

## jenaministries – Part 5 Bible Stories

### 7. God Spoke to People in Dreams

God did indeed speak to people in dreams. The bible talks about that several times. Here are just a few examples.

He spoke to prophets in dreams and visions (**Scriptures 1. Prophets - Numbers 12:5-8**).

King Solomon was spoken to by God in two dreams (**Scriptures 2. King Solomon**). Once to ask Solomon what he wanted and God granted it and more. The second time was to warn Solomon not to serve other gods.

Another example is God spoke to Joseph (Jesus' Earth Father) in a dream telling him to take the baby Jesus and Mary and flee to Egypt (**Scriptures 3. Joseph (Jesus' Earth father) – The Escape to Egypt**). King Herod was going to kill all baby boys there in Bethlehem, Judea.

King Nebuchadnezzar had dreams from God that troubled him (**Scriptures 4. Daniel Interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream**). Only Daniel was able to interpret the dreams. Because of his interpretations, the king placed Daniel in a high position and made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon, and placed him in charge of all its wise men.

When Abraham and his wife, Sarah, went to Gerar, Abraham said Sarah was his sister. Then Abimelek, king of Gerar, sent for Sarah and took her. But God spoke to King Abimelek in a dream and told him Sarah was married (**Scriptures 5. Abraham and Abimelek**).

When Joseph was sold to slavery in Egypt by his brothers, the Pharaoh had two dreams (**Scriptures 6. Pharaoh's Dreams**). Joseph was able to interpret those dreams and warn the Pharaoh of an upcoming famine. The Pharaoh was able to prepare and be ready for the famine. He also put Joseph in a high position.

God knows most of the time we are unable to hear him. So, he sometimes speaks to us in dreams. When he teaches us something in a dream, it can be profound and change our lives. He still speaks to us in dreams today.

If you have a dream that makes sense and felt real (scenery, people, subject matters did not change), and you can remember every word spoken, every emotion felt, and every detail; don't just disregard it. Ask God if that dream was him speaking? See what happens. If it was God speaking, you will get a confirmation of some kind. And it may just change your life and/or your way of thinking.

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### Scriptures 1. Prophets

**Numbers 12:5-8** Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, he said, "Listen to my words: **"When there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams.** But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"

### Scriptures 2. King Solomon

**1 Kings 3:5-14** At Gibeon **the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream,** and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

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### Scriptures 2. King Solomon - continued

1 Kings 9:1-9 When Solomon had finished building the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had achieved all he had desired to do, **the LORD appeared to him a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.** The LORD said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there. "As for you, if you walk before me faithfully with integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws, I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father when I said, 'You shall never fail to have a successor on the throne of Israel.' "But if you or your descendants turn away from me and do not observe the commands and decrees I have given you and go off to serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land I have given them and will reject this temple I have consecrated for my Name. Israel will then become a byword and an object of ridicule among all peoples. This temple will become a heap of rubble. All who pass by will be appalled and will scoff and say, 'Why has the LORD done such a thing to this land and to this temple?' People will answer, 'Because they have forsaken the LORD their God, who brought their ancestors out of Egypt, and have embraced other gods, worshiping and serving them—that is why the LORD brought all this disaster on them.' "

### Scriptures 3. Joseph (Jesus' Earth father) - The Escape to Egypt

Matthew 2:13 When they had gone, **an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.** "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

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### Scriptures 4. Daniel Interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

**Daniel 2:1** In the second year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; his mind was troubled and he could not sleep.

**Daniel 2:11-16,19, 24** What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans." This made the king so angry and furious that he ordered the execution of all the wise men of Babylon. So the decree was issued to put the wise men to death, and men were sent to look for Daniel and his friends to put them to death. When Arioch, the commander of the king's guard, had gone out to put to death the wise men of Babylon, Daniel spoke to him with wisdom and tact. He asked the king's officer, "Why did the king issue such a harsh decree?" Arioch then explained the matter to Daniel. At this, Daniel went in to the king and asked for time, so that he might interpret the dream for him.

During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven.

Then Daniel went to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to execute the wise men of Babylon, and said to him, "Do not execute the wise men of Babylon. Take me to the king, and I will interpret his dream for him."

**Daniel 2:37-49** Your Majesty, you are the king of kings. The God of heaven has given you dominion and power and might and glory; in your hands he has placed all mankind and the beasts of the field and the birds in the sky. Wherever they live, he has made you ruler over them all. You are that head of gold. "After you, another kingdom will arise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others. Just as you saw that the feet and toes

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### Scriptures 4. Daniel Interpreted Nebuchadnezzar's Dream-continued

were partly of baked clay and partly of iron, so this will be a divided kingdom; yet it will have some of the strength of iron in it, even as you saw iron mixed with clay. As the toes were partly iron and partly clay, so this kingdom will be partly strong and partly brittle. And just as you saw the iron mixed with baked clay, so the people will be a mixture and will not remain united, any more than iron mixes with clay. "In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. This is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces. "The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy." Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell prostrate before Daniel and paid him honor and ordered that an offering and incense be presented to him. The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." Then the king placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men. Moreover, at Daniel's request the king appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego administrators over the province of Babylon, while Daniel himself remained at the royal court.

### Scriptures 5. Abraham and Abimelek

Genesis 20:1-3 Now Abraham moved on from there into the region of the Negev and lived between Kadesh and Shur. For a while he stayed in Gerar, and there Abraham said of his wife Sarah, "She is my sister." Then Abimelek king of Gerar sent for Sarah and took her. **But God came to Abimelek in a dream one night and said to him, "You are as good as dead because of the woman you have taken; she is a married woman."**

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### Scriptures 6. Pharaoh's Dreams

Genesis 41:1-4 When two full years had passed, **Pharaoh had a dream:** He was standing by the Nile, when out of the river there came up seven cows, sleek and fat, and they grazed among the reeds. After them, seven other cows, ugly and gaunt, came up out of the Nile and stood beside those on the riverbank. And the cows that were ugly and gaunt ate up the seven sleek, fat cows. Then Pharaoh woke up.

Genesis 41:5-7 **He fell asleep again and had a second dream:** Seven heads of grain, healthy and good, were growing on a single stalk. After them, seven other heads of grain sprouted—thin and scorched by the east wind. The thin heads of grain swallowed up the seven healthy, full heads. Then Pharaoh woke up; it had been a dream.

Genesis 41:25-28 **Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The dreams of Pharaoh are one and the same. God has revealed to Pharaoh what he is about to do.** The seven good cows are seven years, and the seven good heads of grain are seven years; it is one and the same dream. The seven lean, ugly cows that came up afterward are seven years, and so are the seven worthless heads of grain scorched by the east wind: They are seven years of famine. "It is just as I said to Pharaoh: God has shown Pharaoh what he is about to do.