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Introduction

Joseph is a dreamer who hears from the Almighty through his dreams. It is apparent Joseph had this gift at a very age and brings a word to his brothers and to his father, who all reject the message and dismiss Joseph. The brothers bear Joseph ill, will and their actions bring about consequences that will ultimately bring Jacob and his family down to Egypt.

Genesis 38:26-30

5 Now Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers they hated him even more. ⁶ He said to them, "Hear this dream that I have dreamed: ⁷ Behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and behold, my sheaf arose and stood upright. And behold, your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." ⁸ His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Or are you indeed to rule over us?" So, they hated him even more for his dreams and for his words. ⁹ Then he dreamed another dream and told it to his brothers and said, "Behold, I have dreamed another dream. Behold, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." ¹⁰ But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I and your mother and your brothers indeed come to bow ourselves to the ground before you?" ¹¹ And his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the saying in mind. (ESV)

Joseph receives the gift of prophetic dreams or visions at a young age, probably a teenager. As the favorite son of Jacob, his brothers were very jealous of him, and it did not help that he shared this dream with them and then his father. His brothers reacted in anger that would lead them to first consider killing him and ultimately selling him into slavery. Jacob reacted in a different way. At first, he was angry that his son would say something like this to him, but he reflected on what he had been told and in verse eleven, we are told "*but his father kept the saying in mind.*" Dreams and visions were something that were very prevalent with the Patriarchs. The Holy One even spoke to them. Was it a voice that they heard speaking from nowhere, or was a voice that spoke inside of them by spirit connecting to spirit? Think about that for a moment. How many times have many of us felt like someone was speaking to us, but there was no one around? You feel it deep inside of you, making a connection that in many ways comforts you and even challenges you.

It is up to us to discern whether the feeling is coming from our Creator or possibly from the Adversary. The only way to discern the truth is to be in the word, which in turn connects you to the Messiah Yeshua, who is connected to the Father. If Yeshua is the mediator between the Holy One and man, then the probability that the voice we are hearing could be the Messiah who speaks for His Father. Yeshua has appeared several times in Scripture in His human form prior to His death and resurrection. You might be saying how could he do this if He died a little over two thousand years ago? Because, He was there with the Father from the beginning, and not only that, He has always been with the Father. He was the one who walked in the garden in the cool of the day with Adam and Chavah. He spoke to Enoch and Noah. He even spoke to Cain after he had taken the life of his brother and did not show any remorse for what he had done. His only concern was for his own well-being. Messiah appeared to Joshua. He was there to help Moses before He began his ministry and during it.

Joseph exhibited a trait that runs through most of us and that is he was young and impetuous and did not understand what his words would do to his brothers. Maybe, he thought they would be interested in what he had to share, or maybe because he was young and probably spoiled by his father, he simply wanted to rub it in to his brothers. What he hoped to gain by sharing it with his father, I cannot say, but maybe he felt his brother would understand because his father had experienced things like this before. We can call them supernatural or whatever we want to, but it seems the Almighty moved more in Biblical days than he does today except for what He may be doing at the present time with all the rumors of wars and actual fighting in different countries. Then, we turn to the weather. Whether climate change or not, something is happening that has not happened before, and we have had a hand in it, whether through our sin or the Holy One moving to bring His plan to execution.

Amos 3:7-8

7 "For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. ⁸ The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?" (ESV)

Joseph had no choice in what he shared and with whom he shared. Later, while in captivity in Egypt, Joseph would interpret the dreams of the two servants of the Pharaoh, and eventually it would bring about his release from prison and elevation to the second most powerful man in Egypt next to Pharaoh. In this, we see a picture of the Father and the Son. To the Lord, what we see as prophecy is reality and going to happen. How it works itself out depends on whether man does what he is instructed to do or decides to do it his way, which usually makes the Almighty's plan take longer. Time is nothing to the Creator of all things, including time. But time is very relevant to us, and we must understand that we are given only so many years upon this earth to accomplish His purpose, whether we walk in His ways, in Torah, keeping faith with our Redeemer Yeshua. Joseph is a picture of Messiah, even in his trials as Yeshua suffered as well to the point of death. As Joseph was raised up, so was the Messiah. He was raised from the grave while Joseph was raised by a living death in prison. As the Prophet Amos has told us, "*The lion roared; who will not fear?*"

Yochanan 15:12-16

12 "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. (ESV)

Yeshua is our friend, who in love laid down His life for us. He chose His talmidim, and they were called servants as we are, but in the end, He changed who they were. They went from being servants to being friends, something we should all strive to want. We serve Messiah in His calling. He was sent by the Father to redeem mankind, and He does this through those who have been called by Him. We should not worry about the titles we may seek because to be called His friend is the greatest honor we could ever have. We serve our Master, who created us and desires us to be with Him in eternity. We have choices in life, and the choices we make guide us on the road less traveled if we choose the right way. The road less traveled is the one Yeshua has paved for us. The road with the traffic is the world passing us by in a hurry to get to where they think they are going, but in truth, they are moving further away from their Redeemer Yeshua.

We are to love one another. That is not an easy command to follow. We struggle with friends, family, one another over our walk based on Messiah guided by His teachings in Torah. Yeshua did not bring anything new in His teachings when He walked the earth. What He did was to teach Torah the way it was always meant to be followed. He did not add to it or take away from it. He simply explained it, and yet, some of the things we have been called to do are not easy for us because we walk in the flesh and the flesh interferes, at times, with connecting our spirit to His. Bear fruit in His name, but remember all honor and glory belong to the Father, and even Yeshua will tell you that. It was from the Father that the Word came forth as well as the Ruach HaKodesh. The key of David that unlocks all the mysteries kept by the Almighty is the Torah taught to us by Messiah and explained to us by the Spirit of the Holy One of Israel.

Torah Man says: "He who abandons himself to God will never be abandoned by God."

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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