

WINTER IS COMING (REVISITED)

We introduced this dream to you last week. Today I want to ‘revisit’ it because I believe it contains important insights into the last days. Therefore, we’re going to clarify details that we brought up last time and touch on some that we missed.

Dream — The dream starts out with me driving along a four-lane highway. The highway was clear and the day was sunny. I'm driving up a mountainside and the view was beautiful (grassy slopes, etc).

We said to you that this ‘highway’ represents the *highway of holiness*.

Isaiah 35:8

⁸ And an highway shall be there, and a way, And it shall be called The way of holiness; The unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Notice, a fool will not be able to err on the highway. This means God is going to construct a path (highway) that makes things, that were once complicated, easy!

Matthew 11:28–30

²⁸ Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Notice, Jesus says His yoke is EASY. (Here, the word **yoke** is a metaphor for His teachings.) Therefore, the ‘yoke’ (teaching) Jesus is offering is the fulfillment of God’s ‘highway’ that He promised back in Isaiah!

It’s important that we understand something about yokes. Yokes were used by farmers to *train* animals. You would ‘yoke’ an untrained animal to a trained one. This way the untrained animal could learn ‘on the fly’ (while working)!

So, when Jesus says, “Take my yoke and LEARN OF ME,” He’s not saying, “Take my yoke and learn ABOUT me.” He’s saying, “Take my yoke and learn FROM me.” In other words, do what I do! And He tells them what He is doing. He said, “For I am *meek* and *lowly in heart*.” So, anyone yoked to Christ is learning (or should be learning) to be “meek” and “lowly”. What’s the difference?

Meekness is an outward humility (or keeping your *actions* under control), while **lowliness** is an inward humility (or keeping your *attitude* under control). Now, it is possible to be meek, but not lowly. For example, a person can be quiet and gentle, but still think they’re better than others (OR better than how they’re being treated by others). This was Job’s problem.

It's ALSO possible to be lowly, but not meek. For example, a person can have a low estimation of themselves, and yet struggle to keep their temper under control. (This was Moses' problem.) The goal is to do BOTH, because doing both is really the key to being holy!

Hebrews 12:14

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Notice, the Bible mentions peace and holiness TOGETHER. This is because the *easy way* (highway) to holiness is through PEACE (meekness, lowliness).

Unfortunately, people don't always learn the easy way. When this happens God's 'easy way' turns into a 'hard way'. **This is demonstrated in the dream when the highway is suddenly filled with snow.** The "snow" represents trouble God sometimes introduces into our training!

Hebrews 12:11

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

The word chasten means *to discipline* or *train*. Sometimes God's chastening is very *grievous* (painful, sorrowful). However, we're told that the purpose is to produce FRUIT (righteousness, holiness).

Going back to our dream, **the man eventually arrives at his destination, which we later determined is the TRUE church—Mt. Zion.**

Hebrews 12:22–23

22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, 23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Notice, Mt. Zion (the true Church) is a place where the spirits of just men are made PERFECT. Therefore, *perfection* is demanded from everyone in Zion. This also means that everyone in Zion (on this mountain) who is NOT holy, will eventually be put out! (This is what the "shakings" are all about in **Hebrews 12:25-29**.) God is going to "shake" Zion (the Church) in order to cause those who are not holy in Zion to be removed.

This is why in our dream the man ends up OUTSIDE. **The reason the man ends up outside is because when he arrived at Zion he was not holy!**

Matthew 22:11–13

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: 12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. 13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Now, once the man is outside the church, **he notices that it's "snowing".**

Matthew 24:20

20 But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day:

We said to you that "winter" represents the time AFTER harvest when no more work (to produce fruit) can be done. Those who come to this time with no fruit will have one last opportunity to be saved, but they'll have to suffer great loss!

1 Corinthians 3:15

15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

This scene is described for us in **Revelation 12!**

Revelation 12:11

11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Dream—"When I got outside I could see Dec. Eddie Bogan and Sis. Vanessa in the corner of the church. I could hear 'gun shots' and Dec. Eddie and Sis. Vanessa were 'shooting back' at their aggressors. ALSO, I kept hearing them say, "Why are they attacking us? What have we done to them?"

(Later on, when he returned, he found them lying on the ground dead!) How should we understand this portion of the dream?

Dec. Eddie and Sis. Vanessa represent what we often do when we're 'cornered' and forced into difficult situations. We will often retaliate (fight back), or we will murmur (complain). Moreover, both responses are a sign that we have *cast off the yoke*! Keep in mind what this 'yoke' represents. It represents meekness and lowliness. When we retaliate (fight back) we're casting off the yoke of meekness (patient, self-controlled). When we murmur (complain) we're casting off the yoke of lowliness (having a humble attitude). The problem with casting off this yoke is that doing so will cause you to be *destroyed*.

Revelation 13:9–10

⁹ If any man have an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰ He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

Notice, those who “kill with the sword” must be *killed* with the sword. (This goes for anyone killing Christians, AND for any Christian defending themselves from being killed.) However, the faith of the saints will be seen by their PATIENCE.

Numbers 21:5–6

⁵ And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. ⁶ And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.

Notice, the same is true concerning murmuring or complaining. Those who murmur and complain will ultimately be destroyed!

We do not see the seriousness of these sins today. However, in the last days, these sins will receive swift judgment from God!