

Joseph Dreamed

1) When a Dream is a Destiny

When Joseph dreamed, his dream was from God, therefore it was more than a dream; it was a destiny

Dictionary definition: 'A predetermined course of events'

'The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord' (Psa.37:23)

Paul prayed, 'that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me' (Phil.3:12)

Jesus had a sense of destiny

***'Now is My soul troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour'
(Jn.12:27)***

'Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth"'
(Jn.18:37)

He showed us that we could be significant without being prominent

Ultimately, our significance is to be found in being involved in what Jesus is doing in the earth

It is finding the specific role God wants us to play in this world

Joseph is a type of Christ

- **Both were their father's beloved son**
- **Both were prophesied to be rulers**
- **Both were sent by his father to his brothers**
- **The brothers of both were jealous of them, did not believe them and planned their death**
- **Reuben wanted to rescue Joseph and Pilate wanted to rescue Jesus**
- **Both were sold by one of the 12 named Judah (Greek 'Judas')**

- **Both were falsely accused...and punished**
- **Both were with two others condemned to die, one of which was pardoned and given life**
- **One dreamed of bread and the other dreamed of wine and Joseph said 'remember me'**
- **The king of Egypt exalted Joseph to bring all under the king's rule. Jesus has been exalted to bring all under God's rule**
- **Every knee bowed to Joseph. Every knee will bow to Jesus**

- **Joseph was 30 years old when he started working for Pharaoh. Jesus was 30 years when He began His ministry**
- **Both were given a gentile bride**
- **Joseph was revealed to his brothers at their second coming. Jesus is to be revealed to Israel at His 2nd coming**
- **Both Joseph and Jesus forgave those who sought to destroy them**
- **Joseph's brothers had Pharaoh's favor because of Joseph not themselves. We share God's favor because of Jesus**
- **As Joseph reigned over Egypt, so Jesus will reign over the earth**

Each patriarch represents a different aspect of our salvation

- ✓ **Abraham – our justification by faith**
- ✓ **Isaac – we are sons and heirs**
- ✓ **Jacob – the flesh and the Spirit war**
- ✓ **Joseph – we are destined to reign; suffering with Christ is the pathway to reigning with Him**

'This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. If we endure, we shall also reign with Him'

(2 Tim.2:11-12)

'The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together'

(Rom.8:16-17)

After telling his brothers his dream
'they hated him even more'

Often people who attack us do so
because of our dreams. Why? Because
they are not living their own dreams

'Come therefore, let us now kill him and
cast him into some pit; and we shall say,
'Some wild beast has devoured him.' We
shall see what will become of his
dreams!'"

(Gen.37:20)

It seems as if Joseph's dream is shattered, but...

1) He didn't blame his past

**Those who have a dream look forward,
not back**

2) He didn't become bitter

**Nothing anyone may do to us can hurt
us unless we allow a wrong response
to it. *'Who is he who will harm you if
you become followers of what is good?'*
(1 Pet.3:13)**

3) He became aware that he had his problems too

**4) He trusted in the sovereignty of God.
*'You meant it for evil...'***

If your dream is from God it cannot be overthrown by other people

We say, 'if only...' God says, 'If need be...'

'In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials...'

(1 Peter 1:6)

***'And the patriarchs, becoming envious,
sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was
with him'***

(Acts 7:9)