



Christmas Series 2024:

“Dreaming of a Right Christmas”

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1. God is With Us Even in our Dreams:



“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.”



19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.”

Matthew 1:18,19 (NKJV)



*“And she will bring forth a Son,
and you shall call His name
Jesus, for He will save His people
from their sins.”²² So all this was
done that it might be fulfilled
which was spoken by the Lord
through the prophet, saying:*



23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”



24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.”
Matthew 1:21-25 (NKJV)



“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.”

Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)





**2. God Uses Dreams to Supernaturally
Guide Us:**

God warning Abimelech to not touch
Abraham's wife. (Gen. 20:3)

Jacob's Ladder (Gen 28:10).

God warning Jacob to leave his father-in-
law's house. (Gen 31:11)

God warning Jacob's father-in-law to not
harm Jacob. (Gen 31:24)

Joseph dreaming his brothers would bow down to him as wheat (Gen 37:5) then later as stars (Gen 37:9).

Pharaoh's Cupbearer and Baker dreams interpreted by Joseph. (Gen 40:50)

Two years later, Pharaoh's dream and Joseph's interpretation. (Gen 41)

God told Aaron & Miriam that He spoke to prophets through dreams:

"Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams." Num.12:6

Midianite soldiers telling of a dream of barley bread smashing through camp. (Jud.7:13)

Solomon: God appeared to Solomon and asked Solomon to ask Him anything.

Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. (Dan.1:17)

Nebuchadnezzar had 2 dreams Dan. 2,4

Daniel's dream in chapter 7.

Joel: “[*The Day of the LORD*] ” *And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.*” Joel 2:28 (NIV)

Pilot's wife suffered much in a dream concerning Jesus. (Matt.27:19)



3. How do You Interpret Dreams:

1 Corinthians 14:3:

“But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.” (NIV)

“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” (NKJV)

“On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.” (ESV)

“²⁹Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. ... ³⁹ So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But all things should be done decently and in order.”

1 Corinthians 14:29,39,40 (ESV)

4. When God Gives a Dream, Obey:



“And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”



12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.”
Matthew 2:11,12 (NKJV)



“Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.””



14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." Matthew 12:13,14 (NKJV)



