



# Interpreting Dreams & Visions

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## The End Time Global Outpouring

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy." Acts 2:17, 18 (NIV)*

Peter in Acts 2 stood up on the day of Pentecost and quoted Joel 2, which is a proclamation of the end time global outpouring of the Spirit of God on all people. Notice, this outpouring is not limited to a person, a people group, a denomination, or a geographical location. This is an outpouring without measure, of the Spirit of God on all people, in every nation around the globe. The evidence of this global end time outpouring will

be seen in four distinctive ways.

1. Prophecy
2. Visions
3. Dreams
4. Prophecy

Notice it starts with prophecy and ends with prophecy. Sandwiched in the middle are visions & dreams. Almost 1/3 of the content of the Bible deals with dreams & visions.

## 5 Methods of Dream Interpretation

1. **Angelic Encounter.**  
- Daniel 8:16 ...Gabriel tell this man the meaning of this vision.
2. **Understanding as we sleep.**  
- Job 33:15, 16 ...when deep sleep falls...as they slumber in their beds, he may speak...
3. **Through the process of writing the dream.**  
- 1 Chronicles 28:19 ...the Lord made me understand in writing as a result of His hand on me.
4. **Revelation in prayer, meditation, and maturity.**
5. **Through an interpreter of dreams.**

## 9 Keys to Understanding Your Dreams

1. **Write down your dream and date it.**
2. **Title your dream.** (This will help you remember the dream and its contents.)
3. **Identify the focus and sub-focus of your dream.**
4. **Discern where you are in the dream.** (Are you an observer or a participant in the dream.)
5. **What colors stand out?**
6. **Is this a reoccurring dream?**
7. **What category does the dream fit in?**
8. **How did I feel in the dream?**
9. **Ask Holy Spirit for insight.**

# 4 Levels of Dream Interpretation

*Dreams have multiple facets and layers of revelation.*

1. **Literal Interpretation** – Meaning everything is that which it appears to be; at this level there is little or no symbolism. This is the easiest level to interpret because of the lack of symbolism.
2. **Allegorical Interpretation** – Meaning that which you see is not what it appears to be; at this level many things are represented in symbolism. (*The parable of the mustard seed in Matthew 13:31, 32 & 13:3-23*) The seed in the first part of the chapter represents the WORD of God whereas in verse 32 the seed represents THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN where the least become the greatest. This level is a little harder to interpret because the Holy Spirit of God must reveal the allegories in order to interpret the dream correctly. Symbolism doesn't always mean the same thing in every dream.
3. **Philosophical Interpretation** – These are meanings that only you or your family will understand; such as nick names or things that are personal to you. These dreams are a little more personable. You must get inside the family mindset to understand these dreams, and a lot of help from the Holy Spirit. These dreams can be very hard to interpret, and are based on principals and metaphors.
4. **Hidden Meanings** – Three books of the Bible instantly come to mind; Ezekiel, Daniel, And Revelation. There are some meanings to certain dreams that will only come with time, determination, and a close relationship with God. 1 Corinthians 2 states that there are some things that are only spiritually discerned.

## Proverbs 25:2

*"It's the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter."*

God places value on our searching for the things He conceals. He hides things for us, not from us.

## The 3 Phases to Fulfilment of a Dream

*God will show you what you're gonna do before He shows you how you're gonna do it!*

The calling, the training, and the commissioning are the 3 phases to the fulfilment of the dream or vision God has given you. The calling is instant and irrevocable. Heaven did not call a board meeting prior to your conversion to vote on your call or destiny. Your family was not consulted, you were not even consulted. The Holy Spirit placed gifts into your life that would enable you to complete your assignment given at your calling. There are many gifts but only one calling.

*"For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." Romans 11:29*

The training is a process that will last a lifetime. This is the place that most people have a difficult time with. During the training process

offences will come to test your character. The balance between character and giftedness is developed in this stage. Samuel spent 25 years in training before commissioned. Jeremiah spent 15 years in training before commissioned. In training we grow in favor with God and man. Training is time spent lining up to God's word in what we think, speak and live.

The commissioning is the affirmation and recognition from your peers and others concerning the call of God on your life. Most people want to go from called to commissioned and skip the training. However, there's no shortcuts. No one goes from called to commissioned overnight!

## Get Understanding

*Proverbs 4:7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.*

Isaiah 11:2 identifies wisdom and understanding as 2 of the 7 spirits of God. [For a complete list of the 7 spirits of God see Isaiah 11:2. Revelation 1:4 says the 7 spirits of God are continually before the throne of God.]

Wisdom is personified as "she" throughout the book of Proverbs. Wisdom is "principle" and yet He says, In all your getting, get understanding. Wisdom is the application and understanding is comprehension. It is imperative for us to see that Wisdom is a person. Understanding is a person. Job said, "The Spirit of my understanding causes me to answer," Job 20:3. In essence Job was saying, the spirit of Understanding is giving me the comprehension and clarity of what to say. It's interesting that Wisdom is first and Understanding is next in sequence. Often we want comprehension before we have application. However we see that as we are obedient in our application comprehension will follow.

# Understanding Dream's & Visions 101

*If God wants me to know something why doesn't He speak it clearly to me?*

You can't separate the prophetic from the interpretation of dreams, visions and ecstasies. Even though dreams are more symbolic and visions are more literal, often visions need interpreting too. Joseph, in Genesis 40:8 says, "Do not all interpretations belong to God?" The foundational understanding here is that ALL interpretations belong to God! Nothing is a mystery to Him. The longer we walk with Him the less mystical things are to us (as He reveals how things work). Romans 8 teaches us that Holy Spirit searches the deep things of God for us, and through us. When you have an encounter in a dream or vision immediately begin to ask Holy Spirit, "What does this mean? What do the elements in this dream represent? What do I do about this?"

Three primary ways that you can get on the fast track to understanding and interpreting your own dreams are...

1. Grow in fellowship with Holy Spirit through prayer, meditation and imagination. Imagine walking with Holy Spirit every day. Meditate on the goodness and majesty of the Lord Jesus. Pray to the Father in Jesus name. Designate specific times throughout the day and week for fellowship with the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. Hand write in a journal or on legal pad every dream in the bible and its interpretation. Put all of your writings in a file or binder. As you do this, ask Holy Spirit to teach you to understand why the elements in the dreams represented what they did. In the process of time, as you begin to write, things will begin to connect in your mind.
3. Hang out with, listen to, read books about people who are modeling the prophetic in their lives. "Proverbs 13:20a The one who walks with the wise will become wise..." Even Saul when he was trying to kill David, when he got close to the prophets began to prophesy. Why? Because who your walking with determines the course of your life. You walk with the wise, you become wise. Walk with the prophets, you prophesy. Walk with fools, you'll be destroyed, Proverbs 13:20b.

So, back to our original question. If God wants me to know something why doesn't He just speak it clearly to me? The quest is always in the questions we have. When you have a dream or something you don't understand that causes you to pursue and engage God in a deeper way, the revelation that comes out of that pursuit will not easily be forgotten.

# Biblical Numerical Elements

*Pay attention to the numbers you see in your dream.*

When we talk about numbers and their meanings we are not necessarily talking about modern day numerology. God has associated different numbers in the Bible with certain underlying meanings. In order to Biblically interpret a number you must know what message that number conveys in the Bible. In the Bible we see over 314 references to numbers and their meanings. Isaiah 40:26 says that God calls the angelic host by number. In Psalms 90:12 David's request was that the Lord would teach him to number his days so that he could apply wisdom. Psalms 147:4 tells us that each star has a number that God has assigned to it. In Luke 12:7 Jesus says that the very hairs of our head are numbered. Numbers are important to our Creator.

Here's a list of numbers in the Bible with their meanings. Each number just like colors can have dual or multiple meanings according to the context of the dream.

- 1 = God/or Beginning
- 2 = Multiplication, agreement, or division
- 3 = Unity, Godhead, Establishment, Pattern
- 4 = Creative Works
- 5 = Grace, Redemption
- 6 = Man
- 7 = Perfection, Completion
- 8 = New Beginnings, Teacher
- 9 = Judgement, Justice, Evangelist
- 10 = Journey, Test, Wilderness, Pastor
- 11 = Transition, Plumb line, Prophet
- 12 = Government, Legislation, Apostle
- 13 = Rebellion, Obediance
- 14 = Double Anointing
- 15 = Canceled Punishment, Mercy
- 16 = Established Beginnings
- 17 = Election
- 25 = Begin Ministry Training
- 30 = Begin Ministry
- 37 = First Born
- 40 = Generation, Complete Cycle
- 111 = Beloved Son
- 120 = End of Flesh
- 153 = Kingdom Multiplication
- 666 = Lawlessness Full, Mark of Lawlessness
- 888 = Resurrection
- 1500 = Light Power Authority

# Symbols or Objects in Dreams

Knife = words, weapon of defense or offense, to cut off.

Sword = Word of God.

Gun = weapon of power, warfare.

Dart = attack of the enemy.

Coat = mantles of anointing, covering

Balloon = peaceful rising

Ants = wisdom, unity or unwanted guest, irritation.

Snake = long tales, lies—short snakes is gossip.

Horse = great power and authority.

Black cat = witchcraft.

Spiders = occult or people in the occultic realm.

Mice/Rat = demonic attack due to things left unattended.

Bee/Hornet = swarm attack

Dog = friend or foe

Scorpion = black or white magic

Alligator = big lies, big mouth person

Monkey = harasser, mocker, long tails

Eagle = prophetic, seer

Money = gain or loss of favor

Flying = advanced spiritual gift, high spiritual

Crop = length of time

Livingroom = fellowship

# Common Colors in Dreams

Every color can have a positive or negative meaning depending on the context in the dream. This is one of the reasons it is important to note how you were feeling or what you are sensing through the dream.

Color	Positive	Negative
Red	Power, redemption, anointing	Rage, anger, war, destruction
Brown	Compassion, pastor	Humanism, man made
Blue	Revelation, wisdom	Emotional low
Gold	Holy, hallowed	Greed
Purple	Authority, royalty	False authority
Orange	Presevrance	stubbornness
Yellow	Mind	Fear
Green	Prosperity, abundance, flexible	Immature, envy
White	Pure	Deception

Bathroom = clean up

Kitchen = preparation

Garage = repair, rest, restoration

Bedroom = intimacy

Stairs = transition

Hallway = decision

Thigh = faith

Nose = discernment

Hand = relationship

Arm = strength and ability to do

Teeth = wisdom

Tornados = quick, intense storm stirring

# The Connection Between Dreams & Parables

*Mark 4:13 ...do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?*

What are dreams other than parables of the night? Jesus in the parable of the seed and the sower gives us profound insight on understanding the symbolism of our dreams and parabolic sayings. It would be wise to map out this parable with the interpretation Jesus lays out. What is implied here in Mark 4:13 is that if we can understand the mechanics of this parable we will be able to understand the mechanics of all parables, including parables of the night, our dreams. Understanding is the key that unlocks the secret to the good soil that produces a harvest. At nearly every turning point in history God has guided His children through dreams and visions. We are at a major turning point now and will see people of a global scale dream again.