, wants to kill him. Jacob just cheated him out of the family blessing. So Jacob's on the run. He stops to sleep one night, and dreams of a great stairway stretching from earth to heaven, with divine beings moving up and down. At the top of the ladder is Yahovah, who promises that Jacob will indeed return home, and his descendants will possess the land of Canaan.

Genesis 28:12-13 & 15

¹² He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³ There above it stood the LORD, and he said: “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying.

¹⁵ I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”

3. Jacob Called Home

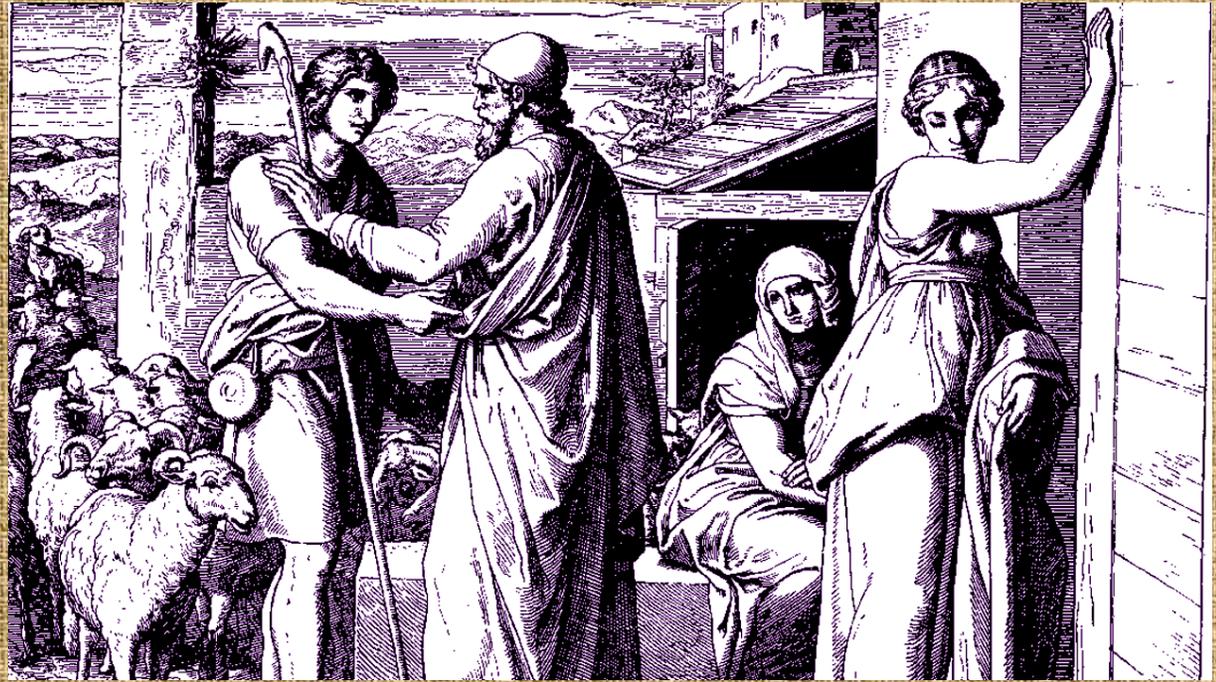


Jacob moves to the land of his relative Laban, where he marries Laban's daughters and works with his herds. Laban's a tricky guy. He takes advantage of Jacob on several occasions. However, God still provides for Jacob—so much so that Jacob's wealth begins to overtake Laban's. Laban's sons aren't too happy with this, and Jacob senses that he is not among friends. God comes to Jacob in a dream. The dream recaps Laban's mistreatment of Jacob and shows that God has been providing for Jacob despite Laban's schemes. The dream's message is clear: it's time to go home.

Genesis 31:10–13

¹⁰ “In breeding season I once had a dream in which I looked up and saw that the male goats mating with the flock were streaked, speckled or spotted. ¹¹ The angel of God said to me in the dream, ‘Jacob.’ I answered, ‘Here I am.’ ¹² And he said, ‘Look up and see that all the male goats mating with the flock are streaked, speckled or spotted, for I have seen all that Laban has been doing to you. ¹³ I am the God of Bethel, where you anointed a pillar and where you made a vow to me. Now leave this land at once and go back to your native land.’”

4. Laban's Warning

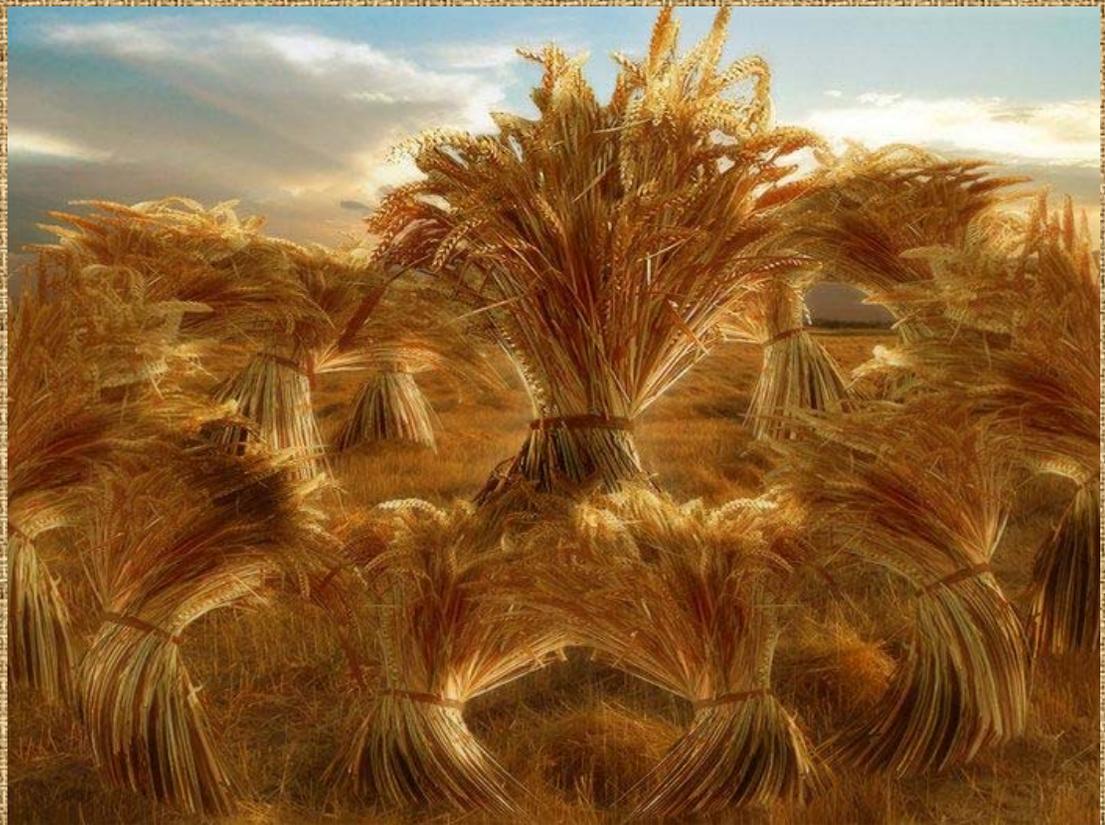


Jacob takes off with his flocks and family—Laban’s daughters and grandchildren. Laban isn’t very happy about this, so he pursues Jacob. But before he catches up to Jacob, Yahovah comes to Laban in a dream. God warns Laban not to say anything good or bad to Jacob—just let him go.

Genesis 31:22-24 ²² On the third day Laban was told that Jacob had fled. ²³ Taking his relatives with him, he pursued Jacob for seven days and caught up with him in the hill country of Gilead. ²⁴ Then God came to Laban the Aramean in a dream at night and said to him, “Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.”

Genesis 31:51-52 ⁵¹ Laban also said to Jacob, “Here is this heap, and here is this pillar I have set up between you and me. ⁵² This heap is a witness, and this pillar is a witness, that I will not go past this heap to your side to harm you and that you will not go past this heap and pillar to my side to harm me.

5. Joseph's Grain



Jacob's favorite son Joseph has two dreams that throw a wrench in the family dynamic. In the first dream, Joseph and his brothers are gathering grain into sheaves. Joseph's sheaf stands upright, but the brother's bundles of grain bow down to Joseph's sheaf. This aggravates Joseph's brothers. Not only is Joseph the favorite son, now he thinks that he's going to rule over the rest of them?

Genesis 37:5–8 ⁵ Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more. ⁶ He said to them, “Listen to this dream I had: ⁷ We were binding sheaves of grain out in the field when suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright, while your sheaves gathered around mine and bowed down to it.” ⁸ His brothers said to him, “Do you intend to reign over us? Will you actually rule us?” And they hated him all the more because of his dream and what he had said.

6. Sun, Moon & Stars Bow To Joseph



Joseph then has another dream. This time, the sun, moon, and eleven stars bow down to him. This upsets his brothers and his father. “Really, Joseph? You think we’re all going to bow to *you*?”

Jacob (the sun), his wife and Joseph’s mother Leah (moon), Joseph’s brothers (eleven stars)

Genesis 37:9-11

Then he had another dream, and he told it to his brothers. “Listen,” he said, “I had another dream, and this time the sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me.”¹⁰ When he told his father as well as his brothers, his father rebuked him and said, “What is this dream you had? Will your mother and I and your brothers actually come and bow down to the ground before you?”¹¹ His brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Revelation 12: ¹ *And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:*

7. The Cupbearer's Grapes



Through a series of unfortunate events, Joseph finds himself in prison. He meets two other prisoners who had troubling dreams: Pharaoh's former cupbearer and former baker. The cupbearer dreams of a grape vine with three branches, which he harvests and presses into Pharaoh's cup. The three branches represent three days between the dream and the cupbearer's restoration to Pharaoh's court.

Genesis 40:9-13

⁹ So the chief cupbearer told Joseph his dream. He said to him, “In my dream I saw a vine in front of me, ¹⁰ and on the vine were three branches. As soon as it budded, it blossomed, and its clusters ripened into grapes. ¹¹ Pharaoh’s cup was in my hand, and I took the grapes, squeezed them into Pharaoh’s cup and put the cup in his hand.” ¹² “This is what it means,” Joseph said to him. “The three branches are three days. ¹³ Within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your position, and you will put Pharaoh’s cup in his hand, just as you used to do when you were his cupbearer.

8. The Baker's Baskets



The baker has a dream, too. In the dream, he carries three bread baskets on his head—but the birds eat the bread from them.

Not all dreams are good ones. The three baskets represent another three days—at the end of which Pharaoh beheads the baker, and the birds eat the baker's flesh.

Genesis 40:16–19 ¹⁶ When the chief baker saw that Joseph had given a favorable interpretation, he said to Joseph, “I too had a dream: On my head were three baskets of bread. ¹⁷ In the top basket were all kinds of baked goods for Pharaoh, but the birds were eating them out of the basket on my head.” ¹⁸ “This is what it means,” Joseph said. “The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹ Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head and impale your body on a pole. And the birds will eat away your flesh.”

9. Pharaoh's Cows



Pharaoh has two disturbing dreams. In the first one, seven fat cows are devoured by seven scrawny ones.

Only the prisoner Joseph can interpret this dream-riddle: Egypt is destined to have seven years of good harvest, which will be followed by seven years of devastating famine.

Genesis 41 ¹When two full years had passed, Pharaoh had a dream: He was standing by the Nile, ²when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. ³After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. ⁴And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

10. Pharaoh's Grain



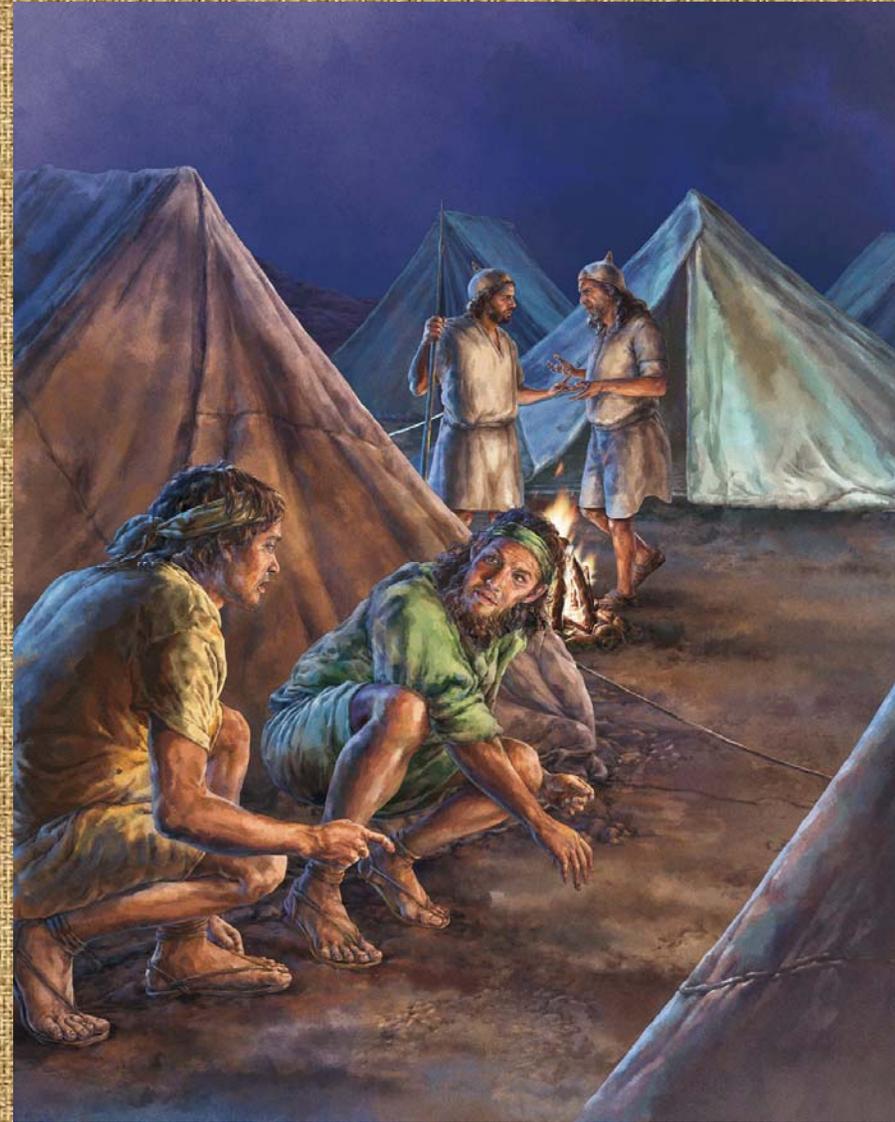
In the second dream, seven plump ears of grain are devoured by seven thin ones.

Joseph's wisdom earns him the second-highest position in the kingdom, which allows him to take care of his father and brothers when they seek refuge from the famine.

Genesis 41:5-7 ¹He fell asleep again and had a second dream: Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. ⁶ After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. ⁷ The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

Genesis 41:25-28 ²⁵ Then Joseph said to Pharaoh,
“The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the
same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is
about to do. ²⁶ The seven good cows are seven
years, and the seven good heads of grain are
seven years; it is one and the same dream. ²⁷ The
seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward
are seven years, and so are the seven worthless
heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They
are seven years of famine. ²⁸ “It is just as I said to
Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is
about to do.

11. The Runaway Barley Loaf



In Judges, Jacob's and Joseph's descendants have followed Moses and Joshua back to Canaan and settled in the land.

They still have conflict with the surrounding nations, including the Midianites. After Midian oppresses Israel for seven years, God raises up a leader named Gideon to overthrow them.

The night before Gideon storms the Midianite camp, Gideon overhears two Midianites discussing a dream one of them had: a loaf of barley rolls into camp and overturns a tent.

Somehow, the other Midianite can tell what the dream means: "This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands."

Judges 7:13–14

¹³ Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream. “I had a dream,” he was saying. “A round loaf of barley bread came tumbling into the Midianite camp. It struck the tent with such force that the tent overturned and collapsed.”¹⁴ His friend responded, “This can be nothing other than the sword of Gideon son of Joash, the Israelite. God has given the Midianites and the whole camp into his hands.”

12. Solomon's Gift From Yahovah



**What if Yahovah came to you in a dream one night and said, “You know what? Ask me for anything—anything you want. I’ll give it to you.”
What would you ask for?**

That’s what happens to King Solomon. God comes to him in a dream offering him a divine blank check. Solomon plays it smart and asks for wisdom—not wealth, power, or a long life. So God grants him all of the above.

1 Kings 3:5 & 9-15

⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?” ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,

¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. ¹³ Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. ¹⁴ And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.” ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke—and he realized it had been a dream.

13. Nebuchadnezzar's Statue



The king of Babylon has a terrifying dream, and nobody can interpret it but Daniel, a Hebrew. This dream involves an enormous statue made of various materials—which represent different world kingdoms.

The statue is smashed by a stone which becomes a mountain, representing the coming kingdom of God.

Daniel 2:3-7

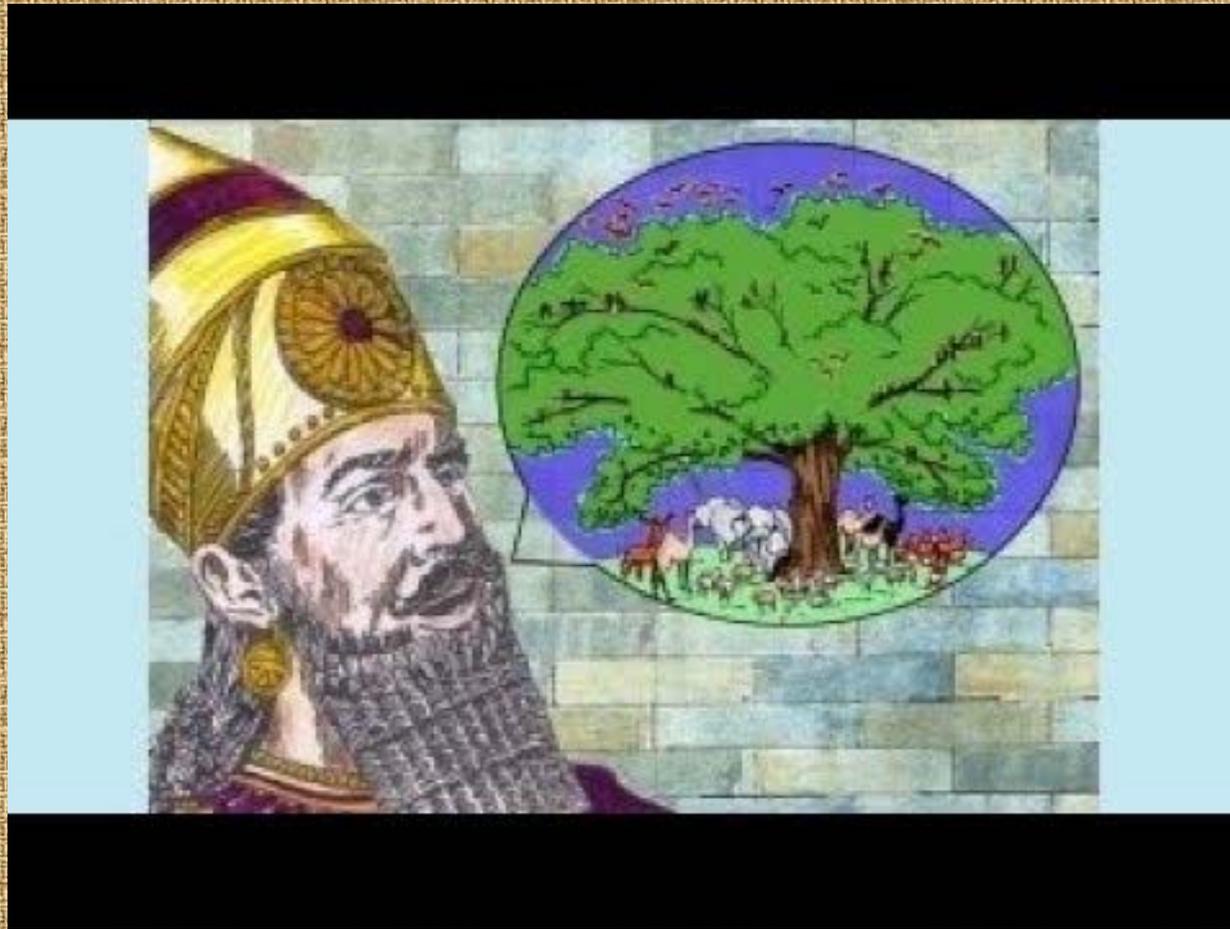
³ He (Nebuchadnezzar) said to them, “I have had a dream that troubles me and I want to know what it means.” ⁴ Then the astrologers answered the king, “May the king live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will interpret it.” ⁵ The king replied to the astrologers, “This is what I have firmly decided: If you do not tell me what my dream was and interpret it, I will have you cut into pieces and your houses turned into piles of rubble. ⁶ But if you tell me the dream and explain it, you will receive from me gifts and rewards and great honor. So tell me the dream and interpret it for me.” ⁷ Once more they replied, “Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will interpret it.”

Daniel 2:36-43

³⁶ “This was the dream, and now we will interpret it to the king. ³⁷ Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; ³⁸ in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. ³⁹ “After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth.

⁴⁰ Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. ⁴¹ Just as you saw that the feet and toes were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. ⁴² As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³ And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay.

14. Nebuchadnezzar's Tree



Nebuchadnezzar has a troubling dream that only Daniel can interpret. This time a huge, magnificent tree is cut down to earth, and only the stump and roots are left.

The dream represents Nebuchadnezzar's coming downfall and God's judgment on him for his arrogance.

Daniel 4:10-15

¹⁰ These are the visions I saw while lying in bed: I looked, and there before me stood a tree in the middle of the land. Its height was enormous. ¹¹ The tree grew large and strong and its top touched the sky; it was visible to the ends of the earth. ¹² Its leaves were beautiful, its fruit abundant, and on it was food for all. Under it the wild animals found shelter, and the birds lived in its branches; from it every creature was fed.

¹³ “In the visions I saw while lying in bed, I looked, and there before me was a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven. ¹⁴ He called in a loud voice: ‘Cut down the tree and trim off its branches; strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals flee from under it and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵ But let the stump and its roots, bound with iron and bronze, remain in the ground, in the grass of the field.

Daniel 4:22-27

²² Your Majesty, you are that tree! You have become great and strong; your greatness has grown until it reaches the sky, and your dominion extends to distant parts of the earth.²³ “Your Majesty saw a holy one, a messenger, coming down from heaven and saying, ‘Cut down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump, bound with iron and bronze, in the grass of the field, while its roots remain in the ground. Let him be drenched with the dew of heaven; let him live with the wild animals, until seven times pass by for him.’²⁴ “This is the interpretation, Your Majesty, and this is the decree the Most High has issued against my lord the king:

²⁵ You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox and be drenched with the dew of heaven. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes. ²⁶ The command to leave the stump of the tree with its roots means that your kingdom will be restored to you when you acknowledge that Heaven rules. ²⁷ Therefore, Your Majesty, be pleased to accept my advice: Renounce your sins by doing what is right, and your wickedness by being kind to the oppressed. It may be that then your prosperity will continue.”

15. Daniel's Beasts



Now it's Daniel's turn to have dreams. In this dream, Daniel sees a lion, a bear, a leopard, and another strange, ten-horned beast come out of the sea. Yahovah judges the beasts, and the Son of Man is given dominion over all the earth. The four beasts represent human empires.

Daniel 7:1-8

¹In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. ² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. ⁴ "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it. ⁵ "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

⁶ “After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule. ⁷ “After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns. ⁸ “While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

Daniel 7:17-27

¹⁷ ‘The four great beasts are four kings that will rise from the earth. ¹⁸ But the holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever—yes, for ever and ever.’ ¹⁹ “Then I wanted to know the meaning of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others and most terrifying, with its iron teeth and bronze claws—the beast that crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left.

²⁰ I also wanted to know about the ten horns on its head and about the other horn that came up, before which three of them fell—the horn that looked more imposing than the others and that had eyes and a mouth that spoke boastfully. ²¹ As I watched, this horn was waging war against the holy people and defeating them, ²² until the Ancient of Days came and pronounced judgment in favor of the holy people of the Most High, and the time came when they possessed the kingdom.

²³ “He gave me this explanation: ‘The fourth beast is a fourth kingdom that will appear on earth. It will be different from all the other kingdoms and will devour the whole earth, trampling it down and crushing it. ²⁴ The ten horns are ten kings who will come from this kingdom. After them another king will arise, different from the earlier ones; he will subdue three kings.

²⁵ He will speak against the Most High and oppress his holy people and try to change the set times and the laws. The holy people will be delivered into his hands for a time, times and half a time. ²⁶ ““But the court will sit, and his power will be taken away and completely destroyed forever. ²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be handed over to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers will worship and obey him.’

Dreams 16–20.

Dreams Surrounding Yahshua's Birth

Matthew 1:18–2:23

A cluster of five dreams surround the birth of Yahshua in the first two chapters of Matthew.

16. The Magi's Warning



**The Magi visit the young Yahshua.
Yahovah tells them in a dream to
avoid King Herod as they return
home—the jealous king wants to
kill the boy.**

Matthew 1:

¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

17. Joseph's Message

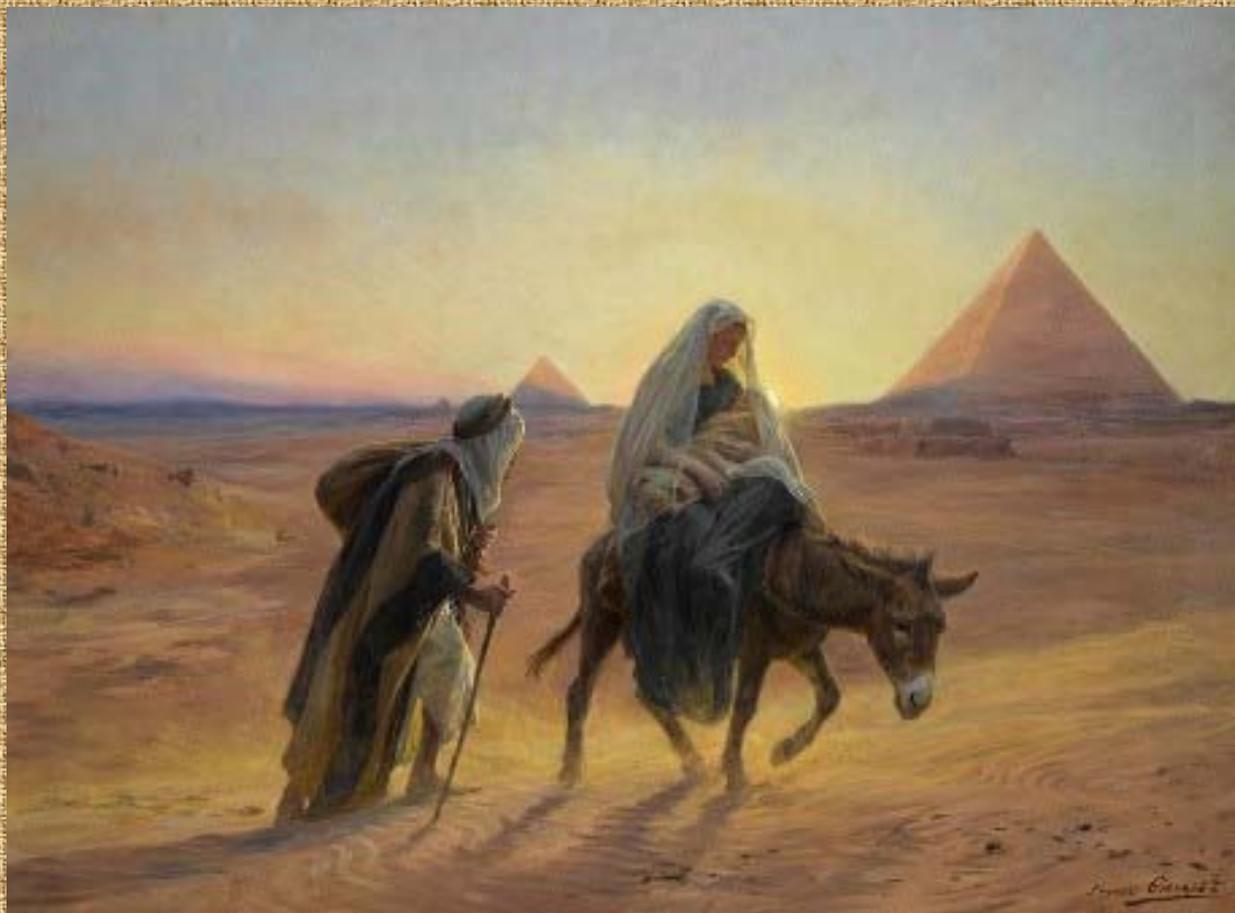


**An angel tells Mary's betrothed,
Joseph, that there is no need to
divorce her. The child she is
expecting is the Savior, the Son Of
God**

Matthew 1:19–21

¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

18. Joseph's Warning

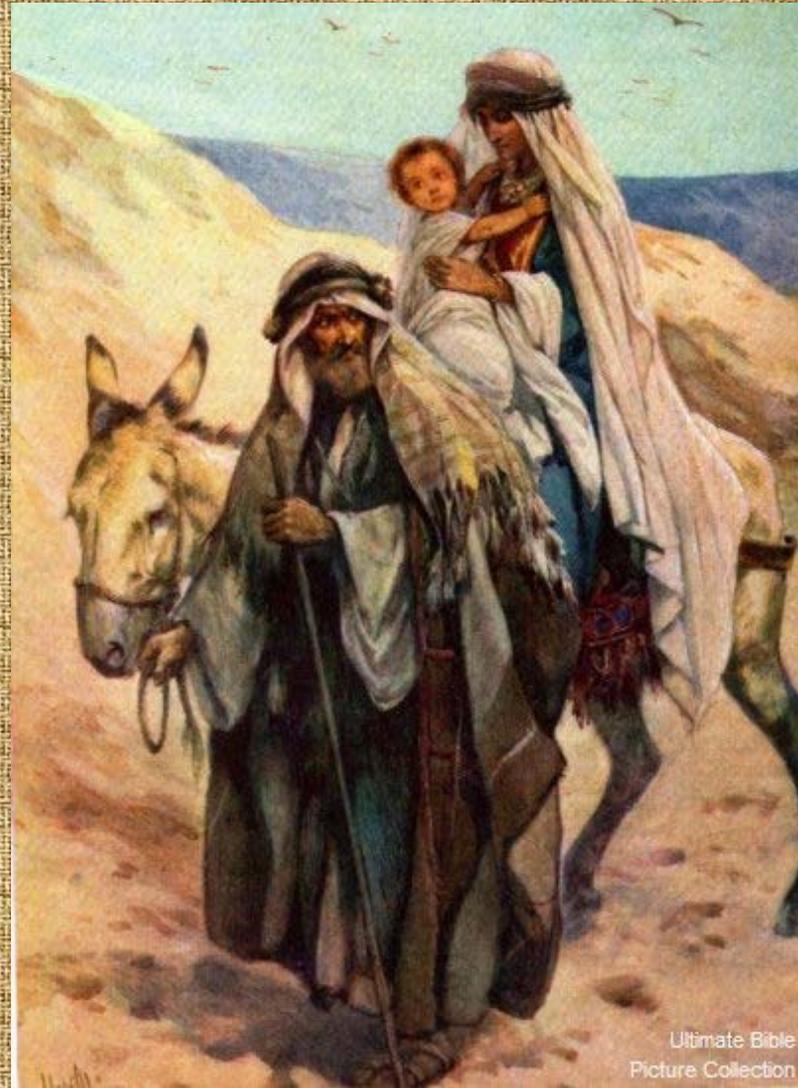


God warns Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt before Herod hunts down the children of Bethlehem.

Matthew 2:13-15

¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” ¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

19. Return To Nazareth

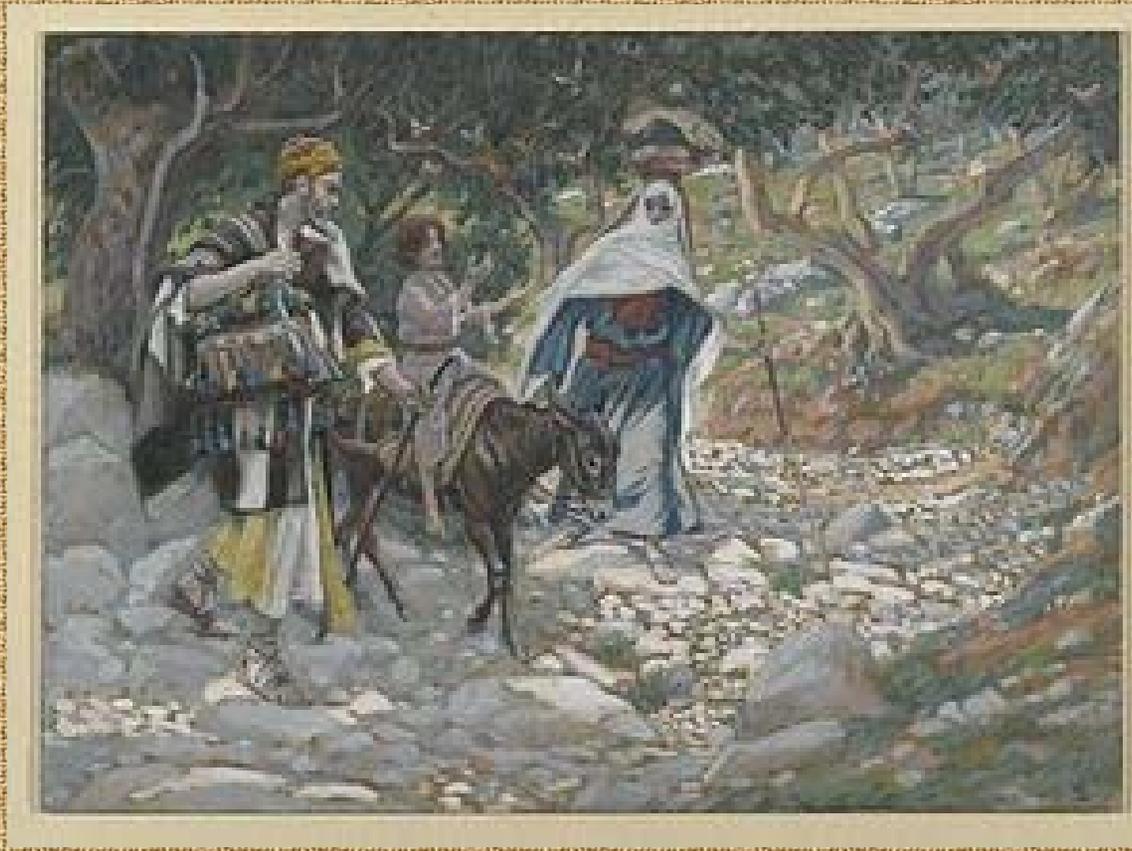


After Herod dies, God tells Joseph he can come back home from Egypt.

Matthew 2:19-21

¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

20. Do Not Travel Via Judea

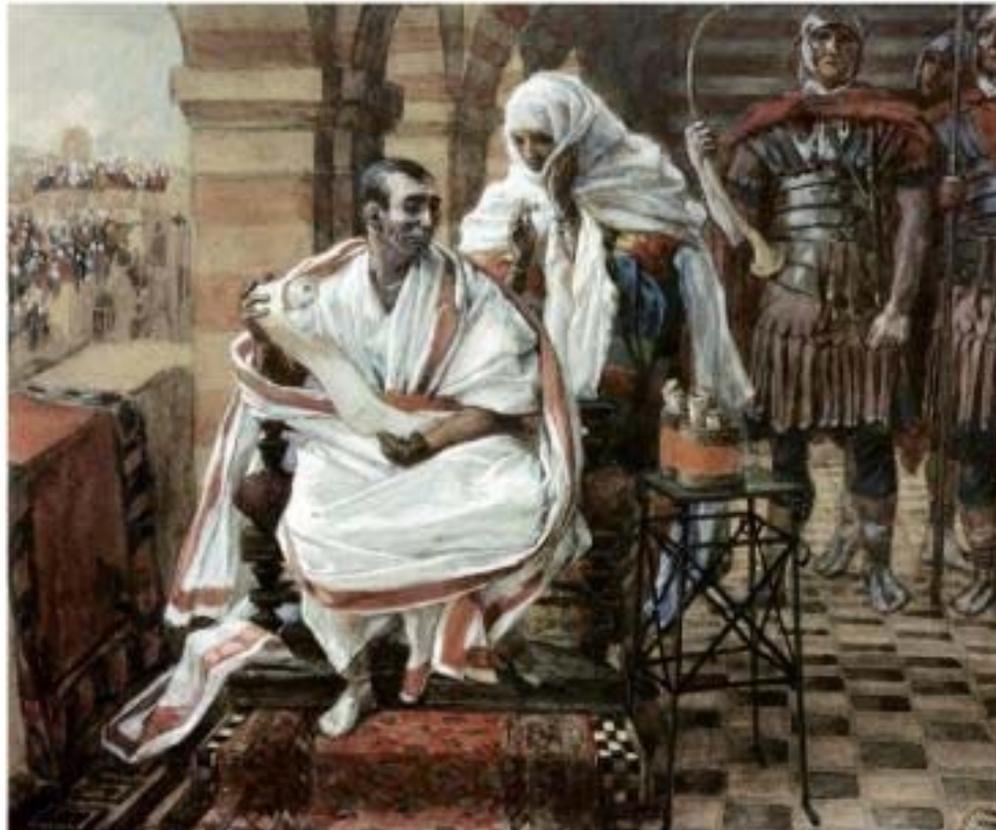


Herod's son, Archelaus, is now in power, so God warns Joseph to steer clear of his territory.

Matthew 2:22-23

²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

21. Pilate's Wife's Nightmare



Jesus is on trial, right before he's crucified. Pontius Pilate's wife has a nightmare about the trial her husband is presiding over. She knows that Yahshua is innocent.

Matthew 27:19

19 While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent him *a message*, saying, “Have nothing to do with that righteous Man; for last night I suffered greatly in a dream because of Him.”

These are the 21 dreams found in the Bible

Yahovah spoke to people as a warning, for prophecy, to provide a decision point, and foreshadowing the future

One can receive several solid Biblical concepts just by studying the dreams found in scripture

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Know The Dream Was
From God?**

**If It Was From Yahovah,
Would You Listen And
Do What The Dream
Said To Do?**

