

Visions, Dreams & Trances – Languages of the Holy Spirit

Paul/David Yongi Cho once said that the language of the Holy Spirit is found in “veeshons & dreams.”

There is a slight earthly difference in these three biblical words:

- Visions come as reflective of real actions in sights and sounds
- Dreams are usually melodramas filled with meanings behind sights and sounds
- Trances are usually movement from one place to another

Dreams & visions are sometimes combined in biblical incidents.

Many people have thought that dreams are for sleep and visions are for awake times, but the biblical languages reveal that the actual difference is not awake or sleep. Dreams or visions can take place in either state—awake or asleep.

Because we are speaking of communications with the Holy One, there is a need for a positional perspective change so that we believe and declare that the paths—the communications portals—from the Holy Spirit are open and cleansed by the life-giving Blood of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This perspective comes with an understanding that Earth and the netherworld’s communications and portals have no permission to be activated in your life.

When we declare that we enter the “Rest” by faith, we are not talking about sleep.

The Visions & Dreams of Daniel the Wiseman:

In chapter two of the Book of Daniel, Daniel tells King Nebuchadnezzar what he dreamed and then interprets the king's dream. But first, Daniel connects with YHVH. He went to his house with his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah¹, and requested compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery. (Daniel 2:17-18)

Daniel 2:19-23

“The mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision.

Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven Daniel said,

*‘Let the name of God be the bless forever and ever,
for wisdom and power belong to Him.*

*It is He who changes the times and the seasons,
He removes kings and establishes kings.*

*He gives wisdom to wise men and
knowledge to men of understanding.*

It is He who reveals the profound and hidden things.

*He knows what is in the darkness,
and the light dwells with Him.*

*To You, O God of my fathers, I give thanks and praise,
for You have given me wisdom and power.*

*Even now You have made known to me what we
requested of You, for You have made
known to us the king's matter.”*

Now, let us notice how Daniel wisely cuts off the communications from evil wickedness breaking the connections of communications with the evil of the earth and the nether world.

¹ These are the Hebrew names of Shadrack, Meshack & Abednigo (Aramaic Chaldean)
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Daniel 2:27-28

*“Daniel answered before the king and said,
‘As for the mystery about which the king has inquired,
neither wise men, conjurers, magicians nor
diviners are able to declare it to the king.”*

*However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries,
and He has made known to king Nebuchadnezzar
what will take place in the latter days.*

*This was your dream and the visions
in your mind while on your bed.”*

Joseph the Dreamer:

- Joseph the Dreamer
- Interprets the dreams of the Cupbearer & the Baker
- Joseph then tells Pharaoh what his dreams meant. The king's dreams were of the future and set eternal things into existence.
- Because of Joseph's dream interpretation, Israel was saved from famine by Egypt. Jesus was saved from Herod by Egypt. Today, Egypt will be the protector of the Christ and Israel in the coming days (see Isaiah 19).

The other Joseph the Dreamer in the Christmas Story:

Matthew 1:20

“But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.’”

Matthew 2:13

“Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, ‘Get up! Take the Child and His mother

and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

Matthew 2:19-23

“When Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.”

So, Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

The Vision of Transfiguration of Christ:

Matthew 17:2-9

“He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His garments became as white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses and one for Elijah.’

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold, a voice out of the cloud said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; listen to Him!’

When the disciples heard this, they fell face down to the ground and were terrified.

Jesus came to them and touched them and said,

‘Get up, and do not be afraid.’ And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus Himself alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, ‘Tell the vision² to no one until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’”

Acts 9:10-12

“Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision³, ‘Ananias.’ And he said, ‘Here I am, Lord.’ And the Lord said to him, ‘Get up and go to the street called Straight and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.’”

The gentile, Cornelius, saw an angel of God in a vision:

Acts 10:3

“About the ninth hour of the day, he clearly saw in a vision⁴ an angel of God who had just come in and said to him, ‘Cornelius!’ Fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, ‘What is it, Lord?’ And he said to him, ‘Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.’”

Peter was sent to Cornelius by means of a trance:

Acts 10:9-20

“On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the

² vision: ὁράω horáō [to see, perceive] Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel) horáō. While akouō is virtually the only Greek word for hearing, there are various words for seeing. The first of these is horáō, which means ‘to look,’ ‘to see,’ ‘to experience,’ ‘to perceive,’ ‘to take note,’ ‘to see to,’ ‘to take care.’

³ ibid

⁴ ibid

city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray.

But he became hungry and was desiring to eat.

While they were making preparations, he fell into a **trance**⁵.

He saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, and there were in it all kinds of four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.

A voice came to him, 'Get up, Peter, kill and eat!'

But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean.'

Again, a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy."

This happened three times, and immediately, the object was taken up into the sky.

Now, while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who had been sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate, calling out. They were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there.

While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Behold, three men are looking for you. Get up, go downstairs, and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself.'

2 Corinthians 12:1-4

"Boasting is necessary, though it is not profitable, but I will go on to visions and revelations⁶ of the Lord.

⁵ Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel): ἔκστασις ékstasis. a. Literally 'change of place,'

⁶ Theological Dictionary of the New Testament (Abridged - Little Kittel) ἀποκαλύπτω apokalýptō: to uncover, reveal

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a man was caught up to the third heaven.

And I know how such a man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.”

There is an interesting statement made in Habakkuk 1:1, saying, “The oracle which Habakkuk the prophet saw.”

Although the Hebrew word “oracle” here literally means *burden*, it is necessary to understand what is said herein by idiom only. The oracle is the prophecy given to the prophet or seer (in this case), which presents the terrible position of the people.