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# DREAMS

VAYESHEV

“AND HE LIVED”

GENESIS 37 – 40

# Genesis 37:1

וַיֵּשֶׁב יַעֲקֹב בְּאֶרֶץ מִגְדֹּרֵי אָבִיו בְּאֶרֶץ כְּנָעַן:

- Va-Ye-Shev Ya-A-Kov Be-E-Rets Me-Gu-Rei A-Viv Be-E-Rets Ke-Na-An
- And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan.

# PARSHA OUTLINE

- Young Joseph and his dreams
- Brothers getting rid of Joseph
- Joseph in Potiphar's house
- Joseph in prison
- Joseph interprets dreams of the butler and baker

# Genesis 37

- 5 And Yosēph dreamed a dream, and told it to his brothers. So they hated him even more.
- 6 And he said to them, “Please listen to this dream which I have dreamed:
- 7 See, we were binding sheaves in the midst of the field, and see, my sheaf rose up and also stood up. And see, your sheaves stood all around and bowed down to my sheaf.

# Genesis 37

- 8 And his brothers said to him, “Shall you indeed reign over us? Shall you indeed rule over us?” So they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words.
- 9 And he dreamed still another dream and related it to his brothers, and said, “See, I have dreamed another dream, and see, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

# Genesis 37

- 10 And he related it to his father and his brothers. And his father rebuked him and said to him, “What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall we, your mother and I, and your brothers, indeed come to bow down to the earth before you?”
- 11 And his brothers envied him, but his father guarded the word.

# DREAMS: Questions

- What *are* dreams?
- Scripturally, *how* were people spoken to in dreams by God?
- Does God speak to US, today, in dreams?

# Dreams and Visions in Scripture

- "Dream" 76 times
- "Dreams or Dreamed" 28 times
- "Vision" 77 times
- "Visions" 34 times
  
- Total: 215 times!

# Dreams/Visions in Scripture

- Abimelech
- Abraham
- Jacob
- Laban
- Joseph
- Butler, Baker
- Pharaoh
- Balaam
- “A man”
- Samuel
- Nathan the prophet
- Solomon
- False prophets
- Iddo the seer
- Diviners
- Nebuchanezzar
- Daniel
- Isaiah
- Ezekiel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zechariah
- Peter, James, John
- Paul
- Ananias, Cornelius
- The Magi
- Caesar’s wife

# What *are* Dreams?

- Sleeping, a display of what our mind sees when we do not control it, a window to the subconscious
- Can be caused by many different factors:
  - stress, tough work
  - external stimuli (lights, fans, music)
  - chemistry: rich foods, fever, infections, drugs
  - suppressed thoughts, darkest fears
- A means by which God speaks, or *has* spoken, to us.

# Dreams vs Visions

- DREAMS are often “a vision of the night,” sleeping.
- VISIONS are sometimes NOT sleeping.
  - Often during afternoon/evening prayers (Daniel, Peter)
- DREAMS are only to one, and are elusive (slipping away)
- VISIONS can be shown to *some* and not others.
  - (Dan 10:7, Acts 9:27)
- In VISIONS, one is often *shown* something.
- In DREAMS, one is a participant, *living* it.
- Both often use metaphors, parables, symbols
- Both can be alarming, even physically upsetting

# Dreams/Visions from God

- Warnings
  - Abimelech, Laban, Magi, Joseph C., Caesars' wife...
- Future events
  - Abraham, Joseph J., Kings, Daniel, Joel, Amos, Mary, John...
- Direction
  - Jacob, Samuel, Joseph C., Peter, Ananias, Peter, Cornelius...
- Revelation/Instruction
  - Abraham, Jacob, Balaam, Zechariah, the prophets, John

# Metaphors, Symbols, Parables

- Sheaves of wheat
  - Sun/moon/stars
  - Cows/corn
  - Baskets of bread
  - Statue of metals
  - Beasts , horses, trees
  - Mountains, valleys
  - Land/Sea, fish
- INTERPRETATIONS are from God.
    - Joseph J.
    - Daniel
    - Moses
    - Yeshua

# Metaphors, Interpretations

- Numbers 12:6 And He said, “Hear now My words: If your prophet is of YHVH, I make Myself known to him in a vision, and I speak to him in a dream.
- 7 “Not so with My servant Mosheh, he is trustworthy in all My house.
- 8 “I speak with him mouth to mouth, and plainly, and not in riddles. And he sees the form of YHVH.
- (Yeshua the “prophet LIKE Moses”)

# To US, Today? Observations

- Prophetic dreams/visions (*almost?*) *always scary!*
  - [Job 7:14 NASB] Then You frighten me with dreams And terrify me by visions;
- Often involved messengers (angels), falling on face in fear
- Elusive, disappearing, sometimes “sealed”
- There can be a “famine” of dreams, visions
- Many FALSE prophets, *deceptive* dreams/visions
- *Mentally* alarming, causing anguish, perplexing
- Often *physically* taxing, exhausting, upsetting...

# Physically Upsetting/Exhausting

- Daniel 8:27 And I, Dani'ěl, was stricken and became sick for days. Then I rose up and went about the sovereign's work. And I was amazed at the vision, but there was no understanding.
- [Dan 10:8 NASB] 8 So I was left alone and saw this great vision; yet no strength was left in me, for my natural color turned to a deathly pallor, and I retained no strength.

# To US, Today? Observations

- Prophetic dreams in Scripture were concerning kingdoms, the nation of Israel, or the Messiah.
- Most recorded were to patriarchs *before* the written Word
- Many also to prophets, *became* the written Word.
  - [Num 12:6 NASB] 6 He said, "Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, shall make Myself known to him in a vision. I shall speak with him in a dream.
- Others were to kings, pharaohs, recorded
- But also to *some* others...
  - "In the latter days," the Spirit to be poured out on all mankind, prophecies, dreams, visions (Joel 2:28)

# Has Joel 2:28 been fulfilled?

- The apostles quoted it.
- 28 “And after this it shall be that I pour out My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men dream dreams, your young men see visions.
- 29 “And also on the male servants and on the female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days.
- “After this...?” (Context)

# Joel 2

- 20 And the Northerner I shall remove far from you...
- 22 ...the pastures of the wilderness will spring forth...
- 26 ...And My people shall never be put to shame.
- 27 “And you shall know that I am in the midst of Yisra’el, and that I am YHVH your Elohim and there is no one else. And My people shall never be put to shame.

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- 30 “And I shall give signs in the heavens and upon the earth: blood and fire and columns of smoke,
- 31 the sun is turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of YHVH.

# Ephesians 3

- 3-4 ...revelation was made known to me...  
the secret of Messiah,
- 5 which was not made known to the sons of men in  
other generations, as it has now been revealed by the  
Spirit to His set-apart emissaries and prophets:
  - (holy apostles and prophets)

# To US, Today?

- Jude, vs. 3...earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the set-apart ones.
- II Peter 1
- 2 Favor and peace be increased to you in the knowledge of Elohim and of Yeshua our Master,
- 3 as His mighty-like power has given to us all we need for life and reverence, through the knowledge of Him who called us to esteem and uprightness.

# Danger!

- Deut. 13
- 1 “When there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he shall give you a sign or a wonder,
- 2 and the sign or the wonder shall come true, of which he has spoken to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other mighty ones – which you have not known – and serve them,’
- 3 do not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for YHVH your Elohim is trying you to know whether you love YHVH your Elohim with all your heart and with all your being.

# Dangers

- Deut. 13
- 4 “Walk after YHVH your Elohim and fear Him, and guard His commands and obey His voice, and serve Him and cling to Him.
- 5 “And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams is put to death, because he has spoken apostasy against YHVH your Elohim

# Dangers

- Jeremiah 23
- 26 “Till when shall it be in the heart of the prophets? – the prophets of falsehood and prophets of the deceit of their own heart (mind),
- 27 who try to make My people forget My Name by their dreams which everyone relates to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My Name for Ba`al.
- 28 “The prophet who has a dream, let him relate the dream, and he who has My Word, let him speak My Word in truth. What is the chaff to the wheat?” declares YHVH.

# Dangers

- Jeremiah 23:29-32
- 29 “Is not My Word like a fire?” declares YHVH, “and like a hammer that shatters a rock?”
- 30 “Therefore see, I am against the (false) prophets,” declares YHVH, “who steal My Words every one from his neighbor.
- 31 “See, I am against the prophets,” declares YHVH, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He declares.’”
- 32 “See, I am against those who prophesy false dreams,” declares YHVH, “and relate them, and lead My people astray by their falsehoods and by their reckless boasting. But I Myself did not send them nor have I commanded them.”

# Dangers

- II Corinthians 10:5 overthrowing reasonings and every high matter (lofty thing) that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim, taking captive every thought to make it obedient to the Messiah (the Word)
- Ecclesiastes 5:7 For in many dreams and in many words, there is emptiness. Rather, fear God.

# Dangers

- The Revelation 22
- 8 For I witness to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to them, Elohim shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book,
- 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part from the Book of Life, and out of the set-apart city, which are written in this Book.

# To US, Today?

- For prophecy, new revelation, to add to the Word?
  - No. (Not likely.)
- For *personal* leading/guiding/instruction?
  - Maybe.
  - NOT to replace, go against, or override His Word, but...
- Yes. ...

# Job 33

- 14 For Ĕl does speak once, or twice – *though* one does not notice it –
- 15 in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on a bed,
- 16 then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,
- 17 to turn man *from his* deed, and conceal pride from man.
- 18 He keeps back his being from the pit, and his life from passing away by the sword.

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