

## INTERPRETING VISIONS & REVELATIONS

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### GROWING IN THE PROPHETIC

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Well, God bless you all. Tonight we're going to continue on our series and I'm going to get into the subject of interpretation. Not interpretation of tongues, but interpretation of visions and dreams and prophetic words. Something else I think you'll find tonight as we go through this is that one thing to keep in mind is that all Scripture is prophecy. So when we learn some of these things tonight about interpreting dreams and visions and prophetic words, all of the Bible is prophecy. All of the Bible is prophetic words and some of these things are going to help you to understand some of the things even in Scripture. Actually we are going to see that Scripture helps us to understand what we are seeing or what we are being told.

So, one thing to keep in mind with all prophecy, in 1 Corinthians 13 it says that we prophesy in part. We know in part and we prophesy in part, so no prophet or prophetic person is going to bring you the whole picture. God intends for you to have a part, the part that you need, the part that will maybe change your life or put it on track or keep it on track, nevertheless it will bring life, but it is a part. He wants us to be dependent upon Him to come back to Him always. So we know in part and we prophesy in part.

1 Corinthians 2:11 says also that no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. So to try and interpret what God is saying by formulas or things like that, that also is incorrect. We want to teach and we want to know and we want to learn, but we have to take all things back to the Lord. We have to be friends with the Holy Spirit. He is the ultimate interpreter of all things. God will speak in symbols and pictures and to interpret those things we need to connect the functions of the symbols to those of the person or the situation that we've gotten the word or the vision for.

All interpretations belong to the Lord. All interpretations are of God. He needs to be behind them or we can go over into the flesh. We can make all kinds of sense and then it not come to pass. You can receive a vision, it's not that difficult when you see a vision, generally to describe what you are seeing. The difficulty in being accurate comes in, in saying, "What does that mean?" Now there are times when the Lord will just tell you what it means. But, generally speaking when you receive a vision, especially, or a dream or a word that speaks certain things, you now have to interpret that or somebody has to interpret that and that many times is the place where we miss it because it is coming through a human filter at this point. What you receive came by the Spirit, but now it has

to be interpreted through a human filter , through the soul and that's why it's so important for us to submit our souls , our minds , to the Lord in all things. In all things.

Interpretation simply means "understanding." When you have the interpretation, now you have the understanding behind what you were given. If you were given something from the Spirit, that's wisdom. But without the knowledge , without the understanding , you can't put that to use. We need the knowledge of how to put that to use that which came from heaven.

In Daniel 8 you see where Gabriel came to Daniel specifically to bring him understanding. That understanding gives him the information he needs in order for application. We need that also. We need to be able to apply , there's many of us that know many things, but unless we can apply them we can be functionally illiterate. Right? We need to be "practicing" Christians, just not "knowing" Christians. We don't need to know "of" the Lord but to "know" Him personally and to put His commandments into practice. Jesus said, "If you know Me, you will keep my commandments&mdash;not just know My commandments." He gives personal commandments and personal direction even now so we need to keep those personal words that He brings to us so that we can stay on His course for our lives.

Daniel had that in his life, too, as he prayed in chapter 8:17&mdash; So he (Gabriel) came near where I stood, and when he came I was afraid and fell on my face, but he said to me, "Understand, son of man, that the vision refers to the time of the end." Gabriel gave Daniel understanding so he would know what the vision meant that he was seeing. When Daniel was spoken of, even before this, by the king , you can see it in chapter 5 , it says that the king said you are a man of excellent spirit of knowledge, understanding and in interpreting dreams and solving riddles. This was something then was looked for and today more and more it is being looked for again. We have to always be looking at the fruit because Jesus said, "We will know by the fruit..." Right? There are charlatans, there are false prophets. So therefore by the fruit we will know. Daniel had the fruit so therefore they knew he had the understanding. They knew he was excellent in spirit.

Too often what is dubbed or called a false prophecy is not a false prophecy at all, it was just a wrong interpretation. The prophecy , the prophetic word , the vision , the revelation , was right from God and if it had been given word for word it would have been exactly right, but the interpretation or the application is off. So that is why it is so important for us to be meek and humble even when we give interpretations. You can speak boldly, like I said, when you receive something from the Lord , what came from the Lord, but you need to be humble enough to know when you're now trying to put it into practice for someone or helping them to apply it.

Interesting enough, when you receive something from another man or woman, it is coming from a human being so therefore you can go back to them. Perhaps the word that came to them meant something different than it does to you. I remember praying and prophesying over a woman in another state here just not that long ago , a few months ago , and I had the word "abuse" that there had been abuse and even as I was saying it, it

seemed kind of strong, but we discussed it and talked about it later and she said, "Well, I've never been abused." But we got to talking and I said, "What does abuse mean to me?" Now to some people that means like something very strong, like sexual abuse or something like that. But to me it is any kind of control or doing things, and as it turns out, yes she had been abused by friends, in other words "taken advantage of" would have probably been a better way that would have communicated to her. But see, my word, once it was explained made perfect sense to her. But that is the nice thing about having a human being, if possible go back and ask for more details.

But we as we give them, need to be humble and meek so that we're not saying, "Thus saith the Lord," if it's not "Thus saith the Lord." It's okay to say, "Well, it seemed to me... this maybe what the Lord is saying, now you take it back to the Lord and see." The vision or the revelation that you see, you know what you saw and that you can speak with authority, but what the application may be, unless the Lord also gives that to you very clearly or just as strongly, we need to be humble in giving those words. Understand? So that we're not confusing people and having people thinking that there is false prophecy out there when we need to be very accurate. The character that we come across with, the honesty and the integrity is going to affect how people are able to receive the prophetic that we so desperately need in the Church today.

Now interestingly enough, in interpreting dreams. I was in a meeting one time and I heard Bob Jones say that only one in a thousand can interpret dreams. I thought, "My goodness where did he get that from?" So I went to the Bible and I searched and I found this section of Scripture in Job 33 beginning in verse 14 it says, For God may speak in one way, or in another, yet man does not perceive it. (15) In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, (16) Then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction. (17) In order to turn man from his deed, and conceal pride from man,...Then skip down to (23) "If there is a messenger for him, a mediator (King James says an interpreter), one among a thousand, to show man His uprightness. So right there it says that one among a thousand can interpret the dreams. Now that wasn't God speaking, that was one of the miserable comforters, but nevertheless they were well-versed in visions and revelations. It was before the written Scriptures, it was when the Word of God was written in the stars, when the Word of God was handed down from generation to generation by word of mouth. So there is wisdom in that, but I don't believe that we are limited to that. I think we can rise up above that and I think with the Spirit of Christ that we have within us, with some instruction and some impartation, we can all rise up above that.

Another interesting thing about interpretation is that it doesn't have to all be interpreted by one person. We are the body of Christ, "we" not you or I but we together have the mind of Christ. The spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus so we can come together to interpret and find out what God is saying through a word or a dream or a vision or a revelation.

Interestingly enough there it says many times God will give a dream or a vision in the night, He'll open the ears of men to seal their instruction in order to turn a man from his

deed and to conceal the pride from man , in other words he can't take credit for it. He gives it to you while you are asleep and when there's just that much less of you to get in the way of Him giving you the word. You might, if these things happen to you , you have dreams and you wonder if it was from God or you kind of wake up in the middle of the night and you think, "Oh..." and by morning you can't remember what it was , you may keep a notebook by your bed just for those reasons because what will happen is if you'll write them down, God will speak more often to you.

I remember Rick Joyner telling me a story where he said , he'd gone back to the Lord and said, "Why aren't you giving me any visions? I'm not getting any visions or anything , it's been quite a few months." And the Lord said, "Why should I? You don't take them seriously. You don't write them down or anything." If He gives them, He is serious about giving them, right? Man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. That's a heavy word when you're receiving them from God. You are responsible to take them seriously if He is going to give them. So keep a pen and paper near by and write them down , even if you don't know what they mean at the time. It may be months , it may be years. Some of these things you know unfold in time. Nevertheless, if you take it serious, then God will take you serious.

The main way that I check prophecy and interpretation is through Scripture and also by knowing the heart of God. I think we need to know both. In another session we are going to get into the heart of God more deeply in terms of the Spirit of Prophecy and how we interpret prophetic words, etc. but tonight , in terms , I'm going to continue on this line of just straight interpretation.

2 Peter 1:19 says, And so we have the prophetic word confirmed (or the King James says the more sure word of prophecy), we have the prophetic word confirmed (through Scripture) Now, why do we need the prophetic word if we have Scripture? Because just like when the Lord spoke to Ananias and He said, "Go out the door. Go down the street called Straight and you're going to find a guy , he's blind and he's a chosen vessel of mine. His name is Saul. I want you to pray for him." That was not in Scripture. Now it is for us, but you go ahead and take it , go out this door. Go until you find a street called Straight. See if there is somebody out there named Saul that is blind and then what happens when you pray for him. It's not going to happen for you, you see? In other words you need that word right now that is for today. You need to know where you need to be , what door you need to knock on , what you need to pray over somebody, but those interpretations still will fit with Scripture. The prophecy will not contradict Scripture, however, I like to point out, it may contradict your understanding of Scripture.

When Peter saw the vision, he was in a trance and the vision came down, right? The sheet came down and it was filled with all kinds of animals. They were all unclean and the Lord said, "Take and eat." He said, "No way." And he was hungry, but he said, "I've never eaten anything unclean. I'm very religious." The Lord said, "Hey, eat." And then finally the Lord said, "Look, whatever I've made clean, don't you call it unclean. You have to see that I've made it clean." Well then you remember the men showed up and said, "Hey you have to come down..." It was only because of the vision that Peter went

into that gentile's home , Cornelius' home , otherwise he never would have gone. But, by the weight of that vision he went and some people, many people, felt that vision contradicted Scripture. Because remember they called him before the Elders when he got back to Jerusalem and they wanted to know what was going on with Peter.

What it contradicted was their understanding of Scripture. There were quite a number of places in Scripture that said that the Lord was going to go to the gentiles at a certain time, but they'd overlooked those things because of Spiritual pride in their own calling and overlooked those that were not descendants in the blood line of Abraham. But that Jesus was going to make it available that we could be descendants spiritually , spiritual children of Abraham. So you see how Peter could have said, "No. That contradicts Scripture. I'm not going to do it." But because of the weight of the Lord speaking to him, he trusted the prophetic word. Sometime along the way it dawned on him that "Oh yeah. There are other Scriptures. Oh yeah. On the Day of Pentecost I preached from Joel." But, still his understanding and the understanding of the other elders and apostles needed to come around. But the prophetic word will get us into places in the Scriptures and it will open them.

Many times I have had the prophetic word that has come to me contradict my understanding of Scripture. Contradict even things that I have preached and taught, that I was taught. Now what am I going to do? I want to go back to Scripture with that prophetic word and find out which is right and what has happened every single time is that the word spoken by the Lord to me has always been right and confirmed by Scripture so what has happened is that Scripture has opened to me in places where it was closed. I thought it was open because I was taught, but the prophetic word if it comes from God , who knows the Scriptures better than God? He wrote them, remember? I always like to say, "Remember the Bible is in three colors for a reason , everything that is in black God spoke. Everything that is in red Jesus spoke. Everything that is in white the Holy Spirit said." The reason so many of us don't understand the black and the red is because we forget to go and get the input on what's between the lines. So if we will go back to the Holy Spirit , remember all Scripture is given by inspiration of God written down by holy men of God as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. He knows what's in there. If we'll go, He'll show it to us. He'll interpret it to us. Amazing, isn't it? It's the same rules today as it ever was , to go to Scripture , to find out what the Word of God is saying and it's basically the same rules that are used when we go back and submit ourselves to the Lord to understand what is He saying now to us through the prophetic?

This is another reason why we need to study Scripture and know Scripture because in order to study , as we study and understand Scripture, we'll see and we'll understand that all interpretations will have a Scriptural basis and many of them will even be understood Scripturally. Many of them may be in a more modern context like for instance a train or a plane or you might see the Manhattan Bridge or the Golden Gate Bridge and that may mean something to you. Now that's not in the Scripture, but there is going to be some basis for interpreting that or those particular kinds of words. So even if they're not in the Scripture they're not going to contradict that and they're going to have a basis somewhere in Scripture for interpretation.

I want out, too, while I'm thinking of this , if you're a person that's not had a dream or a vision that you've seen , don't be concerned about that because not everybody flows in those but I do believe everybody , we're coming to a time when everybody is going to have those at one level or another because Jesus said , or Peter quoted that in the last days that He's going to give dreams and visions to the young men and the old men, etc., etc., that includes old women and young women, too. Notice how I didn't just end with old women, because I don't want to get myself into too much trouble here. But anyway we the people of God are in a time when we need every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. He is heightening this and raising this. We need the details. We're coming into times when we need to be very sharp.

If Ananias had misheard that word by a day and caught up with Paul , or by a couple of days , and caught up with Paul before he got knocked off his horse , it would not have been too well for Ananias, would it?

If Abraham had argued with the angel and said, "No way. God told me to kill my son. Leave me alone." You see? But that word was very valid and it was from God, but it got changed. If he'd said, "No way. I have to kill my son." He would have been in big trouble. Well, actually he would have, but so would have Isaac. Probably the angel would have been in trouble too, because he was supposed to stop him. But we need to understand that. There is a "now" word that we need to receive and we need to put it into application so that we can walk more abundantly and walk powerfully in this world always above the things of the world. We each , I like to say that the devil has a file kept on you. He knows you. He knows when he pushes this button, he knows what you're going to do. He'll push that button and he'll have a trap for you. You have all seen it. The Bible says that you're not ignorant of satan's devices , I'm not. We all know a few of them, at least. The thing is though when we are listening to the Spirit and He speaks to us, just at that point where the devil pushes our button and we would have jumped left right into that trap, the Spirit says, "Stop for a second." He pushes it and misses and he falls in his own trap.

Many times we don't even realize because of our obedience we got out of some kind of trouble , we stayed out of it. Other times we go into what looks like terrible trouble , like say, Paul and Silas in the prison or Daniel in the lion's den or Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego at a barbeque. They looked like it was not too good, but the Lord delivered them, you see, and He'll do the same for us. We live in a time when it is becoming more and more apparent to anyone who has eyes that see that we need to be walking in that kind of obedience. I know I want to because I want to get out of those kind of things. It's fine if they don't come, but if they do I want to get out of them. Praise God anyway.

Psalm 119 , note: the 119th Psalm mentions the Word of God or His precepts or His testimony , it mentions the Word of God in every single verse. Well, I'm going to read you a couple of them. Verse 99 says, I have more understanding than all my teachers, for Your testimonies are my meditation. You see if we'll go back and have a revival of the Scriptures , a revival of what the Word of God says to us , we will understand so much

more of what the Spirit is saying to the Church because we can hear it and still not understand it. But, every true revival will always overflow into a revival of the Scriptural understanding and the Scriptural , just a love of the Scriptures because that is the Word of God.

Psalm 119:104 says, Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. We need to hate sin. We need to take authority over all disobedience when our obedience is fulfilled, Paul said. We need to obey so that we may turn that obedience into a weapon and destroy the disobedient one and the disobedience in the body of Christ. We are a disobedient people , unfortunately way more disobedient than we should be. Thank goodness we can come and we can ask forgiveness, but there is another thing we need to do in that , repent. "Repent" means to turn from your way. It means to turn not only your mind, but also in your actions , both. That's something we need to do. Forgiveness is always there, but when we repent we do everything possible not to go back and therefore we can come against the disobedience and destroy that disobedience. Make the devil pay.

Psalm 119:130 says, The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple. We live in a day when we are going to see the world get darker and darker in certain areas and lighter and lighter in certain areas. It is going to be the Word of God , known, understood, obeyed, believed and lived that is going to bring that light. It is going to become brighter and brighter until it is the glory of God in this earth. Praise the Lord.

Now interpretations are not of us , they are of God. Genesis 40:8 (We're talking about Joseph and remember he was in prison and the two men had dreams , the butler and the baker. This is what Joseph said...) ..."Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell them to me, please." Obviously he was either very arrogant or he knew he was a godly person and didn't mind saying it. Sometimes humility comes across as the most arrogant person and you are the last person to know if you are a humble person. The point is: who cares what people think as long as you are humble in the sight of the Lord. He said, "Interpretations belong to God. Tell them to me." God chooses to work through His people. Joseph had gone through the pit, right? What's that? The prophet in training. He was in training and this was a good opportunity for him to use what was working in his heart and he gave the interpretations to those men. One of them wasn't very good and one of them was. Well, praise the Lord.

The revelation is what we receive , the interpretation is what we deduct from what we receive , it is the place where we must seek the Lord the strongest. Purity and holiness are requirements to consistent accuracy. Many of the little thought visions that you have and the short dreams that you have are really from God and you need to take those seriously. Many times He's giving you those little things so that you can learn in those little things. Because what did He say? "He who is faithful in the least can be faithful in much." But sometimes we expect to get a book-long version of a dream or a vision. Be faithful with the little ones. Those little ones can be life changing. It's some of those little ones that have set men of God into ministries that have changed the world , the course of history , the little word many times. "This is My beloved Son in whom I'm well pleased." That wasn't a very long word, but it was a powerful one. "This is My Son, hear ye Him." There

was a lot more He could have said that was implied. That's all the Lord said out on the Mount of Transfiguration. But, it got the point across to Peter. We can all learn from that, too. We should be listening to the Lord. Well.

Many times God will reveal much more through the process of interpretation than if He spoke His meaning straightforwardly. In the process of going through the interpretation, many times you come closer to God and certainly He is magnified in your heart as you see the wonder of what He has done and how He has done it. Another interesting thing is sometimes, many times when you see it in a vision or a dream, you know a picture is worth a thousand words, isn't it? So God can say so much, a short little vision that I get, I might, let's say, explain it to you or you'll get one and you'll explain it to me, but you know, three weeks later you'll have that same vision but you'll say, "Yeah, but you know in that vision this also was implied." Because so much more can be put into a picture than you could say in that same amount of time that it took to look at that. But you can bring forth that portion of the interpretation that is needed at that particular time or for that particular situation. Praise God.

I many times will see things, it happened again this morning. I spoke a prophecy from a vision over someone here a few months ago and this morning in a dream the Lord spoke to me more about that. I'm going to talk about that towards the end here tonight as an example, but He showed me more of what that meant. In this situation I was able to call the person right up and tell them and it was, they said, perfect timing so then she had to hang up because she was crying and called me back an hour later so that was good, it was a good cry. I started crying and I didn't know why, except I was blessed. The point is that I didn't even have all the interpretation back then, anyway I'll get into that more because it's kind of a "now" word right now, too.

God has not hidden the meaning from you, but He's hidden that meaning for you. He wants you to come to Him. He loves you. His idea behind so much of this is not the warfare, He is a warrior, but it is the fellowship. He is a father. He is the Lord of Hosts. He is the Lion of Judah. But He's also a father, right? So therefore He wants that fellowship and as we grow, we grow in that fellowship. That koinonia grows strong. Those other things will come, but His heart is first and foremost that we be one with Him as He is with the Father. Praise the Lord.

Proverbs 25:2 says, It is the glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter. You are a nation of prophets, priests and kings. It is part of your kingly ministry to be able to search out these things that God hides for you. To search the Scriptures. You have a ministry given to you that in the Old Testament was only given to a few. You can enter into that, if you'll ask the Lord, He will work with you. He will bring you into that portion of your divine call to search out a matter. Remember He tells His secrets to His servants the prophets, right? He tells His secrets, it is the glory of kings to search out a matter. Too many times we receive it and say, "That's just too difficult," so we forget all about it. He wants to see how interested are you in the things of the Spirit. "He who has ears to hear let him hear," Jesus said many times over.

Pray that prayer to Him. Say, "Lord I want to be one that hears. I want to be one that hears what the Spirit is saying to the Church." You have to understand that word "hear" in the Greek is to hear , not just to have that information , but to understand that information because He spoke those words in parables during the gospels. He spoke in parables and He hid it from them just so those that wanted ears to hear would get the understanding. He was not going to throw the pearls before the swine. Let's just all pray that , we want ears to hear.

Our own carnality , our judgment, bitterness, self-consciousness , all these things may hinder our ability to interpret prophetic messages. It is important for us to be healed of our wounds and to be as pure hearted as a child as we seek the Lord for His understanding.

Now I want to get into some specifics and this is going to be fun for me , I've wanted to do this , just kind of go through a list of a number of things that will help you to understand, I think. I've not seen this done like this and so I'm excited to be able to do this and I think more people will do this in the future and probably , I'll just assume because the days we live in there will be books written to help us to understand these things. Let's keep in mind we can have these keys and the Lord said, "I'll give you the keys to the Kingdom." With keys you can unlock things, but remember the Spirit has to be the source, okay? Not formulas. Especially as Americans too often we want the formula for success , the formula for faith , the formula for raising somebody from the dead. We haven't figured out those formulas and too many times the times we've been preached them they work, sometimes. They work for that person in that situation. The Lord wants us dependent upon Him, not on formulas. Okay? Alright.

Jeremiah 1:11 and 12 is a good example. (11) Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree." (12) Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word." Now to us reading that in English , why does the rod or the branch of an almond tree , why would that mean anything about, "I'm ready to perform My word."? Well there are a number of things behind this:

1. In Israel , which we don't live there , and also they were agricultural people so they were more in tune with the seasons and the fruit trees and the different types of plants and animals, etc. The almond tree is one of the first trees to bud in the Spring. So it would be one of the first things , when you saw a budding almost tree you knew it was Springtime. Something was beginning. So when the Lord said, "Yes you've seen that correctly and I am ready to perform My word." It's beginning to happen now. So that's one way you can see that. But there's even more to it.

2. In the Hebrew it is very interesting. It's a play on words, it's a rhyme. Because the word "almond" is shaqad (long a) and the word "ready" is shaqad (a saying "aw"). So it was like a poem. He said, "What do you see?" He said, "I see the rod of a shaqad tree." He says, "That's correct and I'm ready to perform shaqad. I'm ready shaqad to perform My word." It was a rhyme that God spoke to him so there was a double conformation to Jeremiah.

Interestingly enough there is a key right there. The Lord was tutoring Jeremiah and He said, "What do you see?" And he said, "This is what I see." You notice He didn't say, "What do you think that means?" He just told him, "This is what it means." But it started with, "What do you see?" Many times that's where you should start, not "what do you think it means?" But "what do you see?" Especially as you are beginning. What do you see? Now there are going to be times when you receive a word or you receive a dream or a vision and you don't need to tell that person what it was you saw. The important thing is to give them the message. But there are going to be times, especially when you are beginning to go to the Lord for interpretation, when you should just say what you saw and go from there. That is the best way, believe me. Say it. That's how God tutored Jeremiah, "What do you see?" It was in the process of him saying what he saw that the interpretation came.

I saw something similar one time, I'll give it to you as an example. There was a herd of zebras that came running by and in the middle of them was a baby gnu. Now gnu is a type of animal also called a wildebeest, but when I was a kid we called them gnus, I don't know why, but. So it was like, "What do you see there?" I said, "I see a gnu." because it was the thing that was odd that stood out was a gnu. He said, "That's right and I'm about to do a new thing." Now you might have seen it and you might have said, "Well I see a baby wildebeest." He said, "Well, yeah well you're bewildering Me." I don't know what He would have said. But He didn't give you that vision, so.... Do you see the example, though? God enjoys working with us. I think we're the ones that frustrate it. I'm going to do a new thing amongst the old. You could have interpreted that wrong and said, "I'm going to do a new thing within the bars" and you could have gotten all mixed up about doing something in prison because of the zebras. That's why we have to be dependent on Him. I just thought of that. I didn't think it back then.

Often it may be proper not to tell all that you saw, but to relay what God was saying through what you received. Always ask the Lord if the word is for your information or for others. Many words are not received because they were only intended for the recipient. Likewise, if you are given a word to deliver, deliver it and don't spread it around. Just recently, the reason I put that in there, recently I was at a church picnic and there was a person there that was going around saying, "I have a word for Pastor." He was running around telling everybody except him. That's a real sign of immaturity&emdash; possibly of fear, could be of pride, it's definitely a sign of being out of order. If you have a word for somebody, then give it to that person or God's not going to give you anymore, at least nothing that is important. As a matter of fact, when a

person does that, it makes me skeptical of anything they may bring to me. Can you understand why? I think I would have a right to question that because God's not going to , I would feel anyway , God would not give them any major secrets because of what they do with what they're given. Right? If it's the glory of kings to search out a matter, does this king run around spreading that stuff , he doesn't keep his kingdom very long if he does that, does he? If he runs around giving away all his secrets he won't keep his kingdom. So anyway...

If that word was really important and it really needed to be given because it was going to bring some sort of change or bring some sort of life to the person or to the church , then it really needed to be delivered, didn't it? But it needed to get where it was sent. If you work for the US Post Office and you are given a letter and it's addressed and you open it and share it with others, you can go to jail for that. It is very serious. Or if you purposely deliver it , even if you don't open it , if you deliver it to the wrong address on purpose , you still get in trouble. I think we need to have at least as much integrity as the US Post Office and I think we need to do it because we love God, not because of fear of going to a federal prison. Right? I think that's maybe why Joseph was so honest. He went to prison first. That's where he got his training for delivering letters.

Really pride is so much the root of so many of those times when we do those things incorrectly and we bring a disservice to the Kingdom of God, especially to the prophetic ministry when we don't have the integrity that really any Christian should have , but certainly if we're going to the Lord and asking Him for things that are of importance , then we should treat them that way. Those words are words of power and of life and of light and they should be treated with respect. If you don't treat them with respect, the Lord will not give you anything worthy of respect until He raises you up a little bit higher in your standards.

Well I want to give you some symbols. I want to go through a list here of symbols and by far this isn't even close to as many as we could list, but these are some that have been very helpful and they are Scriptural , at least these ones I'm going to start with are Scriptural, okay? That will help you when you see a lamp , let's say or a candlestick , what could that represent? It could represent the Spirit, but in Revelation it talks about the candlestick or the lamp of the Church. I've seen visions where there was , I'll give you an example , I saw a vision one time , there was a table and it had a purple tablecloth on it and there were two candlesticks there. They each had three lights or candles on them. The hand came down from heaven like this and another from the left and the first one took and broke two of those candles off so there was only one left and the other one reached and broke it off at the table. Interestingly enough, I was on my way to a meeting and at that meeting there were a number of ministers. One of them the Lord showed me was the man with the church that he took two-thirds of that church. That is exactly what happened within about two months' time two-thirds of that church was gone. The other man was a man that had a traveling ministry whom the Lord gave me some words , now I didn't tell them this vision, but I had some information of the urgency when I approached them with what the Lord had given me. He , this other man , didn't receive the word and within an

amount of time his entire ministry was cut down to almost nothing because of disobedience on his part. Both of those were represented through those candle stands.

While I'm on this subject , while I'm thinking of it, too, one of the most difficult things to understand in terms of visions, revelations, and words that you give is the timing of them. For instance in that vision, the hands coming down and breaking off gave an order. This guy first, then this guy. But it didn't say how soon between the two and it was really , almost two years between those two things happening , although the one happened right away , even in the vision I could tell, "I don't know how long that's going to be" so we can give someone a false word , in this case I didn't give these words, I used them for prayer , but we can give somebody a word that is incorrect even though the vision was correct even by telling them the wrong time. If you don't know the time, don't guess at the time. Many times prophetic , especially prophetic people , see things so clearly we think the time is now. Especially if you have been praying it, but it's not now. You need to be subject to the Lord on that and we need to understand that's one place.

A rock , that can represent what? It can represent something that is solid , something that is heavy. It can represent a foundation. Something that is immovable. Something that is stable. It can represent Jesus. Just a few weeks back I prophesied right here about the spirit of offense being sent on the church at the same time I prophesied that I just saw a rock. I didn't prophesy anything about a rock, but I knew it wasn't something evil, but it was going to be the rock of offense which the Bible says was Jesus Christ. So I knew this was going to be that offense was going to be the Holy Spirit, therefore I knew it was in the category of a test not a torment. Therefore it was going to be in the category of Jesus when He tested His disciples and offended them and many of them left because they got offended at what He said. That is how I knew that there was going to be that test, but I didn't share that what I saw only the words that came. Also I shared earlier today about rocks because the Bible says Living Stones. So in certain contexts it could represent people.

Sheep , What can they represent? They can represent sheep, can't they? But generally they represent people. We are the sheep of His pasture. He is our Shepherd, right? One time a woman had a vision for me and she came up , she didn't know me but she said, "I saw like a ranch and there was a pasture with sheep in it and there was another pasture with horses in it and generally horses and sheep are kept separate, but you came in and the Spirit came before you and it knocked down the fences between them and you brought the sheep in with the horses and equipped them and there was more to it...." The horses represented something. We'll talk about there here in a little while but sheep represent people.

Star , what can a star represent? An angel or a messenger. It could represent "the" Morning Star , Jesus. Right? So stars biblically can represent those things. In Revelation again it says there were seven stars and then it gives that interpretation. These are the messengers to the church. Translated "angel" because it is the word *aggelos* and some people it is literally a heavenly angel , other people believe it is a messenger that would

Speak the word, either way whether it is a heavenly angel or a human angel it is a messenger and that star represents a messenger.

Hair, can represent strength. It can represent glory. It can represent wisdom. All those things are seen in the Bible. Gray hair or long hair specifically speaks of wisdom or glory.

Age, speaks of wisdom.

Teeth, this is very interesting. Teeth. Many times I've been praying for people, I'll feel something in my teeth and I'll say, "Are you having tooth problems?" And I would say nine out of ten times they would answer, "No." And so I would say, "It must be something spiritual, but I don't know what it means." So I'll just say, "Lord, whatever this is representing, whatever You're trying to show me through this feeling in my teeth, I just pray for that..." and however I would pray. Many times what will happen though as we discuss or pray on there will be some kind of a relationship. Interestingly enough, teeth many times speak of a relationship. This took me a while to learn this. I was eventually shown this. I think it was Steve Thompson that shared this about in the Song of Solomon it talks about pairs of sheep, which is a relationship, and the teeth are like the pairs of sheep. See teeth are in pairs. So it speaks of a relationship between people. Listen to this: In Proverbs 25:19 it says, Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth or a foot out of joint. I know of a number of situations since I've learned this where people have had major, major tooth aches and the root of it was not a physical tooth ache at all but it was because of a relationship that they'd come into. Sometimes having hands laid on them by an unholy minister and when that curse was broken, boom, the toothache left, serious toothaches. I know of one situation where I was ministering and the other FLIntNet minister that was there with me was having terrible pain and he was out there in the parking lot because of his pain. What he was doing, because when he finally went to the dentist there was nothing wrong. But there were relationships in that church as I was ministering and he had to be out there hailing that spiritual warfare so that I could minister the way I ministered. His wife had the exact same thing. Cathy told me that she had been ministered to by a minister and the next day had a terrible toothache and said, "Man, what is going on? Lord, is this a curse?" She felt like He said, "Yes." She said, "I break that curse" and instantly it went away. This verse in Proverbs, who would ever have thought that verse was an example of discerning of spirits? But that's exactly what it is, Proverbs 25:19. He speaks in various ways. Who would ever have thought that a toothache could be a way for you to discern spirits and yet the Bible teaches that it is. It's a good thing to know. First discern spirits before you go to the dentist. It might save you a lot of money. It works, though.

Oil, represents the anointing. It can represent the Holy Spirit. It can represent blessings which are passed down.

Water, can represent blessings also or abundance. It can represent people. It can represent the spiritual realm. In Revelations it says, "I heard the sounds of many waters...those were the people, the nations."

Fish , can represent people or life or activity.

A king or a queen , What would that represent if you saw a king or a queen in a vision or a dream? What could that represent? Could represent a nation. Could represent authority, couldn't it? Because this is a figure head that is in authority. One time I saw a vision and I saw a picture of a person that is actually a historical figure in this city. I've seen the photograph so it just looked like that photograph. Then the Lord taught me some things and when I agreed to something the Lord was speaking to me, that picture changed instantly into a queen like a queen like from Babylon or someplace and that meant a whole different things to me. What He was showing me was something , He uncovered something in the heavenlies here and taught me about a principality. I knew it was authority and of course I knew because of details I'm not giving you right now that it was not good authority , it was not God's authority , it was evil authority.

Horse , We talked about horses earlier. What can a horse represent? Black horses sometimes represent speed or just getting you to a place, but many times horses speak of ministry. So in that one particular vision that the woman brought to me, she said I was taking the sheep and bringing them in with the horses and then they were coming out as horses, but I wasn't keeping them in my pasture but I was sending them back to the pastures where they'd come from. So what she was sharing with me and actually this was the first time I'd ever heard that about the horses, that it represented ministry. So what I was to do was to take the sheep and raise them up into ministry , take them out of this place where they'd been kept separate, raise them up into their ministries, but then don't keep them but send them back so they could minister. One time I was prophesying over a group of elders in a church and specifically the prophecy was speaking in terms of the word and the apostolic ministry and in particular being built on the cornerstone and then going out. I saw a vision from the air of the map of the region. It was like a road map like you would see , like Rand McNally , there was the map. But, I saw a horse and that horse grew and he had a saddle on him and it was a black horse and it grew and it grew and it grew. I'm thinking , now see here is where you have to be true to what you're seeing , because here I'm prophesying about apostolic ministry and I'm seeing a vision of a black horse. I don't want to tell these guys that the apostolic ministry is a black horse. I'm in favor of apostolic ministry. But, you have to be true to what you're saying and as soon as I said, "I'm seeing a black horse" as soon as I said that , the Lord showed me a cloud in front of the sun , the cloud moved and it was a white horse that had been in darkness because the light of God was covered and people thought it was a black horse , thought it was a dark horse , and so we knew we needed to pray for God to release the glory upon that ministry. Isn't that great? So anyway, being honest to what we see and yes warfare like when we were in India. Vimal had many years ago seen himself as the donkey. He said, "I'm going to be a donkey of Jesus. Jesus can ride on me." Then Bernie had the word that was going to be turned , that donkey meaning that he had humbled himself to the Lord so he was being turned into a white horse for battle. Interestingly enough we had been given that word out of Isaiah about the horses with feet of flint. Isn't that great? The feet of flint , that speaks of something. The flint speaking of sparks flying. The fire can

speak of the Holy Spirit or stern , getting things started , see how great a matter a little fire kindles. We're getting fires started in this world. Amen.

Vehicles , different types of vehicles. These aren't technically from the Bible , was it Daniel or was it Ezekiel , one of them saw chariots with four wheels and what he was seeing was into the future to the types of chariots we have now. Now whatever he saw , I don't know how close to what we saw, but chariots had two wheels, but he was faithful to say what he saw even though he might have thought at the time, "Well, they're going to think I'm nuts if I tell them I saw chariots with four wheels" but he told it and probably in his lifetime he never understood. But in our lifetime we can look at that and say, "I know what that is." Vehicles can speak of various things. Vehicles many times speak of various types of ministry. A car could speak in terms of a family ministry or small ministry. A truck could represent a large ministry. A plane could represent an international ministry. Today I had a phone call from someone and he had had a dream and he was on a train , I won't go into all the details , he was on a train and they had to get off the train and the porter came and said, "You have to move. Get your stuff and go." So he went into the berth where they had their stuff and his wife had all this stuff. He said, "How did this even get in here? What are we going to do with it? Then he felt like the Lord said, "Just take the essentials and go." There was the porter saying, "Get out." Well it was very clear to me the porter is the Holy Spirit and He's saying, "You have to move." The train can very well represent the ministry the man has. What the Lord can be saying through that , and I just submitted this to him as a possibility , was it's a time now to par-down from those things which are not necessities as Paul told Timothy that you can't war if you are entangled with the things of the world. That what he didn't know was where he was getting off. That was open-ended , the Lord didn't tell him , the Lord is going to wait until he obeys before He shows him. What the Lord may have for him is a , when you get off a train usually you are some place, some destination , so what the Lord may have for him is another field. Ministries can be spoken of in terms of field. Paul talked in terms of not going outside of his field , his calling , so that's open-ended. He's going to have to obey that and take that back to the Lord.

But vehicles. I had a great vision one time spoken to me by about an eleven year old kid. It just so happened I was in Charolette, North Carolina at the time this was given to me and he said, "I see a vision. I see you coming in on an airplane and landing inside of a prison , or landing and then going into a prison. Then you come out and you take off again. You just keep doing this." We just felt that the interpretation was I'm going to be used in ministry and certainly if planes can represent international ministry , this certainly has been the case also , to come in and set the captives free&emdash; to come in quickly and leave quickly. That happens as you know even if I spend a month in India, that's still a short time compared to what many missionaries have had to do in the past and thank goodness for the amount of setting free we've had. Interestingly enough even though I was in Charolette I was ministering in other cities in North Carolina and when I left I flew out of another city , Wilmington. On the way to the airport I was telling my driver this story , it was just shortly before we got to the airport when I told him this he almost drove off the road. I said, "What?" He says, "Wait and see." We came around the corner and of all places to have a prison in Wilmington, North Carolina they had the prison right

across the street from the airport. Confirmation , because we all thought when we got the vision, "That's neat, but why would you have a prison next to an airport?" But here was an actual confirmation of that word. See all prophetic words will confirm or be confirmed. Now sometimes it is in the case of like Moses. He said, "How shall I know that this word is true?" The Lord said, "When you come back after you do all these things and after I set your people free, then you'll worship Me on this mountain. Then you'll know it was true." So thank God He doesn't always hold us to that high of a standard. Sometimes He confirms it for us along the way. Let me continue.

Prisons , what can prisons represent? Chains, bars, captives and enslavement, okay?

Hook , what can a hook represent? A snare. A stronghold. I'll give you a couple of examples very quickly. One time very recently I was praying over a young man , he was going to go away to school and I saw a hook right here in the back of his belt , in a belt loop. The Lord had him on a fishing line and He was pulling on it. So everybody was praying all these blessings and I was praying warnings. "Look man, I think you should consider..." I didn't tell him , no, I think I did tell him what I saw. The point is that I felt the Lord was saying that he was going in this direction and the Lord was trying to pull him back. Another time I was praying over a good friend of mine , a minister of God , and I saw him sitting in a chair and another man on a ship threw the line that should have had the anchor to it, but instead he had a big grappling hook on the end and he threw that and he hooked my friend in the shoulder. Now shoulders can speak of authority. And he hooked him in the shoulder and he started to pull. It didn't seem to give Steve any pain, but in the vision I came in and took that hook out of his shoulder and threw it back and there was a lot more to the vision, but interestingly enough that vision came to pass in about two weeks , that he went to a place where he was ministered to by a man and once again through ministry there were spiritual hooks put in him. He didn't relate it back to this vision and neither did I but there were some things happening , you know how you get things that happen in your life and you need prayer, right? So things were happening and he needed prayer. I prayed for him and when I prayed for him we took out , we broke curses , and what we were doing without realizing it was taking that hook out and after we did it, it all made perfect sense. He then was able to go back and confront that person. That person agreed, "Yes. That probably is what happened." Isn't that interesting? So a hook can be God trying to tug on you, but it also can be other kinds of hooks. It talks about in the Bible, "I'll put a hook in your jaw." Kings when they conquered other kings would put a hook in their jaw and pull them along. Well, you're not going to argue too much if somebody has a hook right through your jaw. You're going to follow even if you're used to giving the orders, you'll follow now. Well anyway, hooks , a snare, a captive. Something to deter.

Shoulder , I said that it could be authority or responsibility. In Isaiah 9:6 it says, "and the government will be upon His shoulder..."

Saddle , On that vision of that horse that grew there was a saddle on it. That could be a position or it could be your job or it could be your call to ministry.

Camel , What would a camel represent besides cigarettes? You know where the first person in the Bible was that smoked a cigarette was, don't you? That was Rachael when she lighted off her camel. You have to read King James when it says, "She lighted off her camel." The newer ones ruin it and say, "She got off it." But anyway, the in-depth Aramaic is talking about cigarettes. Forgive me Lord. Okay. Camel , it can represent a burden bearer a strength to go through a dry time and come through it alright.

A sparrow or a swallow , what can that represent? It says in Proverbs 26:2, "Like a flitting sparrow or a flying swallow so a curse without cause shall not alight." When I was in India this last trip , I think some of you guys will remember this, I was praying over a couple and I saw a vision and they were in a circle of flowers, like a lei of flowers around them and it was just really beautiful in there , inside of that circle and they were hugging. Over their heads were these birds , these swallows, these black swallows , and they were just flying. Well, I could have said, "Oh, you've got a lot of nice birds flying over you and you've got these nice..." But I knew this was peace and this meant love and they were loving on each other, but these swallows I knew were curses, because I knew this verse: "A curse without a cause cannot light." These birds were watching and they couldn't find a place to land. What I told them was that somehow in their relationship if they would stay together that these curses which were coming , I didn't know, but I told them possibly from relatives , could not land. It turned out, I didn't know this, but these two had gone against tradition, traditional Hindu tradition which is you get married to whom you're told to get married. They, as they put it, married for love. Which means they chose each other, married for love, without the consent of their families, they became Christians after this. They'd only been Christians for eight months when I prophesied this. They most certainly as they confirmed were having curses and even the family was paying witch doctors, etc. to send curses. But what the Lord showed them is as long as they stayed in that love of God and with one another, those curses could not land. Isn't that wonderful? Praise the Lord.

A rod, a staff or a goad , A rod, a staff or a goad like Jesus said to Paul, "Isn't it difficult to kick against the goads?" The goads were a rod with the points in the end that were used to keep the ox in the furrow when they were plowing. That can all represent authority. Paul was going against the authority of God.

Eye , what can an eye represent? It can represent understanding. Isaiah 20:9 & 10 says, "for the Lord has poured out on you the spirit of deep sleep and has closed your eyes, namely the prophets." So the eye can also represent prophet understanding, but it represents understanding many times.

Head , A head or the top of a head can represent a leader , can represent authority. In Ezekiel 1:10 , It is part of a vision he saw, "As for the likeness of their faces, each had the face of a man; each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle." So you have the face of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. Each of those can represent things and I feel it is just a blessing to learn these things.

Face of a Man , can represent Jesus , the Son of man or a son of man. It also can represent the book of Luke which speaks of Jesus as the Son of man.

Lion , we see that as the king of beasts can represent the king or a king. But it also can represent , and in Ezekiel it does represent the book of Matthew which was not written, but nevertheless the book of Matthew gives the genealogy and speaks of Jesus as the King of the Jews predominately.

Ox , speaks of the strength. Speaks of the servant. Speaks of that ministry of Jesus which is the ministry of a servant which is the book of Mark which gives no genealogy because servants in those days , it didn't matter where you came from. You were just a servant and the book of Mark shows Jesus as a servant. Interestingly enough, in the book of Mark, more demonic deliverances are recorded than all the other books combined because as servants of God we take authority over the devil on behalf of others. That represents the ox , Jesus doing the work.

Eagle , represents the Son of God. It can also represent revelation or the heavenly realm, but it represents the Son of God and it can represent the book of John in which you see Jesus called the Son of God more than all the gospels combined.

So you see even Ezekiel, many years before not even understanding it, but prophesying attributes of the Lord Jesus Christ which were then going to be written down in a book even to this day when you see a vision with one or more of those in it can represent some of those things.

House , a house can represent a family.

A right hand , could represent blessings because biblically in the East the right hand is the hand of blessing. Jesus went in to heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. It's the right hand of grace to believe for , subjective grace.

A left hand , can be the hand of cursing, but it also can represent the grace to accomplish or object grace.

Colors:

Red , can represent warfare. It can represent redemption. It can represent sacrifice.

Blue , can represent revelation. The heavenly realm or the spiritual realm.

Purple , can represent and does represent the priesthood or kingship or royalty.

Amber , biblically you see when you see amber in Ezekiel it represents revelation and visions and warfare in the heavenly realm.

White , representing holiness and purity.

Cultural examples:

Elephant , my first trip to India I had woken up very early in the morning and my room mate and I were up praying and I saw a vision of an elephant and he saw a vision of an elephant , I won't go into the details of it, but it had gold on it and had a red blanket on it and his vision was very similar. They were open visions that we saw. To me I thought that elephant represented India , and it would to somebody from America , the next day though when we went to the meeting hall where we were going to be having our meetings, here on the wall were two big elephants with red blankets on them with gold trim and I found out that those elephants represented the state that we were in , Carola , like we have a state animal in Montana that is the grizzly bear. Many times we consider Montanans as grizzlies, but when I saw those elephants I was thinking it was the nation, but I found out later it wasn't , it was specific to the region I was in and the things that the Lord showed us in those revelations turned out to be very, very helpful in terms of strategy and spiritual warfare that we were called to accomplish.

Horses , if you're into horses , if you saw a Tennessee Walker , that could specifically speak of Tennessee of course. If you see a Kentucky Derby racer running and if you knew what that meant specifically , especially if you see blue grass out there , you're talking about a place , Kentucky. Or it could even be "the" derby itself.

Kangaroo , If you saw a kangaroo what could that speak of? Australia.

Kiwi , You see a little kiwi. That may not speak anything to you except shoe polish, but that might speak to me of New Zealand.

Alea of flowers , a lea of flowers around your neck. You're coming off a plane and you see somebody with this on their neck. What does that say? To use that speaks of India , okay , no that's when you come off a train and you get one. When you come off a plane and you get one, what does that make you think of? Hawaii. Yeah. You come off a train and you see that , it's India. You come off a plane , it's Hawaii. Okay just so you get these interpretations correct. I saw a vision once and there was a little girl , now this was the person I was praying for but she was a little girl and she was seated like in the middle of a circle of grass huts and she was seated there and there were these men jumping around her and dancing in grass skirts. Does that sound like good news to you? It wasn't good news. What I spoke to her was , I didn't tell her what I saw, but what I said, "I believe the Lord is showing me that you were raised in an unchristian environment and the ailment that we were praying for" , she didn't tell me what it was, but there was an ailment that the Lord had revealed to me and I said, "What we are praying for here is upon you because of witchcraft." Now if I had described to her what I'd see it wouldn't have made much sense to her because she was not raised in Africa or someplace where there were witch doctors, however she told me later that she was raised in a very unchristian environment. It happened that her family was very religious. They were part of a denomination, but she explained things to me later, it was very unchristian, though. It looked , had the facade of Christianity, but was unchristian. They were not saved. Then

she explained to me more , there was more to this obviously about the witchcraft because we had to break some things but she explained to me that her father left the family when she was young and there were quite a number of kids and the mother was left with the kids. He ran off with another woman. Every week the mother would set up candles on the table and do witchcraft against the woman that went with her husband. She kept those candles in a box under the bed and after I spoke this to the girl I was praying for that it was due to witchcraft, she then said, "Oh, when she would run and hide from her brothers and sisters which was fairly often, she would always hide under the bed next to those candles." Somehow this evil spirit was transferred to her and that infirmity was showing itself forth in a disease called lupus and when I broke this she was healed of the disease and is still cured today. But what I saw wouldn't have matter to her. In that situation it wouldn't have helped at all to say, "Hey. Did you come from Africa?" No she was from Canada. The point is what I saw I was understanding what it meant and that led to a tremendous deliverance and a lot of other things. But that grass skirt and those witch doctors with the bones in their noses spoke to me.

I'm going to go quickly just numbers. What can numbers represent? This will be very helpful also for you even for looking through Scriptures because numbers have meaning in Scripture.

#1 , means beginning. It can mean unity. We are one. "I and the Father are one." You are one-flesh when you are married.

#2 , can be agreement. It can be confirmation. When Pharaoh had the dream twice, Joseph said, "The dream is one dream and it has been given to you twice because it is established" which is the word "confirmed." It is confirmed because it has happened twice. It can also mean division , two ways. Di-vision , two visions.

#3 , represents completeness. It represents solid, substantial, divine protection. When you see examples of spirit, soul and body , that's a complete person. Past, present and future , that is complete time. Animal, vegetable and mineral , that is complete in the things of the world , Father, Son and Spirit , the completeness of the Godhead.

#4 , can represent a trial. It is the world number. Earth, air, fire, water are the four elements. North, south, east, west are the four directions. Spring, summer, fall, winter are the four seasons. It is an earthly number. It's not necessarily evil because it is of the earth, but it is descriptive because it is four.

#5 , the number for grace, for favor, for reward. There are five gift-ministries to the church. Five crowns that we can achieve that we can receive in heaven. A number for grace, for reward.

#6 , man's number. It can represent imperfection. It represents man's creation because man was created on the sixth day. It can also represent work. I had a word given to me one time that the Lord had shown this person some details which turned out to be very accurate and he said, "It's like the Hebrew servant who entered into service under a man

and worked for six years and the seventh he would go free" and he said, "six represents works so I know you have entered into some sort of service with another minister and that time is about up and the Lord is saying you can either go free or you can stay because that's what the Word of God says." Everything he was saying was quite accurate. The number six can represent work because we as men have to toil through the sweat of our brow , we have to toil.

#7 , spiritual order. Spiritual perfection. It is three plus four. It is spiritual perfection. It's the completeness of the Spirit put into the number of the world to have that spiritual perfection for us.

#8 , is a new beginning. A new thing. The eighth day of the week is the first day of the week. It's a new beginning.

#9 , is conclusion or finality. It can represent a contest or a battle. It can represent judgment. It does represent the Holy Spirit , there are nine empowerments of the Holy Spirit , there are nine fruit of the Holy Spirit. It is the number for the Holy Spirit , none is three times three.

#10 , order. Ordinal perfection. Numerical order. A completed cycle.

#11 , represents disorder, but it also represents things that are in progress. It can represent impending judgment , like it's the eleventh hour. But interestingly enough it also can represent the prophetic. Because the prophetic prophesies in part. It can put your life in disarray for a while, can't it? Because you've only got the part and now you've got to go back to the Lord for the next piece so you can get to number twelve. But if we just leave it where it is it can be disorder. If it's not mentored , the prophetic needs to be mentored so it can bring order. Its purpose is to complete the cycle. See when we have that prophetic word in terms of figuring in terms of eleven&mdash;the clock strikes eleven&mdash;we are almost there , the time is almost up. But we don't want the cycle to stop. We want to get to that clock striking twelve with everything that we need. We want to be judged perfect or whatever the context may be. We spent a good time on this one night , Becky and Mark and I just looking at the number eleven. Eleven apostles&mdash;they were short one. Eleventh hour , that means it's almost up , the time is still ticking, though. You're between order, but you're progressing towards a new order. That's the good part of it. It's a process of going on , I think that's why prophets are always saying, "We can't stay here" they don't even realize it, but they've got that clock ticking and they want to get to where it's twelve.

#12 , governmental order. Governmental perfection. Rule. Judgment. Jesus had twelve apostles. There were twelve tribes in Israel. There are twelve legions of angels Jesus could have called. There were twelve judges in the Old Testament. Three times four is twelve , whereas seven was spiritual order , three plus four.

#13 , by the Law of First Mention, the first place in the Bible where the word thirteen was where it says in Genesis 14:4 it says, "Twelve years they served and the thirteenth year

they rebelled." Now you can see that even in our own history. There were thirteen colonies that had a revolution against England. We had a civil war when we had thirteen confederated states that decided they didn't want to be part of the union. So we've seen that. It's not necessarily bad, because, at least we Americans think the revolution was justified, the British might not. Nevertheless, it can signify rebellion. It can signify a revolution. Many times it has come to mean, in our culture any way, witchcraft. It can represent ill omen. It can represent Ishmael. You look that up and see. But, you can also see biblically I see it representing the priest, the inheritance of the priesthood. The twelfth tribe, in a sense, was the Levites and there were twelve tribes and out of those twelve the Levites were called out in a sense a thirteenth tribe because remember Joseph was split into Ephraim and Manasseh and that thirteenth tribe, the Lord spoke to them and said, "I will be your inheritance." So in a sense that can be a good thing in that it is the inheritance of the priesthood, the spiritual inheritance. You can see many times, if you look it up, where the Levites were given thirteen cities as an inheritance a number of times over. So I believe it can represent the priesthood or inheritance or the inheritance of the priesthood, however you might understand it.

I had a vision here a while back, just a few months ago when I was on the road and it was over a woman of God that's a good friend of mine and interesting enough when you are prophesying over people that you know, it is so nice when the Lord gives you these pieces that you can follow because sometimes they lead you to a place that you do know about but you never would have prayed about because you did know. Well in this case it lead me to things I didn't know, but what I saw was a rock and there were a number of other things in this vision, but this rock and of course it represented stability as we talked about, there was a rock and the rock was like right on the edge of a lake or on the edge of water and these boats would come up and dock to it and storms would come but the rock wasn't really bothered by the water or the storms or anything. Well, on the rock, of course this spoke to me about stability that she was stable and that others were going to be able to come and dock, tie on to her and they would weather the storms that they were in, it didn't bother her, but anyway, on the rock was a 21ST etched in there, 21st but this is something I couldn't draw because at the same time of it being a 21st it was also a 71ST, that 2 was a 7 at the same time so it was something I explained to her what I was seeing, but I didn't know, why is this 21 and 71? So I just tried to be very humble and also careful that, it could be 71 or it could be 21, but I think it represents both the 21st and 71st whatever that means. She didn't know what that meant and we kind of guessed a little bit, she guessed a little bit, well, it was good few weeks, maybe even a month later before I got a phone call and her daughter had listened to the tape of this prophecy and she said, "Well, Mom it's obvious what that means." She said, "What?" She said, "Well, you're always telling us that the 21st Psalm and the 71st Psalm are your life." Isn't that great? I mean it wasn't even obvious to her, it took a while, but the Lord knew. It was her life based on those things that she knew that made her stable that others could dock up to her and weather the storms in their life and she was not moved. This morning as I was in between awake and asleep I had a dream and the Lord showed me that same vision, exactly the same, nothing changed except this time He emphasized something I hadn't really, I'd noticed it before and I think I'd said it before, but I didn't understand what it represented, that that rock was on the edge of the shore and in the water and what He

showed me is that it represented that she was going to be stable in two worlds , in earth and in spirit. So I had to call her and tell her and in this case I called right away. I don't even know the significance of it, but she was so moved by this and she told me the timing of it and she had to get off the phone because she had to praise the Lord and things like that so I was very moved and blessed and so interpretations come sometimes over time and in pieces, but there was an example of numbers and how they fit and other things how they tied together. So it's really wonderful and we don't know it all. We prophesy in part, but that's okay. She was telling me , as a matter of fact I called her, but before I could say anything she started telling me, "Remember that vision.....You can't imagine how many people in this church have been ministered to..." I don't understand the significance even now as I'm telling this to you , I asked her for permission to share this, but even now as I'm sharing this with you, I don't know what she was saying as far as the significance of the impact, but that word has impacted many through her. So praise God. These words are given so that we can adjust and prepare , so we can be ready for whatever God's doing and however He chooses to do it.

So anyway I think that's a good place to end. Just to take these things as keys and symbols to help you because perhaps if I'd have known some of these things it wouldn't have taken so long to find out what it meant when my teeth felt funny when I was praying or prophesying and yet at the same time the Lord is teaching me more things that I have to learn and you will, too. But, if we can help one another, isn't that good? And isn't it good that we should learn from one another and that we can do as David said, that we can know more than our teachers? Because the Holy Spirit is given to us to counsel us , to speak to us and to instruct us. Because Jesus said, "It is better that I go and be with the Father and send the Comforter to you." I think it would be really good to have Him here, but if He said that then I have to believe it. So therefore I am highly motivated to get to know the Holy Spirit to get to know the voice of the Spirit and understand the language of the Spirit which many times is not in words. So if we come to Him with a heart of a child , meaning pure , and an interest to know and to pray that I want to hear what the Spirit has to say, He will teach us and we will learn and we will be hearing what the Spirit has to say to the church.