



Awaken *the* DREAMSCAPE

THE BUILDING BLOCKS FOR
UNDERSTANDING
THE SUPERNATURAL
POWER OF YOUR DREAMS



Jennifer Eivaz

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"In this epic season of revival, God is opening the windows of heaven so that prophetic dreams are breaking out like never before. Jennifer Eivaz has released yet another timely book that will help you to partner with God's plans for your life. *Awaken the Dreamscape* imparts keys to recognize the significance of your dreams and to encounter more of God as you do so. I believe your faith will go to another level as you read this book!"

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"Jennifer Eivaz has given us an incredibly anointed and revelatory handbook on understanding and interpreting our dreams. She expertly walks us through a biblically sound, in-depth study of heavenly dreams. Dreams are the least understood and most unappreciated gift God has given His children, and Jennifer has advanced understanding and powerful authority to help God's people experience the full promise of this amazing blessing. It is time for you to dream dreams, and this book is your guide to the greatest adventure God has for you!"

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"God is communicating to us ALL the time, and sometimes even when we are asleep! Dreams are a beautiful way that the Lord speaks to us often through prophetic symbolization, warnings, insights, and promises. When you dream, it's like God hands you a treasure map, and treasure maps often need an interpretation to understand and follow the steps towards the destiny. My friend Jennifer Eivaz has written a most beautiful book that gives wonderful guidelines for navigating your prophetic dreams. Even the appendix alone is amazingly insightful! Get ready to unlock understanding for what God is trying to speak to you!"

Ana Werner, seer prophet; founder, president, Eagles Network; author, *The Seer's Path*

"Metaphors, symbols, images, sounds, and colors are replete in heaven's primary language—dreams! In fact, dreams are a 'last days' language of God. While everyone dreams, few can interpret and understand. This is why *Awaken the Dreamscape* is a powerful gift and tool. Through Jennifer's personal God-dreams, encounters, and supernatural experiences, she presents a fresh new perspective on this subject, which is oftentimes mysterious, ethereal, or perhaps even spooky. She shares powerful principles and practical tools on how to understand and interpret dreams tethered to the Word of God while activating the dreamer inside of you. I highly recommend this book."

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"Our good friend Jennifer Eivaz has penned another literary masterpiece. Rarely does someone have divine insight into areas of visions, dreams, and supernatural ministry, so much so that when you read their books, you say, 'Wow, I've been there, and I've experienced that' or 'Now I have language to place with what I've been

going through,’ which is exactly what happens when you read one of Jennifer’s books. Each of her books provides a solution to a problem on the earth. When you finish a book, you walk away more empowered and enlightened than before. Whenever she writes, it’s from a place of firsthand experiential knowledge.

In *Awaken the Dreamscape*, Jennifer shares wisdom about visions and dreams and how they tie in to and unlock the supernatural realm in common language. She helps us to navigate through the various parts and images revealed in dreams and explains each of them in language that we can understand.

As you read through these pages you will find that Jennifer equips you with the knowledge you will need to navigate and interpret your visions and dreams.”

Lajun and Valora Cole, lead servants, Contagious Church Tampa, Florida;
founders, Lajun & Valora Cole Ministries; authors, *Divine Dispatch*

“Jennifer Eivaz is a prophet, minister, and leader of the highest caliber, character, and maturity. Her keen and road-tested wisdom is second to none. If you have read any of her revelatory books, you will already know that in reading *Awaken the Dreamscape* you are going to be inspired, challenged, well-equipped, and you will gain great insight. This is one of those books that you will want to keep near as you will find yourself referring to it again and again.

We consider it a great honor to recommend and endorse to you both our dear friend Jennifer Eivaz and her powerful book *Awaken the Dreamscape*.”

Ben and Jodie Hughes, founders, Pour It Out Ministries

“Understanding the dream realm is vital for our spiritual growth and life. One God dream interpreted the correct way can change the course of your life. Jennifer’s book will give the reader fresh revelation and be a tool around the world to those who grab hold of it. We spend a large portion of our life sleeping, and God uses that time to talk to us about our past, present, and future. This book will be a significant guide to unravel truth and dismantle doubt or confusion concerning your dream life. I want to personally recommend this book to those who are in search of answers for their dreams.”

Apostle John Eckhardt, author, *Prayers That Rout Demons*; founder, Impact University

“*Awaken the Dreamscape* is to dreams as Jennifer Eivaz’s *Inner Healing and Deliverance Handbook* is to deliverance ministry—incredibly insightful and full of godly wisdom. The market is saturated with secular and occultic dream interpretation books, guides, and manuals. The Kingdom has suffered due to lack of teaching in this area. You will find this book to be a valuable resource as you navigate the dream world. Thank you, Jennifer, for giving us exactly what we have been in need of.”

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I dedicate this book to my friend, the Holy Spirit,
who has always given me eyes to see and understanding
into the realms of dreams and visions.

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Foreword

Katherine Ruonala

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I introduce to you my dear friend Jennifer Eivaz's new book, *Awaken the Dreamscape*. Within its pages, you will embark on a remarkable journey into the mysterious realm of dream interpretation, discovering a wealth of wisdom and guidance on how to navigate the dreams that grace your nights.

I have experienced the profound impact of dreams as a means through which the Lord speaks to me regularly. As I have learned to seek the Holy Spirit, the Revealer of mysteries, for understanding, I have been wonderfully led and prepared by the Lord to discern how to pray and respond to various situations. Now I often ask the Holy Spirit to help me understand even the dreams I once dismissed as insignificant, for I have come to realize that the Holy Spirit often reveals hidden truths and insights through them.

I remember once having a dream where I had a cut on my leg and my father (who in the natural is a doctor) looked at it and said it was "Singapore polio" (polio being a disease that can hinder your ability to walk or run), and then I woke up. Ordinarily I would have put this dream down to being too hot under the covers, but as I had

started to understand that God often wants to speak to me through my dreams, I took it to the Lord in my prayer time. Immediately, the Holy Spirit began to interpret it for me. He showed me that the cut on my leg was an offense I had against someone, and that God (the doctor) wanted to heal it so that it didn't negatively affect my call to international ministry. (Singapore represented to me the gateway to the nations from Australia.) Then I had a wonderful encounter with the Lord as I asked Him to forgive me for holding unforgiveness and offense, and He healed my heart. I would have missed that wonderful encounter with the Lord had I not taken time to bring my dream to the Holy Spirit for interpretation. Dreams are indeed one of the powerful ways through which God desires to communicate with us, and *Awaken the Dreamscape* shows you how to bring your dreams before the Lord and offers valuable tools to unlock their messages.

Jennifer Eivaz's book provides wise and biblical guidance for unraveling the symbolism and hidden meanings within your dreams. With her pastoral and prophetic experience, Jennifer offers invaluable insights that will equip you to embark on a transformative journey with the Holy Spirit.

Having had the privilege of reading this captivating work, I can confidently say that *Awaken the Dreamscape* is a greatly needed book. Its practical and wise advice will truly help individuals mature in this prophetic dimension. The pages overflow with invaluable knowledge and wise counsel, ensuring that you can fully embrace the divine messages delivered through your dreams.

Jennifer's personal stories will encourage and inspire you to understand and embrace the dreamscape. Each chapter is infused with wisdom and a genuine desire to empower readers on their spiritual journeys. Jennifer's passion for dream interpretation shines through, making this book not only a captivating read but also an indispensable resource you will want to refer to again and again.

Dear readers, I wholeheartedly invite you to immerse yourself in the world of *Awaken the Dreamscape* and embark on a transformative adventure. By the power of the Holy Spirit and through the biblically sound wisdom and guidance within these pages, I pray

that you will unlock the full potential of your dreams and awaken a deeper understanding of what the Lord desires to say to you.

May this book inspire you to pay closer attention to the divine messages concealed within your dreams. Enjoy the exploration of the dreamscape ahead, and may your journey be filled with spiritual growth and revelation.

With love,

Katherine Ruonala

Senior leader of Glory City Church Brisbane; founder and facilitator of the Australian Prophetic Council; author of *Living in the Miraculous*, *From Wilderness to Wonders*, *Life with the Holy Spirit*, *Supernatural Freedom*, *Speak Life*, and *Double for Your Trouble*

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My heartfelt thanks to Pastors Brad and Lisa Joss of Paradox Church in western Australia for their continual partnership and friendship. I've partially written four of my books on their beach

shores as this area of the world is definitely a nest for rest. *Awaken the Dreamscape* was actually birthed and finished in western Australia. I didn't plan to do that, but that's how it worked out, and I don't think it was a coincidence. By the way, *Awaken the Dreamscape* has reminded me so much of what I experienced with my second book, *Seeing the Supernatural*. I felt as if I were working hard throughout to create plain language for deep spiritual realities, truths I've known internally but never put to paper for others to read and run with. I've also experienced a felt spiritual encounter throughout the writing process, along with strangely similar spiritual warfare. For these reasons, I'm looking forward to seeing what the Holy Spirit does with this book, knowing it will shape and transform the spiritual landscape of many people's lives.

Finally, I want to thank the Holy Spirit for His precious encounter that happened within just hours of finishing this book. I have no words to describe what took place, but I am left in holy awe.

Introduction

HE FIGHTS FOR YOU

The foundation was set for this book when I discovered that a unique realm for visions and dreams seemed to overshadow parts or most of Australia. That sounds like a big, overarching statement right there. I'll explain what I mean, only I'll first need to provide the backstory. In my book *Glory Carriers*, I wrote in detail about the spiritual warfare I endured my first time heading into this nation.¹ The short story is that I began to battle with an ancient snake-like deity highly venerated by Australia's indigenous population. It's commonly known as the Rainbow Serpent and hosts a hybrid of attributes, such as the traditional Leviathan spirit (the demonic king of pride)² and a python spirit, which is a spirit of divination.³ I came to this conclusion based on the clear and undeniable outflow of warfare that I encountered from the onset, which was then confirmed by repeating themes of deliverance that consistently came up with people when I ministered there.

The spiritual attack came in the form of a mysterious respiratory illness just a few weeks before I went to western Australia to conduct a prayer conference. I could hardly breathe, which earned me an unexpected trip to the emergency room followed by five days of bed rest. I'm one of those people who never stops moving, so five

days in bed was a big deal. While resting, I began to research the area and noticed the impact of this deity on the entire land. You can trace elements of it almost everywhere, including the art, roadways, waterways, and in the overall architecture.

The apostle Paul provides a description of this kind of spiritual battle. He wrote, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

This ancient deity was definitely a key spiritual stronghold in Australia, and it was now buffeting me. Think about what a python does to its prey in the natural, and you’ll understand why my breathing was arrested right before I entered the land. I was in a wrestling match for sure, not yet realizing the treasure on the other side of this battle.

I would probably have to be Indigenous Australian in order to fully comprehend what they affirm as their creation story and subsequent culture formation. Although there are variations of the story among the five hundred different tribes and just as many dialects, generally speaking, they believe land creation was, in part, the result of this particular serpent spirit and centered around something called the Dreamtime, or Dreaming, which was a beginning that never ended and remains a continuum of past, present, and future.⁴ In other words, it’s a realm where time does not exist. One western Australian tribe believes that the snake-like dreaming creature (which they call Wagyl) is responsible for making rivers, waterways, and other landforms they consider sacred.

According to 1 Samuel 9:9, seers operate in the prophetic. “Formerly in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: ‘Come, let us go to the seer’; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer.” As a prophet and seer, I encounter God’s prophetic voice mostly through visions and dreams, and sometimes, I encounter His voice in creation. I’m also strongly anointed with the gift of discerning of spirits, meaning, by the Holy Spirit, I can sense or feel the spiritual strongholds in certain geographical locations as well as in people, among other things.

I've written several books on the nature of prophets, seers, the gift of prophecy, and other gifts of the Holy Spirit and would humbly encourage you to read them for background information. As a seer entering Australia for the first time, right away I noticed the unique realm for visions and dreams that seemed to be draped over the land, or at least in all the places that I had visited.

I would loosely compare it to some scenes we read about in the book of Daniel in the Bible. For example, chapter 7 begins with, "In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head while on his bed." What the prophet Daniel encountered here might have been "night visions," which some have described as the kind you have when you are half asleep and half awake. For that reason, it's harder to distinguish if they are dreams or visions.

Further in the chapter, Daniel used a series of phrases to explain his supernatural encounters such as, "I saw in my vision by night" (v. 2), "After this I looked" (v. 6), "After this I saw in the night visions" (v. 7), "I watched" (vv. 9, 11), "I was watching in the night visions" (v. 13), "the visions of my head troubled me" (v. 15), and "I was watching" (v. 21). All these referred to the visions and dreams he was having, and he described his God-given ability to freely watch and look at the many pictures and scenes of the future that were playing out around him. We read further in verse 16 how he "came near to one standing by" to get some kind of explanation. This happened to be an angel who then interpreted what he was dreaming about and supernaturally seeing. I might be stretching this, but it appeared as if a heavenly reality had superimposed itself over Daniel's earthly reality, and he was experiencing them both at the same time.

For Daniel, this seemed to be a very heavy experience, and I would not try to compare my situation to this. I used this narrative, however, because I recognized a similar pattern in parts of Australia where it felt like heaven and earth had simply merged together. As a result, my supernatural gifts from the Holy Spirit amplified noticeably. For example, I encountered the angelic in an intensified way and had uberrealistic dreams and visions from the Lord.

A few times, I was spiritually transported⁵ into the nation by the Holy Spirit, and each time it happened right before I received an invitation to minister there. I'm still curious if my entire being was transported there or just my human spirit because it was so vividly real, although I lean toward it just being my human spirit. By the way, I don't actively teach on this topic for several reasons, even though there is a biblical precedent for it. (See 1 Kings 18:11–12; Ezekiel 3:12–14; 8:3; Acts 8:38–40; 2 Corinthians 12:2–4.)

I also experienced patterns of heavy warfare, a kind that was unique to this nation. I also saw certain false visions while in the land and thank God for His word because I wasn't swayed by them. At the same time, these false visions explained some areas of spiritual deception still holding on to pockets of First Nations culture and even some of Australia's more mystically inclined charismatics. All these things seemed unique to this nation, and I've had the privilege and challenge of experiencing it and then learning how to walk it out properly.

Surprisingly, many Australians didn't recognize or host a strong value for this spiritual blessing hovering over their nation. They seemed to approach this with more of a detached familiarity. For example, I've heard from several who've had authentic prophetic moments and points of discernment, only they didn't know what to do with these, so they just dismissed them. Others told me they saw things supernaturally and had genuine prophetic dreams but their church, family, friends, etc., made them feel weird and ungodly, and they took their denial as valid.

On the other extreme, some have mixed God's pure prophetic, including visions and dreams, with a kind of supernatural that the Bible does not condone. It has led to some weird theology, spiritual manipulation, supernatural extremism, false visions, false prophetic words, and a lack of conviction for sin. This always jades people toward anything truly prophetic and turns His church away from a biblically supernatural lifestyle. I believe strongly, however, that good teaching and solid community around this topic will bring it into order so that it blooms as God intended.

In early December 2019, I had a deep and powerful dream. I was standing in front of scores of people somewhere in Australia and shouting repeatedly at the top of my lungs, “He fights for you!” The quality of this dream was so compelling and urgent that the only thing I knew to do was to post the dream to my social media accounts. You could feel the weight of it, and many picked it up and shared it on their pages as people on social media often do. Within a week or two, Australia hit the news hard for a history-making megafire that ultimately burned fifty-three million acres, killed more than three billion animals, destroyed up to 3,500 buildings including homes, claimed the lives of thirty-four people, and cost the nation \$78–\$88 billion in property damage and loss.⁶ This was the worst calculated damage of any fire in their history, yet God wanted them to know He was there in the middle of it and fighting for them. It was only the beginning of trouble, unfortunately. Right on the heels of the fire came the roar of the pandemic, causing even further trauma throughout the nation.

That prophetic word that came in the dream—He fights for you!—did not cease when that megafire or the pandemic ended. He is still fighting for Australia and fighting for His church there. And He is fighting hard for a reason. Although these have been largely underestimated, prophetic experiences, spiritual realities, and even slipping in and out of this overshadowing realm of visions and dreams seem to be an important part of their world. Perhaps this realm of visions and dreams was actually the “Dreamtime” these First Nations people encountered but failed to understand from God’s view. Remember the story of Genesis and how the serpent came into the garden and deceived the first people? Did a similar event happen in the origins of Australia, thus setting a precedent for generations to come?

Either way, God is bringing this nation back to His original design. Firstly, He wants this nation’s Indigenous to receive Jesus and His salvation plan and also to be restored to honor in the nation. First Nations people are important to the healing of any country because they were there first. This is just a basic principle. He also wants His church to become fluent in visions and dreams. In the

Bible, people and nations were saved as a result of this expression, which is the underpinning point of it all. He also instructed me to equip this nation specifically in my core teaching topics of prophets, visions and dreams, the seer anointing, discerning of spirits, etc., and thus complement other trusted teachers who are there and doing the same.

My battle there was not without purpose, and this story is still unfolding. Although this is an equipping book for all nations, I believe Australia is the catalyst that brought it forth. For this reason, I want to honor and thank the nation for hosting a supernatural climate that's been an absolute blessing and helped me to birth this weapon, *Awaken the Dreamscape*, and sow it into the earth.

Section 1

AN OVERVIEW
OF AWAKENING
YOUR DREAMS



ONE

Awaken Your Dreams at Night

One week before the world spiraled into the crazy pandemic shut-down, the Holy Spirit put an unusual emphasis on dreams at night during an inner-healing-and-deliverance conference at Harvest Church in Turlock, California. When I opened the conference, He impressed upon my heart to pray for the conference attendees and awaken their dreams at night. I could tell there was something big about this prayer, only I didn't understand what. I was also unsure when to release this prayer, and so I waited for His perfect timing.

The conference was absolutely wild with miracles and hosted an unusual atmosphere of God's glory. Our first guest minister began the conference by taking us through an unusual teaching and deliverance prayer for our physical bones. It was on point, and I believe it paved the way for our second guest minister to step into one of her signature miracles. The Holy Spirit often had her pray for people with metal body parts, such as rods and pins, and He would miraculously turn these metal parts back to bone. I don't remember the exact points of healing and deliverance that I engaged by the power of the Spirit with the exception of one notable supernatural weight-loss miracle. But what I do remember is the Holy Spirit wouldn't let me rest until I prayed for everyone's dreams.

During the final session of the conference, I shared from the platform what He had instructed me to do. "The Holy Spirit wants me to pray for your dreams to awaken at night," I explained. As I began to pray for everyone, that same guest minister stood up and began waving at me wildly. She walked forward from her seat in the front row and verbalized her personal need for that miracle prayer because her dream life had virtually disappeared. She explained how it was a key area so that she would know what God was saying and doing, but her dream life had been turned off and she didn't know why. I stepped off the platform and walked toward her with my microphone in one hand and my other hand stretched toward her. I then rested my free hand gently on her shoulder and began to pray for her dreams to awaken at night. As I prayed, the power of God tangibly dropped upon us from heaven. We were both knocked backward, her back into the seats and me onto the ground. In addition, most of the attendees in the front row were also knocked down to the ground, but nobody was harmed by this power encounter.

Naturally, I felt the pressure to get up and go back to the platform to properly facilitate the session, only I couldn't physically wake myself up, even though I was awake on the inside. By then, my husband had come onto the platform just to stand in for us while all of this was happening. I finally did regain some awareness but could only crawl back to the front row and slump into my seat. The felt presence of God was so strong upon my person that, even after the session ended, I was still unable to function like normal. My team finally had to carry me out of the main sanctuary and deposit me onto a couch in the back room. I've never had an encounter this strong before and one that surprisingly targeted the awakening of our dreams at night.

I received numerous testimonies after the conference from people, including from that minister, who had stopped dreaming up until that targeted prayer but then started dreaming again. Others testified how they began dreaming much more vibrantly and frequently than before. "I'm fifty years old, and up until the time of the conference, I have only dreamed three times in my life that I could remember," explained one woman from Washington State. "Since

that prayer, I've been regularly encountering God's voice and His healing and supernatural impartation inside my dreams at night."

The dream realm is a powerful theater for the voice of God. It is also fiercely contested by demons, which I'll explain more about throughout the chapters of this book. Regardless, I am persuaded that God wants to deposit powerful keys of freedom inside our dreams. Much like how I prayed for everyone at the conference, my prayer for you is for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon you to awaken your dreams at night.

There Is a War for Your Dreams

When two or more countries go to war, they typically do so to take hold of that which belongs to another. The motive might be economic gain, territorial gain, or for reasons of religious or nationalistic superiority. It may also be for reasons of revenge or a defensive war to thwart an aggressor nation.¹ Whatever the reason, the end goal of war is to use violent force to achieve an objective.

Naturally speaking, there are wars between countries and civil and revolutionary wars inside countries. In addition, there are also spiritual wars, and we see many examples in the Bible. For example, when Elisha the prophet was being pursued by the Syrian army commander, the entire horizon filled up with angels in chariots to fight for him and the nation of Israel. (See 2 Kings 6:17.) The book of Daniel tells us about a war between Michael the Archangel and a demonic prince of Persia over matters concerning Daniel the prophet and the Israelites. (See Daniel 10:13.) A war also broke out in heaven between Michael and his angels and Satan and his angels, resulting in Satan and his demonic hosts being thrown out of heaven and down to the earth. (See Revelation 12:7.) We don't always consider our collective conflicts to be spiritually sourced, but this is often the case. Satan wars against us for personal gain. He has nothing of his own unless he can deceive people into giving it to him. He also wants revenge against God and, therefore, rages against humanity because human beings have been made in His image. Finally, he's terrified of our spiritual authority in Christ and

engages in menacing defense wars to try to reduce and contain us. Consider that if something is not valuable, he wouldn't war for it. But if it's of value, he'll work overtime to try to take it. One of those areas of value is our dreams at night. Let me share a personal example.

I was watching the evening news, specifically a journalist by the name of Christiane Amanpour. As I watched her on television, I suddenly entered into a vision by the Holy Spirit. He began to speak to me about my next child, and I watched this journalist's name morph slightly and then turn into the name Christiana. By the way, I had incorrectly presumed she was British based on her accent but discovered soon after that her family was from the same country my husband was born in (Iran), although she had lived in both Tehran and England while growing up. I'm glad that I learned her true ethnicity as it abstractly helped confirm what I had seen from the Holy Spirit. Keep in mind that I'm unable to have children but had a similar experience with my first child, David. I had seen my son and heard his name in a vision a few years prior to conceiving him, which was an absolute miracle given my physical limitations.

Within a few years, I became pregnant with my daughter Christiana, but about mid-pregnancy, something began to happen to my thoughts and imagination. The part of my mind that generates pictures, referring to my imagination, seemed to have shut off, and I could no longer properly think or see with pictures. I would describe it as having a part of your mind go dark. In addition, I began experiencing a very debilitating insomnia. I stayed awake for days, an absolutely impossible number of days, and my tired mind and body began reacting with early contractions. I soon made my way to the doctor, feeling both mentally numb and extremely fatigued. She prescribed a pregnancy-safe sleep medication that helped me achieve just four-to-five hours of sleep a night, and I continued to feel as if parts of my mind were in the dark. Thankfully, I carried my daughter to term and gave birth to her via C-section. She was perfectly healthy, and my mind and ability to sleep went back to normal almost instantly. The situation was absolutely demonic, only I didn't realize the extent of it until it was over, and it wasn't over quite yet.

Within a few weeks of giving birth, I had an eerie, demonic dream. I dreamed that I was hopelessly addicted to prescription painkillers, then woke up from the dream confused and believing it was true. In reality, I was not abusing any pain medication and had not struggled with painkillers in the past. My doctor had prescribed me some pain medication that was common to take after a C-section, but I only took it when needed and never more than the recommended dose. Despite the facts, I was still convinced I was an addict and soon got rid of the prescription, thinking I might impulsively take too many. At this point, I recognized that something really bizarre was still happening to my mind as tormenting insomnia set in once again and now included panic attacks. I ended up taking a new medication, this time for what was believed to be a postpartum chemical imbalance. Despite the medication, I continued to struggle every day to get adequate sleep and to just maintain a semblance of normalcy.

Almost two years later, not much had changed. I was still on medication, not sleeping well, and trying to manage these abrupt panic attacks. The whole situation was absolutely tormenting. I was in a pastoral staff meeting at Harvest Church in Turlock and fled from a meeting in reaction to a panic attack. I was desperately tired and starting to give up hope. My best, most faith-filled prayers had not worked as far as I could tell, and I didn't know what to do. As I drove home in despair, I received an unexpected text from a woman that I knew.

I had a vision from the Holy Spirit today. In the vision, I was pouring oil in your front yard and telling a mind-bending spirit to leave!

I was shocked at her words. Was God finally answering my prayer? I fully knew in my spirit that she was on target and texted her in return with this instruction,

Please come over to my house and do exactly what you saw in the vision.

She did precisely that, and within a few hours of her performing this prophetic act² in my front yard, my mind returned to normal. I

was healed and delivered by the power of Jesus Christ. I went back to my doctor, and within three weeks, I had weened myself off the medication, which is practically unheard of in that timeframe. My mind was finally illuminated again. My imagination began working like normal, I could see visions with clarity from the Holy Spirit, and my dream life came alive again, only more amplified. Even more shocking was the reality that none of this was physical but a wicked demon sent to mess with my mind and steal my sleep.

My sleep had been attacked for so long that I had almost forgotten what it was like to dream regularly. I didn't always know what my dreams meant, but I noticed a shift in the number of dreams I was having and in their overall prophetic nature. For example, I watched events happen in my dreams at night, and these dreams then unfolded while I was awake. So I began journaling some of these dreams in order to keep some kind of record. And since my deliverance was so dramatic, I began ministering out of my testimony of freedom and encountered volumes of suffering people who were also not sleeping and not dreaming for one reason or another. Was a demonic battle happening for our sleep? Was this battle for sleep really an attempt to steal our dreams at night?

By the power of the Holy Spirit, I began ministering in many astonishing deliverances to recover people's sleep and dreams. After this, I was fully convinced that Satan was petrified of our dream life. He is the thief of sleep and wants to destroy our ability to receive dreams from God. He knows his sinister plans could get exposed by God to an intercessor in a dream and then prayerfully crushed in response. I didn't fully understand the depths of what I was discovering about dreams, but the possibilities were thrilling. I also didn't understand the power of real, authentic dream interpretation until the Holy Spirit challenged me through a divine set-up.

Can You Interpret My Dream?

I was surprised to receive such an intriguing email from a well-known Christian who hosted a thriving ministry in Christian media. I had begun writing out my prophetic words for a popular online

publication and was connected to this person through that ministry. This person clearly moved in the Holy Spirit's gift of prophecy. They most likely knew nearly every reputable prophet in America and maintained heaps of connections with prophets in other nations. For an unknown reason, this person reached out to me with their special request despite knowing so many others with much higher credentials. I now believe the Holy Spirit had quite purposely orchestrated this interaction. He was preparing me—more like provoking me—to step into a much deeper and more mysterious realm of the prophetic voice of God. He desires that this realm is revealed, taught, and activated in both you and me and in His church as a whole.

The email subject line went straight to the point. “Can you interpret my dream?” My curiosity was instantly piqued, and I eagerly opened it. The dream consisted of a few compactly written paragraphs yet was noticeably weighty with the Holy Spirit's anointing. The dream pointed toward something of national importance, only it was packaged by the Holy Spirit in a rich soup of symbols that seemed to cloak its true meaning.

During this time, my reputation as a seer prophet, speaker, and writer was just beginning to emerge past the sheltering borders of our first church campus in Turlock. (See 1 Samuel 9:9.) A prophet is one who is called by Jesus Christ alongside the other governing offices of the apostle, evangelist, pastor, and teacher. Ephesians 4:11 says, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers.” A person is branded as a seer prophet by how they primarily receive prophetic words from God, which is mostly through visions and dreams. In other words, they see the word of the Lord much more than they hear the word of the Lord, and they are typically skilled at interpreting dreams. As I was now learning to swim the untamed and dangerous waters of public ministry as a recognized and emerging seer prophet, this request seemed to validate my calling and point to greater ministry ahead.

With zeal, I quickly reviewed the contents of the dream and just paid attention to my overall first impression. I didn't take much time

to pray or ask the dreamer questions to narrow down the context nor did I utilize any proven process for biblical-dream interpretation.

With haste and excitement, I responded to the dreamer with my best opinion of what the dream could mean. I want to emphasize that I gave this individual my opinion about the meaning of the dream, and I did not provide a Holy Spirit-led interpretation. This person, who was both prophetic and discerning, saw right through my attempt instantly. They promptly emailed back and wrote, “Thanks for trying, but that’s not it.”

I was embarrassed by their response, but the situation served a much higher purpose. It effectively pushed me to seek out and learn biblical dream interpretation. Frankly put, we don’t just give our own hasty opinions about the meaning of dreams. A specific process undergirds true Holy Spirit-inspired dream interpretation, a process that has to be studied, developed, and practiced over time.

With that, I began earnestly seeking out reputable and biblical instruction about dream interpretation. I then devoted an entire year of study to this topic alone and have continued to study and practice dream interpretation ever since. I’ve since recognized that too many people hold little value or understanding about dreams in general. They haven’t been taught to see their dreams as important and have ignored an entire channel for the voice of God in their life.

Many of our dreams at night are a gift from God, but a gift needs to be unwrapped and examined to see the treasure inside. This book will awaken you to an abundance of supernatural encounters with God inside your dreams. It will also start you on the road to correct dream interpretation. To begin, let’s first discuss who can have visions and dreams from the Holy Spirit and why.

Who Can Have Visions and Dreams?

When the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the believers in Acts 2, not only did they receive power, but they were awakened to the prophetic realm of visions and dreams. The prophet Joel in the Old Testament prophesied into an amazing shift that would change the entire prophetic order as they knew it. He predicted God’s prophetic voice would

no longer be restrained to just the prophets but would emerge in the life of every believer because of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

And it shall come to pass afterward
That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh;
Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions.

Joel 2:28

Joel's prophecy came to life when the disciples waited in the upper room in Jerusalem for "the promise of the Father" after the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. (See Acts 1:4.) As they worshipped and waited, suddenly a sound came from heaven, and then, a powerful wind filled the room. Tongues of fire appeared and then rested upon each individual so that they all spoke in other tongues. Their collective sound arrested the attention of the visiting Jews to Jerusalem that day because they supernaturally heard the praises of God pouring from the lips of the disciples in each of their native tongues. As thousands of Jews gathered to investigate the phenomenon, the apostle Peter rose to explain this to the crowd. He proclaimed to everyone how this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. And beginning with Joel 2:28, he preached the gospel of Jesus Christ to the crowd, with more than three thousand souls turning to faith in Christ. In addition to mass salvation, an outstanding new prophetic order emerged. The prophetic voice of God was no longer limited to just the prophets. If you were a believer in Jesus, you, too, could have visions and dreams and prophesy by the unction of the Holy Spirit.

Visions and dreams are both the picture language of God, but they do have distinct differences. To understand the nature and composition of dreams, we will first need to comprehend the nature of visions.

Visions and Dreams Are a Separate Language

One of the most common ways God communicated His will to people in the Bible was through visions and dreams. Visions were

portrayed as vivid apparitions that appeared primarily during waking hours, while dreams occurred while sleeping. Visions in the Bible came in a variety of forms, such as waking visions, trances, and even night visions. A night vision, also called a vision of the night, is when a person experiences a vision while dreaming. “Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. So Daniel blessed the God of heaven” (Daniel 2:19); “In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds” (Job 33:15). To further explain night visions, some have described them as the kind you might have when you are half asleep and half awake.³ Visions in the Bible involved natural or supernatural settings, and the individual experiencing the vision was either a participant or an observer. In the Old Testament, visions were so important that their absence signaled relational trouble between the Israelite community and God. (See 1 Samuel 3:1 and Proverbs 29:18.)

Those who experienced visions as a means of God revealing information to them included Abraham, Jacob, the false prophet Balaam, the prophet Samuel, the prophet Micaiah, and Eliphaz the Temanite. (See Genesis 15; 46:1–4; Numbers 24; 1 Samuel 3; 1 Kings 22:17–28; and Job 4:13–21.) In 2 Samuel 7:1–17, Nathan the prophet was told in a vision that King David’s throne would be established forever and one of his descendants would construct a permanent temple for God in Jerusalem.

In Ezekiel 1, Ezekiel had several truths and future events revealed to him through visions. He was shown the glory and throne of God, was informed of wicked acts of idolatry inside Jerusalem’s temple, and also saw a valley of dry bones come together to form a living army that represented the regathering of Israel. (See Ezekiel 8 and 37.) Daniel experienced several visions, including one that revealed four impending world empires, the Ancient of Days seated on His throne, and events to come in the last days. (See Daniel 7:1–10 and Daniel 10.) Isaiah was told in visions about the future kingdoms of Judah, Babylon, and Jerusalem. (See Isaiah 1, 21, and 22.) Many of the Old Testament’s minor prophets, including Amos, Obadiah, Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zechariah, received visions concerning the future.

The contents of visions shift noticeably between the Old Testament and the New Testament. That shift was seen mostly in the focus and purpose of the conversation. Instead of laments and judgments over the idolatry of Israel, God communicated through visions about the salvation and care of people and in matters about His church on the earth. For example, Ananias was told in a vision exactly where to find Saul and then instructed to supernaturally heal Saul's eyes, which had been blinded during an encounter with Jesus. (See Acts 9:10–19.) Cornelius was a Gentile, which means anyone who was not a Jew. Even so, Cornelius feared and worshipped God and was directed in a vision to find the apostle Peter at an exact location and to hear his words. Just before Cornelius and his delegation arrived, Peter received a dramatic vision showing him not to reject people who were not Jews from hearing the gospel. As a result, in Acts 10, Cornelius and his household became the first Gentile converts to Christianity. We also notice that in the book of Revelation, the apostle John received instructions through visions concerning each of the seven churches of Asia Minor. He also had amazing visions that detailed the end times and return of Jesus Christ.

Both Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17 state that *young* men will have visions and *old* men will have dreams. This really points to the maturity needed to comprehend dream language. The nature of visions and dreams can be understood best if you think of each as a spiritual, actually a picture, language. Visions, then, are typically the more simple and comprehensible language while dreams are typically the richer and more complex language of the two.

When it came to visions, even in their different forms and their interpretation, I was fluent. I nearly always understood visions even if those came to me in a more complex way. In addition, the Holy Spirit had taken time with me at the onset of my ministry to train my spiritual eyes to see what He was saying through visions, usually for the purpose of intercession and personal ministry. I wrote more about this in my book *Prophetic Secrets*. He would specifically highlight a person to me and ask, “What do you see?” He was prompting me to identify these short, simple visions that He was giving to me that related to that person prophetically. These brief visions would

come to me as a quick picture right in front of me, or they would appear instantly in my imagination. I would then either intercede for that person or approach them for ministry, based on the information that I supernaturally saw. He was teaching me how to identify His communication through visions and then how to effectively process their contents. He was making the following Scriptures come alive: “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’” (Jeremiah 1:11). “And the LORD said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb line. . . .’” (Amos 7:8). “And he said to me, ‘What do you see?’ So I answered, ‘I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits’” (Zechariah 5:2).

Since I didn’t understand the differences between visions and dreams, I neglected to pursue a deeper understanding of dreams in general. I presumed that dreams were as easy as visions to understand, and if I didn’t understand a dream, I would invalidate it for one reason or another. I never considered that visions and dreams were separate languages and that dreams could be more complex, for that matter. I also didn’t know about the process for dream interpretation until I was challenged to study the topic more in depth. As I studied, I recognized that the impact of dreams and their meanings could be lost and that we have a great need for dream interpreters.

• KINGDOM PRINCIPLES •

1. The dream realm is a powerful theater for the voice of God. He will deposit powerful keys of freedom inside our dreams.
2. Satan is petrified of our dream life. He is a thief of sleep and wants to destroy our ability to receive dreams from God.
3. Many of our dreams at night are a gift from God, but a gift needs to be unwrapped and examined in order to see the treasure inside.

4. Distinguishing in both Joel 2:28 and Acts 2:17 that *young* men will have visions and *old* men will have dreams was really pointing to the maturity needed to comprehend dream language.
5. Visions and dreams are both the picture language of God, but they do have distinct differences.

• **THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION** •

1. Are you in a battle to sleep at night? After reading this chapter, would you say it's a natural or demonic battle?
2. Have you ever had a vision from the Holy Spirit? What was the outcome?
3. Do you ever have prophetic dreams about the future? If so, do you record your dreams in a journal?
4. Visions and dreams are both the picture language of God, but there are differences. How have you noticed these differences?
5. Have you ever tried to interpret someone's dream? If so, was your interpretation accurate? How would you know?