

Joseph's Dream
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Review

- BEGINNINGS—OF THE HUMAN RACE; OF THE HEBREW RACE
- FOUR EVENTS: CREATION, FALL, FLOOD, NATIONS
- FOUR PEOPLE: ABRAHAM, ISAAC, JACOB, JOSEPH (the promise)

Reminder: God's plan will ALWAYS prevail. You can obey Him and be blessed and be a blessing in His plan or it will happen in spite of you. Either way it will happen!

Genesis 37:1-11

1) The Words of God were for the past!

The Words of God before the Bible as a whole were often given in dreams, visions, and through **Prophets** and **Judges**!

This account doesn't come out and say the dream is from God but by the rest of the account we know it is!

The Words of God we see now (Old Testament) are consistent with the rest of scripture.

God's revelation is always consistent with His **character and truth**.

In line with His plan and purpose, God was getting Joseph ready through this dream. He would be a part of continuing the **promise**!

2) The Words of God are for now!

Joseph may not have understood the dreams but he knew they meant something, he told his brothers, right or wrong it was part of God's plan, he took God's words and shared them.

Today we have the Word of God, the **66** books comprised into God's Word, the Bible!

The dreams, visions, God's story, God's plan, and our path to follow Him are all in the **Bible**.

Jacob and Joseph had visions and dreams from God, we have the literal **plans** and **words** of God. We have all we could ever need.

Tom Elliff says, "we already have more now (words from God) that what we are currently doing."

Dreams and visions of any time period must match with God's plan and Word, if not something is **wrong** and it's not God!

The Words of God are for now, what are we **doing** with them?

Psalm 119:11- *I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

Psalm 119:105- *Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

2 Timothy 3:16- *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

3) The Words of God are for the future!

Joseph most likely had no clue what the dreams meant at the time, although he knew they were from the Lord, it would have ample meaning in the months and years to come.

Genesis 42:6- *Now Joseph was the governor of the land, the person who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground.*

The dreams from the Lord were a word for the future, something to hold on to at the time, but wouldn't come to light for **years**. God shows us and teaches us things that we are not sure why or what it means, but sometimes weeks, months, and years later it comes to light. Joseph would **hold** on to the words of the Lord!

The words from God's word that He gives us now are not only for the here and now but for the **future**!

What are you doing with the Words of God? Are they important? Are you following them? Are they like water to your thirsty soul? Make God's Word that of importance!