

When Dreamers Have Nightmares

- **Joel 2:28** And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, **your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:**
- **Acts 2:16-17** ¹⁶But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and **your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:**
- **TWO IMPORTANT REVIVAL PRINCIPLES**
 - **DREAMS vs. VISIONS:** Joel said that in the last days revival, the role of the older generation will be DIFFERENT than the role of the younger generation. (not less important, just different!)
 - **SOWING vs. REAPING:** Peter REVERSED the prophecy to show that when the promise is fulfilled the vision of the young will step to the forefront, supported by the dreams of the elders.
- Many times in Scripture, the words “dream” and “vision” are used interchangeably; in this context, I believe there is a distinct difference in emphasis:
 - **DREAM:** from the Hebrew root CHALAM, which also means “to restore to health, to be strong, to be healthy” (DREAMS HAVE TO DO WITH THE PAST) – **our dream is our MESSAGE, which has to stay “strong and healthy”**
 - **VISION:** from the Hebrew root CHAZAH, which also means “to perceive with the intelligence, to see by experience” (VISIONS HAVE TO DO WITH THE FUTURE) – **our vision is our METHOD, which has to correctly “perceive” our generation**
- VISION CAN BE A BIT FRIGHTENING because it takes us out of our comfort zone! Look at this statement from Job (we’ll admit that it’s taken a bit out of context!):
 - **Job 7:13-14** ¹³When I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall ease my complaint; ¹⁴Then thou scarest me with dreams, and terrifiest me through visions:
- A dream from the past can be comforting, but vision of the future is a bit like being in the deep end of a swimming pool; YOU’RE ALWAYS IN OVER YOUR HEAD! In the shallow end, we look good on the surface, but it doesn’t take any effort – we’re always within our depth.

• HERE’S WHY VISION IS VITAL!

- **Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)** Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
- **Proverbs 29:18 (NKJV)** Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law.
- **Proverbs 29:18 (MES)** If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.
- Without vision, Matthew Henry says “The people are idle, or they play, as scholars are apt to do when the master is absent.”
- Spiros Zodhiates gives the sense of the Hebrew expression as “to let something slip through the fingers by ignoring an opportunity.”
- **Without vision, eternal opportunities are eternally lost!**
- David and Solomon are one of the Bible’s best examples of this “generational transfer” from the older generation’s dream to the younger generation’s vision.

DAVID	SOLOMON
Was a DREAMER who took a group of people who had been ruled by Saul and fashioned them into a HEALTHY kingdom	Was a VISIONARY who took an already healthy kingdom and wisely PERCEIVED how to make it an even more influential kingdom
A man of war	A man of peace
David was known for WORSHIP (experience was the critical element in his day)	Solomon was known for WISDOM (knowledge was the critical element in his day)
David battled the house of Saul (manmade religion) to establish his kingdom	Solomon battled Adonijah (a rebellious brother not willing to follow the will of his father David)

- David’s kingdom achieved its golden age under Solomon’s rule, but there wouldn’t have been a Solomon with a David!
- The world has accepted the Apostolic EXPERIENCE in the last century; now it’s time for them to accept Apostolic TRUTH!
- **TWO CAUTIONS FOR SOLOMON:**
 - Inherited wealth
 - Heathen marriage

Deuteronomy 6:10-14 ¹⁰And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, ¹¹And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; ¹²Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. ¹⁴Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you;

- **The last days revival will be bigger than any of us realize!**
 - **Amos 9:12 (KJV)** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
 - **Amos 9:12 (CEV)** You will have such a harvest that you won't be able to bring in all of your wheat before plowing time. You will have grapes left over from season to season; your fruitful vineyards will cover the mountains.
- **God is going to do a quick and powerful work with the younger generation. Elders, don't be disturbed – be delighted!**
 - **Romans 9:28** For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth.
 - **Matthew 20:12** Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.
- **When the last days revival occurs in its fullness, EVERYONE will be glad AND THE DREAMERS WHO HELD ON TO THEIR DREAM WILL BE VINDICATED!**
 - **Psalms 126:1-6** ¹When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion, **we were like them that dream.** ²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then said they among the heathen, The LORD hath done great things for them. ³The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad. ⁴Turn again our captivity, O LORD, as the streams in the south. ⁵**They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.** ⁶He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.