

**Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”**

The first mention of the LORD speaking to someone in a dream is when HE warned Abimelech not to touch Sarah, Abraham’s wife. HE also spoke to Jacob in dreams as well as Laban the Syrian. Yet the one who seems to have been associated with dreams the most is Joseph the son of Jacob who is called the Dreamer by his brethren with a note of disgust. Not only was Joseph given dreams, but he most prominently was an interpreter of the dreams of others as the LORD gave him understanding. Both his dreams and his interpretations are surely from the LORD since they all, without fail, came to pass in keeping with the LORD’s revealed purpose.

Daniel is also prominently mentioned in the scriptures in connection with dreams, some of his own, but mostly his interpretations of those of the kings of Babylon. In all of these dreams the LORD declared the glory of HIS kingdom in stark contrast to the demise of those earthly kings and the destruction of their pride and status. For all dreams which have their origins in HIS Kingdom will indeed magnify the ONE who rules in the army of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth and will give men no place to glory.

The prophet Joel declared a prophecy which has had its fulfillment on the day of Pentecost, as the LORD raised up a testimony to the reign of JESUS CHRIST as the REDEEMER KING of the house of Israel. *“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.”* Peter testified that this had come to pass on that very day as the disciples spoke with other tongues and men heard in their own language.

The LORD appeared four times in a dream to “Joseph”, being the husband of the virgin Mary, the mother of the LORD JESUS. *“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.”* He was not disobedient unto that heavenly vision even as the LORD showed him who this ONE was by NAME and what HE would accomplish. *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”* What a wondrous revelation! The first time HIS NAME is spoken was in a dream. This is that NAME which is above every name. That NAME before which every knee shall bow. That NAME which speaks peace to a multitude which no man can number. *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” “I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.”*

HE spoke to Joseph in a dream, a second time. *“saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.”* This was done to illustrate the hatred and enmity of the world for this ONE who came to deliver HIS people and to reign forever in HIS Kingdom of Righteousness. Thus, is fulfilled that prophecy, *“When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.”* The gates of hell cannot prevail against HIM, much less the sons of men. HE spoke to Joseph in a dream a third time, telling him to return to the land of Israel. Though HE sojourned in Egypt, it was unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel that HE was sent. Thus, it was necessary for HIM to return to the land of HIS nativity. *“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” “Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.”*

And yet a fourth time, we see HIM speaking to Joseph in a dream. *“being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee.”* While some might see little significance in this occurrence, we see the necessity of it in the next verse; *“And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.”* HE came from this lowly town to demonstrate HIS humility among men and that HE might hide HIMSELF from the wise and prudent who scoffed at HIS abode. We see this as the Pharisee’s upbraided Nicodemus, *“They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.”*

It is indeed glorious when the LORD is pleased to speak to HIS children in dreams, yet because the heart is deceitful we must be wary of dreamers. *“For in the multitude of dreams and many words there are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.”* Put no confidence in dreams nor lean to thine own understanding, give CHRIST all glory and worship HIM.

*“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at [forthe poor@windstream.net](mailto:forthe poor@windstream.net)***