

RaYBaSH's The Weekly Way
Parashah #10: Miketz "At the end"

Genesis 41:-44:17

I Kings 3:15-4:1, 7:40-50

Matt. 2:1, 11-15

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Dreams don't always come to pass the way we think. Sometimes it seems all hope is lost and that the dream will never come to fruition. Like Abraham we have to be willing to let our dreams die, sacrifice them to G-d in full faith they will be fulfilled and not be limited by our presumptions of how it will all come to be. We must expect the unexpected.

Joseph's initial dreams he foolishly published in the wrong ears and it got him in such hot water that it looked as if those dreams would never come to pass. After all, his brothers went to great lengths to ensure that the dreams became nothing more than the fantasies of a spoiled favorite son.

However, such hardship humbled and matured Joseph greatly which put him in a place where the stage could be set for those dreams which made his brothers jealous, to come true. Joseph was blessed with the gift of interpreting dreams and G-d gave Pharaoh a divine message in a dual dream which only Joseph could interpret, which caused Pharaoh to be so thankfully gracious that Joseph went from the prison to the palace. He was made ruler over all of Egypt second only to the Pharaoh himself, in order to prepare for the great famine that was coming upon Egypt and the surrounding areas in less than a decade.

Everything is now in place for Joseph's initial dreams to come true. After all the heartache, disillusionment and disappointment Joseph was ready and understood the reason why he had to go through what he did in order for the dreams to come to pass. It was all in order to save his family and hence the whole Hebrew People, it is partially thanks to Joseph's dreams and hardship is why we are alive today. G-d had to be sure Joseph was tempered and mature enough to take on such responsibility and authority.

I Kings 3:15, 28; 4:1

Through divinely given dreams, Solomon became a tempered, wise and authoritative King that brought Israel fully into its Golden Era. It was through dreams ADONAI fellowshiped and communed and even covenanted with

Solomon. It was the dream and desire of King David which was passed down to Solomon and it was through him the dream that many believed died with David, was resurrected and came to pass through his son, Solomon.

I Kings 7:51

Sometimes we inherit dreams and we catch a vision from others and the Perkei Avot tells us that for this reason we are called to start, but not necessarily to finish.

The Dreams of Martin Luther King Jr. and Theodore Herzl are still alive today because they made these men's dreams their own and worked as if it was personally given to them first.

Dreams are vital to the life of a believer. Dreams teach us to have faith and to believe in the power of resurrection.

If it were not for Yeshua's earthly parents believing in G-d given dreams, there may have been no Messiah (Matt.2:1,11-15)!

Science and Psychology would like us to believe that all dreams are due to events of our daily lives, chemical reactions in the brain as we sleep, our suppressed sexualities, or bad pizza we had before we went to bed; but G-d at times speaks to His people in dreams and we'd do best to listen.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!

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