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PROPHETIC DREAMS

Deut. 13:1-5 *"If a prophet arises among you, or dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder which he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, "Let us go after other gods, which you have not known, and let us serve them, you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or to that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and cleave to Him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to make you leave the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from the midst of you.*

What we want to consider in this passage is prophetic dream. The word *dreamer or the phrase dreamer of dreams is used together with the word prophet. When this passage speaks about a prophet or dreamer of dreams who gives you a ign or wonder, it is speaking of a different level of dream altogether. We have first nsidered soulish dream that results from much activity of life and the inner dream m your spirit that reveal about yourself. Secondly, we have considered the two ensions of dream where in the first dimension, dreams are used to warn you if are not heeding your conscience and you are heading the wrong way; and e in the second dimension, if you have been heeding your conscience, then the will give you directions in life and it is a spiritual encounter.*

Now in this third area here we see that there is such a thing as prophetic dreams, dreams that are on par with the prophet's ministry. Notice that a dreamer of dreams is equal in this passage to a prophet's ministry. He is talking about dreams as a vehicle of prophecy; they are prophetic dreams. These are dreams that carry a prophecy as if a prophet himself were prophesying. In regard to prophetic dream we need to consider that a dream is a vision of the night and it goes beyond

the second dimension of spiritual encounter.

Now sometimes there is a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge that comes from the dream. Not all dreams are in that category. Most of it is in the first dimension of giving you a warning. From time to time it is in the second dimension of giving you a direction in life. But if you have a call to a prophet's office or you have the gift of prophecy operating in your life that same anointing that helps you to prophesy while you are awake, while you are in your conscious state, that same anointing while you are asleep makes you a dreamer of prophetic dreams. In other words now you prophesy in your dreams. That same anointing works whether you are asleep or you are awake. So prophetic dreams come because of the anointing upon. The anointing within covers the first two dimensions of dreams. But prophetic dreams come because of the anointing upon. Sometimes when you sleep under an anointing you have prophetic dreams. I remember the three day fast that I went through in the second year of my seminary. I had many prophetic dreams. Prophetic dreams come through an anointing.

Lets look at Acts chapter 2. We must consider in Acts chapter 2 the prophecy in regard to the Holy Spirit coming down has to do with prophetic dream. It is not ordinary dream of either the first dimension or the second dimension. We can call it third dimension. We can say there are the first dimension, second dimension and third dimension of dreams. How do we analyze that? Compare it with the conscious state. Most of the time the Holy Spirit leads us by the inward witness and by the inward voice. That is the first dimension of the leading of the Holy Spirit. Then you would have the voice of the Holy Spirit and supernatural leading. That would be the second dimension in the conscious state.

Then there is the third dimension where you are in a ministry or you are operating a gift. It's a different thing when you are hearing God under an anointing and without an anointing. When the anointing is upon you the voice of God sounds clearer than when it is not upon you. When an anointing comes upon your life in ministry in your conscious state, whether through a gift or an office that you are functioning in, the voice of God and even the voice of your spirit man is amplified. It takes on a different dimension. I will call it the third dimension. It's a deeper level. It's as if you are hearing God from the outside but it's not; it is still from the inside. But because of the anointing upon you what you hear inside your spirit comes from the anointing that is upon you and you are hearing it on the outside. It's loud and it's clear. It's easier to hear God when the anointing is upon you than when it is not upon you. For that reason sometimes people under the anointing say something and predict something accurately. But outside of the anointing, outside of the ministry, outside of the gift, in the normal state they will predict something that will really go off the mark.

Although Eli was not a very dedicated priest, but his position as a priest was

still there. The anointing of a priest was still on him. When Hannah was praying for a child Eli said, "Go your way the Lord has heard your prayer." That was a statement made under an anointing. See the anointing works in spite of and despite his life. But in the end a careless person will lose the anointing completely. So that is an example that what was said under the anointing has power. But outside of his office there is no power. It's a different thing when the anointing is upon and a different thing when the anointing is not upon.

In a similar way in dreams there is a third dimension, where there is an anointing upon that comes upon you when you are asleep.

Lets look at Acts 2:17 *And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; yes, and on my menservants and my maidservants in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.*

The whole context talks about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The word translated as *dream here is not the ordinary Greek word for dream. The ordinary Greek word for dream as used in Matthew chapter one and chapter two in the life of Joseph and in the wise men life is the word onar, which is the official Greek word for the word dream. Notice that onar has been used for the first dimension and second dimension. The word onar in Matthew one and two refers to Joseph having a dream about this angel coming to him and talking to him. Onar is used even in the second dimension of dreams.*

But in Acts 2 the word dream is not the word *onar but is the word enupnion. What he is saying here is that root word means in a state of rest. It's not just dreaming. So when they combine the word together they have the word enupnion and the word enupnion talks about receiving a leading, an impression, a direction, a vision, a spiritual encounter, while in the state of rest. That definition will be just nice for the second dimension of dream. But we put it under third dimension because here it includes the anointing upon.*

In the second dimension you don't need the anointing upon. Joseph did not have anointing upon when he saw the angel. But this third dimension is where we have anointing upon come upon you while you are in a state of rest. When you are in a state of sleeping, and when the anointing comes upon you the dreams that you see are not *onar. They are prophetic dreams. You move into what Deut. 13:1 says a dreamer of dreams.*

And if you study the word *old men in Acts 2 here, you cannot take it literally. Because if you take it literally a lot of you would be old since all of you have dreams. It says here in Acts 2, Young men see visions old men dream dreams.*

Everybody dream dreams so everybody must be old. Understand that the Greek word used is different. It is talking about a third dimension of dream, where the prophetic gift operates in a dream. And here the word *young and old signifies your walk with God. It's in the similar usage as in First John it says little children, young men and old men, three spiritual stages. So here old men is talking about the final spiritual stage of your life. There are always three spiritual stages, children, young men and old men. That's in the book of First John. When we are children we need e milk. Then you progress from spiritual milk to spiritual maturity. Then when you ached fatherhood in the spirit realm you have a different dimension.*

Let me illustrate what is like at the fatherhood stage. When you have grown into the Lord from childhood to manhood to fatherhood, there is a stage where you become quite prophetic. You may not be a prophet but you are prophetic. You have the advantage of your spiritual past and the advantage point of seeing into the spirit. Now an element of that ability is present when it was time for those patriots and old men of God to die. That doesn't mean when you have those manifestations you are about to kick the bucket.

Towards the end of his life, Jacob was going to bless his children and two of his grand children. Although Jacob was not a prophet when he was going to die, he suddenly taps onto that old man's ability, the kind of ability that Acts 2 speaks about *old men shall dream dreams. And in the book of Genesis chapter 49:1 he began to prophesy and those prophecies came to pass. He prophesied over all his children. He spoke about what they were and what they shall be. It is actually assified under the spiritual truth of blessings. But those blessings were not dinary blessings. It is more than that his blessings moved into the word of dom. That's where prophetic elements came into his blessings. Jacob's hesying over his children was a case of old men dreaming dreams but in his ious state.*

Genesis 49:2-3 *Assemble and hear, O sons of Jacob, and hearken to Israel your father. Now he is about to die and he is going to tell them about their future. You notice this happened several times in the bible. Then he talks about Reuben, alks about Judah, talks about Simeon, talks about Levi, he talks about Zebulun, lks about Issachar, talks about Dan, talks about Joseph, he speaks the past and speaks the future. When he has blessed them and given out all the prophetic ssings he died.*

Notice his blessings of Joseph's son in chapter 48. You must understand his condition now. Now he is an old man. When he saw Joseph's children he asks, "Who are these?" Joseph said, "My children." Then he says, "Bring them to me." And he places the elder one Manasseh on one side and Ephraim on the other. *And Israel stretched out his hands and he placed his right hand, (which is a symbol of higher blessing) on Ephraim and his left hand on Manasseh. And Joseph thought he*

made a mistake. So Joseph said, "I think you are making a mistake that is not the elder," and he shifted Jacob's hand over. Jacob said, "I know." So he knew what he was doing. He had a word of wisdom. True enough Ephraim became the bigger crowd in a sense. Notice verse 17 *When Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him. He predicted correctly about the future of Ephraim and Manasseh; he had a word of wisdom that was a prophetic blessing. Notice this type of thing is never done when a person is not going to die. Unless they function in the office of a prophet you don't see this kind of thing manifesting. There seems to be some special thing manifesting when a person is about to go home to the Lord.*

Notice that Moses pronounced blessing on the Israelites when he was about to go home. And he was a prophet. Even though he was a prophet before he died there was an extra power in his last words. Jesus Himself did that as He was being lifted up to heaven. He raised his hands and blessed His disciples.

That spiritual truth of prophetic blessing has a connection to what we look in Acts chapter two and called it old men dream dreams. In other words there is a difference when you are in the beginning of your ministry. You are just moving in. You are like a child. Then there is a difference when you are at the middle of your ministry and you are like a young man. But when you reached your final stage, when you reached your final years then there is a special impartation that comes upon your life. When that element works while you are asleep you are a dreamer of prophetic dreams.

Most of Smith Wigglesworth's prophecies about our times today and the last days came towards the end of his ministry. Most of Daniel's prophecies about these last days came at the end of his ministry. Notice in the book of Daniel it was only in his later years that he received a lot of those prophecies regarding the end times. So most of the prophetic dreams come when a person had reached that fatherhood stage in their ministry. They are going to leave the place and leave something behind. That is why it is not so common because God has to put an anointing upon while you are asleep. Or He has to quicken a gift of prophecy in your life. And it is powerful when the anointing is upon your life.

Perhaps you have been to a very anointed meeting. When you left the meeting and you went home, the anointing was still all over you. You could hardly sleep, you worship God and you fell asleep worshipping and that night you had a prophetic dream. Again remember our teaching you have to understand the background. What was your last thought before you slept? It makes a difference when your final experience before you slept was under the anointing. You were soaked in the anointing and you dreamed a dream. Most probably it would have a prophetic significance. It would have been a third dimension dream, a prophetic dream. That is the area we must understand in order to be opened to it.

How does a person move fully into it? There is no short cut. No. 1 the anointing upon has to be there. It does not mean that it always has to be towards the end of your life. When Deut. 13:1 talks about a dreamer of dreams it didn't say that the dreamer of dreams was going to die then that person becomes a dreamer of dreams. A person could have a special gifting. If *you have a gift of prophecy under normal circumstances most probably the same anointing will operate in your dream life. As long as the gift of prophecy is in your life you can have prophetic reams. So that's No. 1 the anointing upon must be there not just the anointing thin.*

No. 2 the principle behind it is not that you have to kick the bucket before you do it. The person must have reached a fatherhood level of spiritual maturity. It may not mean that you have to be going home before you move into that. The principle behind it is that you are in the fatherhood stage in your spiritual life. Perhaps you have moved in the perfect will of God and you have grown from spiritual childhood to spiritual manhood into spiritual fatherhood. And now you are at that stage and your maturity is such you could easily move into prophetic dream. Spiritual children do not have that. These are not step one, step two, step three. These are keys. In other words if one of the keys are operating you could move into prophetic dreams. You could be a young child but if the anointing upon is so strong you could have prophetic dreams while you are asleep. So No. 2 is where your maturity is such. You have developed your spiritual maturity and you have developed your spiritual ministry. You are a spiritual father. It is easy for you to move into that stage in the prophetic dream.

Thirdly, Acts 2:19 *And I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath, blood and fire, and vapor of smoke. Notice that signs and wonders are involved together with the prophetic ministry. You will also notice in Deut. 13:1 If a prophet arises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder. What is a sign or a wonder? A sign or a wonder is a manifestation of God that is given by His grace in order to confront unbelief among the believers and unbelievers. See a sign and wonder is different from a miracle. A miracle is also sign and wonder in our natural sense. But in the bible the classification is ferent. A miracle results because of faith, either through the gift of faith rating or through people having faith. But a sign and a wonder results from 's grace. Where there is no faith, where there is nothing that could draw on the festation of God yet by the grace of God He operates a sign and a wonder. So a different classification.*

So here it says a prophetic dream is a sign and a wonder. In other words it comes at a time when there is a lot of doubts, there is a lot of unbelief, there is a lot of challenge to spiritual authority. It comes at a time like that. So there is the third area here that prophetic dream is a sign and a wonder. In other words when

there is a need to challenge people; when there is a need to rouse people from the spiritual slumber, the Lord may give prophetic dreams to people. Perhaps where there is a lot of heathen coming against the move of God. God can give a prophetic dream. Or when there is a lot of doubt and unbelief among God's people and even in the one who dreams prophetic dreams can come because they are God's special grace. Remember the anointing upon come because of God's grace. So prophetic dream is a sign and a wonder. That's why they are more rare. They only come as God determines it.

When we began to see the three dimensions of dream and we consider all the various different interpretation, we can see that interpreting dreams is not quite as easy as it is. If you get the wrong classification you will arrive at the wrong interpretation. And if you start with having the wrong principles of interpretation and the wrong classification you will be greatly off the mark in the interpretation of a dream.

Lets look at an example in the life of Daniel. Daniel 7:1 *In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream (Now that dream is not first dimension nor is it in the second dimension; it is in the third dimension. It was a prophetic dream) and visions of his head as he lay in his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, and told the sum of the matter. The dream basically showed the different Empires that will arise, the different kings that will arise in Daniel's time. And in verse 13 I saw in the night vision, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. Verse 15 As for me, Daniel, my spirit within me was anxious and the vision of my head alarmed me.*

Now as I studied that very carefully it looks like this that within that chapter there were two parts. One was while he was asleep and the other was while he was awake and as he was still meditating on that it seems he has some sort of a vision. One was definitely a dream. The other looks like he was awake and he was seeing a vision of the Ancient of Days and he was grieved because he didn't understand. A prophetic dream must have a prophetic interpretation. Anything received by anointing upon needs an anointing upon to unveil it. So Daniel was grieved and he must have been praying over these things. And finally it was the angel who told him what the dream meant. Although he himself had the gift of interpretation he could not interpret that particular dream for it was beyond him; it was too far in the future for him to compare to anything he knows of the present.

Daniel 8 verse 1 and 2 *In the third year of the reign of King Belshazzar a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. (In other words this was his second prophetic dream.) And I saw in the vision; and when I saw, I was in Susa the capital, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was at the river Ulai. Now that signifies while he was dreaming.*

And in verse one he says it's the same like the one in chapter seven. And the one in Dan 7: 1 is a dream. So logically Dan 8: 1-2 must also be part of a dream and possibly part of a vision too. Although he was in Susa he dreamt he was by the river. And he saw all these significant things happening. Then in verse 15 *When I, Daniel, had seen the vision, I sought to understand it. See he had a prophetic dream and he didn't understand it. He was seeking its interpretation although he had the gift of interpretation of dreams. If there was anyone that was expected to terpret that dream or vision, he was the one. Here he could not do it and he eded spiritual revelation. That categorizes prophetic dreams in the class of its n.*

So that closes our series of dreams.

We now open for questions.

Some of you asked questions about some symbols in your dreams. If you are dreaming of shoes or scandals, usually under normal circumstances they represent your testimony. If you are struggling with them then you are struggling in your testimony in your Christian life. Shoes have a special symbol because it ties back to the shoes of the gospel of peace, which refers to your testimony as a Christian.

A motorcycle is a vehicle of transport, so are lorries, vans, cars etc. All these mean a mode of transportation in your life, whether it is working life or family life. In other words a transportation system you got to study what does it mean to you. For example you could dream of yourself having an old bicycle and one of the chains fell loose but you are still going on. It's a warning in a dream talking about your life; the transportation system that is running your life. There is some chain loose in the principles and you are not watching it.

For example here is a dream submitted by a member of the congregation:

In the dream I saw I was eating a green apple. Halfway after having taken several bites of the apple, I suddenly saw two tiny worms in the apple. One was peach in color; the other was white. When I saw the worms I tried to vomit out what I had eaten. What was I doing when I was awake? I was offered to enter a new business by contributing some capital to that business. That night as I slept I asked the Lord to show me whether I should get involved in the business.

That dream is a direct answer. The Lord is saying that there are worms in that venture. Worms in what that person is going to enter into. So the Lord is saying don't enter. The white worm symbolizes things that look all right to the natural eye. The principles looks O.K. everything looks O.K. and there is nothing wrong. It looks so honest about it. And green signifies that is something new. See it

directly speaks about that business and God is saying no to that dream.

A lady here said she had a dream about angels singing in heaven. That looks like Jacob's ladder. Now Jacob's ladder may be classified under the second dimension of dream. Her dream was a spiritual encounter. What she needs to take note is what is said during the dream and what she saw in the dream. It means her spirit was moving into the spirit realm.

What does electrical wiring symbolize in a dream? Electrical wiring in our days is spiritual power. It can be good. It can be bad. Depending on the dream. But most of the time it symbolizes Holy Spirit power. This brother had a dream that he was connecting wire on the ceiling. Remember if you dream of a house that house is usually your soul. If you are dreaming of the upper portion of your house it talks about your spiritual life. If you are dreaming about the lower portion of your house it talks about your physical body. So he is dreaming about the ceiling. A ceiling talks about his spiritual life. He is seeking to channel his spiritual life into his natural life. He was asking God before the dream how to hear the voice of the Spirit. The Lord is showing him that the connection between his spirit man and his soul man has to be done very carefully.

What happens if you dream about furniture in the house? Furniture represents things that you add to your life either in your soul or in your spirit. Your house represents your soul, your spirit or your body. So any furniture within the house represents an addition that is made to your house. If you dream that the furniture was damaged then it means that there is something wrong inside. It could be your physical body that your dream is warning you. It could be your spiritual life that is dying and you need to do something about it. You cannot see it when you are awake and its being shown in the dream.

What about dreams about someone who has passed away? If it is not demon powers working then it has to do with your past. Your dream about your mother or your father may not mean that they are appearing to you. Since your mother and father were the ones who brought you up and taught you about life values and principles, dreaming about them may mean the voice of your soul or your conscience that has been training your life.

This lady said that she was dreaming about laundry and cleaning. That talks about spiritual cleansing, spiritual prayers. I believe it talks about prayer ministry.

Dream about getting married. It could mean an answer to prayer. It could also mean tying up to spiritual things. If it's applies to your soul then its talking about areas in your soul that you are beginning to grasp certain principles that you didn't have before. You are beginning to take them into your life, marrying them into your life. If it talks about your physical realm, then your dream could be

pointing to areas of physical affection in your life that perhaps you are neglecting or not paying attention to.

How do you interpret time frame? Time frames come when in your dream you remember numbers. If in your dream you dream about just walking to a place and you are just seeing a lot of trees. When you woke up you don't remember the number of trees. Then time frame is not important. But when you wake up and the number hits you. You saw ten trees. Time frame can come in. So time frame comes in when the number is very significant so that you do not forget it when you woke up. Like Joseph's dream and Pharaoh's dream the number seven comes very clearly. Then the butler's dream and the baker's dream the number three was very significant. So that talks about time frame.

There is a rainbow and underneath there are a lot of colored fishes. When you dream about fish usually they represent Christians. Rainbows symbolize spiritual covenant and spiritual promises. So the person is looking at the spiritual condition or spiritual area. For example I had a dream. Many years back I read the book "Scenes Beyond the Grave" the things that were said there were biblical but there were others that were extra biblical. It doesn't contradict but they are very new and astounding. And I prayed and said, "Lord please show me whether these things are from You." When I slept I dreamed of two butterflies. So when I woke up I understood that those are spiritual truths.

This man here dreamt about telephones that were not working. Telephone talks about relationship and communication. Perhaps you would wish that there was some connection with someone or with some people but there was none. Perhaps you like to be closer and its not there.

White clothing. White clothing talks about spiritual life.

Army clothing. Depends on the context of the dream. If you dream of war, please don't interpret it as a third dimension dream or a prophetic dream. It could be revealing the state of your spiritual life. So army clothing talks about readiness and the battle that is being fought.

One last one; Snake. Snake represents the devil. It could be things that you got to take authority in your life.

So we pray that through these sessions you would be more sensitive to the dreams.