

Next Generation Dreamers
“Passing the Dream On”
Joel 2.28,29

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One person in our church defined a dream comes from in our heart and a vision is something from God’s heart. I’ve often thought of the dream as the idea and the vision as the planned execution of that idea. Throughout scripture God has given dreams to men and women but yet they never saw the fulfillment of the dream or vision executed. David and Solomon, Abraham and Isaac and the list goes on. Seldom does God give a dream that can be completed in a generation. Because He is a multi, trans generational Go, His works are the same.

Part of the reason the enemy work so hard to get many of you to let go of your dreams is so that e can weaken the vision execution of the next generation. It’s a two fold weakening. They don’t understand how to walk in God’s dreams and visions because it hasn’t been properly modeled and they have no dreams or visions because they haven’t been passed down!

The text today will give us insight in addressing both issues and we will leave here with three generations or possibly more with the capacity to dream and execute for the kingdom.

DREAMS - OT 2472chalam or halam was a word meaning to be strong which came to mean dream...

"be strong" is moot, but it is interesting that if "be strong" is the primitive source, it came to mean "to dream" by virtue of the fact that erotic dreams of males at puberty, accompanied by seminal emissions connect the idea of "be strong" with "to dream." Evidence is the cognate Arabic. KB unites the two roots under one entry. There is no other Hebrew word for a dream in the OT.

VISIONS - OT:2372

1. The literal sense, perception with physical organs of sight (Job 27:12; Prov 22:29; 29:18).

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2. The special way in which a lover gazes at his (her?) beloved (Song 6:13 [H 7.1]).

3. To "see to" something, i.e. provide (from Lat pro-verbio "see to"). The idea is to secure needful things against a foreseen need or occasion (Ex 18:21; ASV margin of Isa 57:8 refers to Israel's providing objects for idolatrous worship).

1. The outpouring of the Spirit will not be limited by age or gender!

- After what?

After the switch up of times of disaster to times of plenty and God restores what's been taken.

- Spirit poured out on “all mankind”? Jn. 16.13

Not on all the church but man...

- The outpouring will release new information - “information highway”

We're in the middle of this outpouring but this is just the beginning of it. A pseudo outpouring precedes a “real outpouring”

2. The outpouring will produce dreams and visions.

- With resources available why do you need dreams/visions?

So you know what to do with resources and not blow them!!

- Dreams produce strength

The power of every old man and woman rests in their ability to dream. If you retire and lose your dream you get sick and die but if you still have dreams you keep living.

Too many people retire so they can rest so that makes death a natural activity!

Vision makes plans for what was unforeseen!

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The strength of the old man’s dream is what gives the young a foundation for vision!

1 John 2:14

14 I have written to you, fathers, because you know Him who has been from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one.

3. In the last days you will see more than ever!

- Don’t let the enemy cloud your vision with sin and selfishness

The sin that will kill this generation is pride! Prov. 16.18

- Don’t let the enemy pre-occupy you with fear

God has not given us the spirit of fear! 2 Tim 1:7

7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline. NASU

- Don’t let the enemy make you overly conscious of the HATERS!

They only show up when you’re building something!! Neh 4:1-2

1 Now it came about that when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became furious and very angry and mocked the Jews. 2 He spoke in the presence of his brothers and the wealthy men of Samaria and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Are they going to restore it for themselves? Can they offer sacrifices? Can they finish in a day? Can they revive the stones from the dusty rubble even the burned ones?" NASU