

"I Have A Dream"

1. What is a Dream?

- Simulation of Reality (Isa 29:7-8)
Can you think of a personal example? Can you do something you normally wouldn't do? Can you die?
- Positive/Happy (Ps 126:1) - OR - Negative/Nightmare (Job 7:14; Ps 73:19-20)
- Subconscious resolution of issues (Eccl 5:3) [*Sigmund Freud taught this- Eccl 1:9*]
- Not remembering does not mean they did not exist (Job 20:8; Dan 2:8)

2. First mention (Gen 20:3-6) – God came & spoke to Abimelech (pagan ruler) in a dream

3. Special communication between God and Man (Num 12:6; Joel 2:28/Acts 2:17)

- Jacob (Gen 28:12); In one cases pre-incarnate Jesus (Gen 31:7-11)
- Laban (Gen 31:24)
- Elihu (Job 33:14-15)
- Solomon (1Ki 3:5,15)
- Joseph Carpenter (Mt 1:20; 2:12,13,19,22)
- Mrs. Pilate (Mt 27:19)

4. Dependent upon spiritual condition: Saul (1Sam 28:6,15)

5. The Bible defines False dreams & "fakirs" of them

- False dreams (Zech 10:2) bring forth false comfort
- "Fakirs" (Deut 13:1-5) Severe consequences for using them on behalf of God
- The source of "fakir" dreams is SELF (Jer 29:8) [*Origin- "I will" (Isa 14:12-14)*]

6. True dreams align with the word of God (Jer 23:25-32)

Interpretation from God [*even dreams of others!*] (Gen 40:8; 41:15-16; Dan 1:17; 2:29-30)

7. Name Calling: Falsely Derogatory (Gen 37:19); Truly Derogatory (Jude 8)

8. Political & World Events: Pharaoh (Gen 41); Gideon (Judges 7:13,15); Nebby (Dan 2)

9. "Dream" occurs 87 times in the Bible [*w/ highest concentrations in Genesis (34%) & Daniel (25%)*]

Joseph – Type of Jesus/son #2 (Gen 41:43)

- Dreamed about SELF (SON 2nd coming) first (Gen 37:2-10) [*interpreted w/ dead mom (v10)!*]
- Interpreted for others: "Two Thieves on the cross" (1st coming) (Gen 40)
- Interpreted world event for Pharaoh (Gen 41) [*repetition for emphasis: v32 vs. 2Cor 13:1*]

Daniel – Type of Holy Spirit #3 (Dan 5:7,16,29) (Jn 16:13)

- Interpreted dreams for OTHERS first (Dan 2, 4, 5)
- SELF second (Reverse of Joseph) (Dan 7) Seventy weeks (Dan 9)
NOT about SELF (Jn 16:14); Affected him spiritually & physically (Dan 7:15,28; 8:27)

Application: Do you think any of this is related to Psalm 1:2? How could you find out?