



THY KINGDOM COME:
DREAMS: THE
LANGUAGE OF
THE SPIRIT

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Genesis 37:1-11

1 And Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan.

2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

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5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:

7 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.

8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.

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9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars made obeisance to me.

10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, what is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?

11 And his brethren envied him; but his father observed the saying.

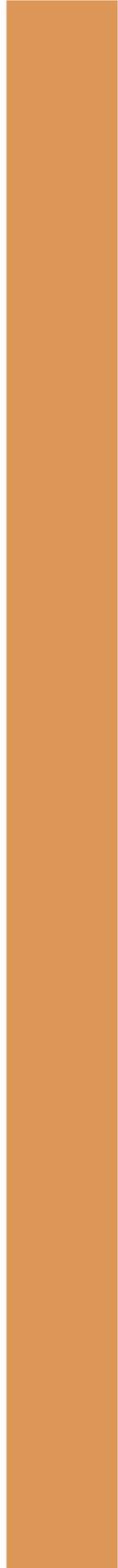
- Dreams are spiritual and they are conceived in the imagination. Yet, our mind responds as though they are our reality.
- The slight difference in dreams and visions is that typically dreams are given when one is sleep and visions usually occur when the person is awake.
- Of course, God is not the source of all dreams. Man has the ability to see and perceive things in his mind that are invented because he is simply a spiritual being with a mind that can visualize even when he is sleep.
- As we can see in this text, as well as others, God chose the medium of dreams to communicate his purpose to mankind.

- The dream that God showed this young man, Joseph, revealed to him his end and what he would ultimately realize as his destiny.
- Because God knows the end of days, he can show you your end in your genesis.
- God shows Joseph a snapshot of the days ahead in the years of his immaturity.
- Always remember, just because you have a glimpse of your future it does not exempt you from the process that will get you there.
- Nor does a glimpse of your future communicate to you when you get it that you are ready to achieve it.
- Joseph received his dream from God at a very young and tender age of 17. He was already favored by the father because he was the son that was born in Issac's latter years of his life.

Galatians 4:1-2

1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

- God has a plan for our lives. Even in our immaturity God reveals his ultimate plan for us.
- We must realize that Joseph was not his father's favorite just because he was the son of his old age. We learn early on that Joseph's brothers were evil.
- Always remember, God's purpose for our lives is predicated on what he already knows about us.
- It is not because he is a respecter of persons, but it is also about who he can ultimately trust with his purpose and plan.
- His gift only made them hate him more, especially when he exposed it to his brothers. They had a sense that something great was revealed to him that was not revealed to them.

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- In their immaturity they did not understand that the gift that God trusted Joseph with would ultimately benefit them.
 - In our immaturity we think the gift is for us but when mature we know that the gift we received is a gift for others.
 - The problem is that we think that God reveals things to us for us because it's about us rather than being about him.

Genesis 40:8-9

8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;

Genesis 40:20-23

20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker among his servants.

21 And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership again; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand:

22 But he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.

23 Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgat him.

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- Once again, we see Joseph as the interpreter of the dream of others. This reveals the second part of his gift the interpretation.
 - It is important that we see him using his dream to serve others, realizing that when we serve others, God will bless us.
 - It was not his to use as he pleased but it was used to advance God's purpose and plan for his life.
 - This is why God continued to elevate Joseph because he never perverted his gift. He used it just for selfish reason but sought God and gave him the glory for the results that he received.

Genesis 41:25-32

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: God hath shewed Pharaoh what he is about to do.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one.

27 And the seven thin and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine.

28 This is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What God is about to do he sheweth unto Pharaoh.

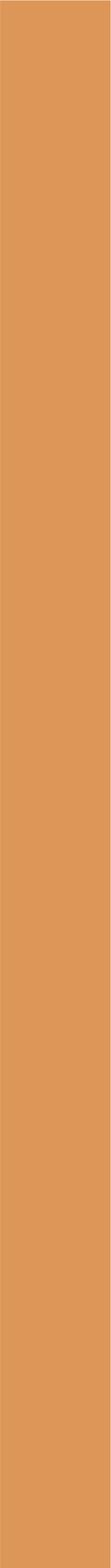
29 Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt:

Genesis 41:25-32

30 And there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine shall consume the land;

31 And the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine following; for it shall be very grievous.

32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

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- Once again, we see Joseph using the gift that God gave him to be a blessing to Pharaoh. But we must understand that it was his ability to interpret the dream that got him in the door. It was his wisdom, knowledge, and understanding that elevated him to the place in the kingdom

Proverbs 18:16

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

- Your gift will bring you before great men, but your maturity and heart will keep you before great men.