

SYMBOLS FOR INTERPRETING DREAMS

[This symbols list is intended to be ONLY a **compass**, pointing you in the general direction of where you should go. Symbols often follow basic principles versus being absolutes. In light of that, it is important for you to search out what certain symbols mean and how they apply to your life. Some symbols have an abundance of Biblical support while others have none. Search for the symbol you are looking for and ask God for help. He loves you and wants you to understand what He is saying.]

BREAD – Word of God, body of Christ, God’s will, money-Eccl. 11:1 & Pr. 30:8

LEAVEN/YEAST – Sin, hypocrisy (Mark 8:15), falsehood (Gal. 5:9), Kingdom of God (Luke 13:21)

FISH – Evangelism (Matt. 4:19), people, Christianity

SALT – Col. 4:6, have salt in yourselves, “live the life,” covenant, rejected, cleansing

FIRE – Tongues/baptism of fire, gossip and evil speaking (James 3)

VEHICLES

Motorcycle/Bicycle – Personal ministry

School Bus or 747 Jet – Corporate ministry

Location in the Vehicle – If you’re driving (you’re in control). If you’re in front (more direct) or back (indirect-behind the scenes), right/left side [see “Directions” near the bottom of the outline]

PLACES – Examples include: Bethlehem (House of Bread), Japan (Land of the Rising Sun), Florida (sunshine), California (place of discovery), Texas (Lone Star State), etc.

WATER

Cleansing/Baptism (Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3)

The Word of God (Eph. 5:26)

Nations (Rev. 17:15)

The Holy Spirit (John 7:38)

Judgment (Gen. 9:11 Noah’s time)

Wrath of the Enemy (Rev. 12:15-16)

CROPS – Culmination of something grown (usually good), length of time for prophetic words to pass (typically one year) – Gen. 41:27

CLOTHING

Fine linen – Righteous acts of saints (Rev. 19:8)

Wool – Flesh (Ez. 44:17)

Wedding Apparel – Dressed and prepared (Is. 61:10-11, Matt. 25 – 10 Virgins)

Multiple Layers – Too much of something, give it away (Luke 3:11)

Little or No Clothing – Vulnerability (Gen. 3:7), child-likeness

TIME – The time when you wake up might be a message (relating to a scripture or something else)

NAMES OF PEOPLE – Typically whatever their name means [i.e., Anne (grace), Joshua (savior), Peter (rock), etc.]

FAMILIAR PEOPLE/LEADERS

Leaders – Prophetic message

Parents – Sometimes godly wisdom, could be parent issues, or your earthly father might represent your Heavenly Father

Sister – Sometimes wisdom (Pr. 7:4)

Brother – Someone who sticks close to you or will help you in time of need

Familiar people – Typically these people mean what they represent to you

NUMBERS

1 – God, unity, it marks the beginning

2 – Witness, division, friendship, multiplication

3 – Divine perfection, that which is solid, real, substantial, complete, & entire, Godhead, seed bearing, confirmation

4 – God’s creative works, material completeness, 4 watches, 4 seasons, 4 winds, 4 regions, 4 great elements

5 – Grace, redemption, favor shown to the unworthy

6 – Man as destitute without God, imperfection

- 7 – Spiritual perfection, full, complete, good and perfect
- 8 – New beginnings, to super-abound
- 9 – Marks the end, Holy Spirit [9 gifts & 9 fruit(s)], evangelism, finality/judgment
- 10 – Perfection of divine order, implies nothing is lacking, the number & order are perfect, 10 commandments, tithe
- 11 – Disorder, imperfection, disintegration, can also mean double portion
- 12 – Governmental perfection, apostle
- 13 – Rebellion, apostasy, defection, corruption, revolution, (connected with the #8)
- 14 – Multiple of 7, generations (Matt. 1)
- 15 – Refers to acts brought about by the energy of divine grace (5 X 3)
- 16 – Number of miracles of Elisha – double portion of Elijah
- 17 – The perfection of spiritual order (7 + 10)
- 19 – Divine order connected with judgment
- 20 – Expectancy, waiting
- 24 – Heavenly government and worship (24 elders in Revelation)
- 25 – Priestly training
- 30 – Release of priestly activity, a group of warriors (David's 30 mighty men)
- 40 – Probation, trial (40-day fasts, 40-years in wilderness), chastisement (not judgment), can be grace leading to revival/renewal
- 50 – Jubilee, freedom, deliverance
- 70 – 7X10 – Signifies perfect spiritual order carried out with all spiritual power & significance (70 sent out, 70 descendants in Egypt during Joseph and Jacob)
- 120 – 3X40 – Applied to *time* it signifies a divinely appointed period of probation, applied to *persons* it points to a divinely period of probation, 120 priests in OT at the dedication of Solomon's Temple when glory fell, 120 in upper room
- 666 – Number of the antichrist, the culmination of human pride in independence of God

COLORS

- Red** – Anointing, passion, blood, sacrifice, suffering, war, anger
- Yellow** – Fear, hope & communion (sunshine), leprosy, uncleanness
- Blue** – Revelation, prophetic anointing, hope, healing, eternity, I feel “blue,” heavens
- Brown** – Humanity/man,?compassion, ?illegitimate compassion/mercy
- Gold/Amber** – Holy/sanctified presence of God (lampstand and temple), apostolic
- Purple** – Royalty, rule, virtuous, obstinate
- Orange** – Rebellion, companionship, danger – fire is orange
- Green** – Life, eternity, creativity, new growth, “green with envy,” sickness
- White** – Purity, holiness, rest, truth, innocence, leprosy
- Black** – Evil/sin, formless/void, no light, [dark clouds, where God hides Ps. 18:11-12]
- Gray** – Unclear, gray hair=wisdom, age or weakness
- Pink** – Flesh, heart of flesh, combination of white and red

DIRECTIONS

- East** – Law, birth, first – i.e., the sun rises in the east
- North** – Judgment, heaven (Ps. 75:6-7), spiritual warfare
- South** – Sin, world, temptation, trial, flesh, corruption, deception
- West** – End, grace, death, last, conformed, the sun settles in west
- Right** – Authority, power, accepted, wisdom (Ecc. 10:2)
- Left** – Weakness of man & God's strength, rejected, folly, equipped left & right hand

ANIMALS/REPTILES/INSECTS

Sheep – God’s people (Ps. 23, Matt. 25)

Goats – The wicked (Matt. 25)

Fish – People/evangelism (Matt. 4:19, Mark 1:17)

Scorpions/Snakes – Demonic, accuser (Luke 10:19, Rev. 12:9, 14, 15)

Spiders – The occult – set traps/webs

Dove – Holy Spirit (Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22, John 1:32)

Horses – Power (Jer. 12:5, Ps. 147:10-11), also look at Zechariah’s visions & Book of Revelation for other meanings)

Wasps/Bees/Hornets – Harassment (Deut. 7:20, Josh. 24:12)

Ants – Productivity (Pr. 6:6-8, 30:25)

Ostrich – Lacking wisdom (Job 39:17)

Cows/Oxen – Strength and laborious (Pr. 14:4), gospel workers (1 Tim. 5:18, 1 Cor. 9:9-10)

Eagles – Prophetic, great eyesight or vision, things that prey on dead bodies (Matt. 24:28, Luke 17:37)

Pigs – Fleshly, unclean (2 Peter 2:22, Matt 7:6)

Dogs – Man’s best friend or unclean people (2 Peter 2:22, Matt 7:6, Phil. 3:2)

*****ANIMALS OFTEN represent the glory of God (Job Chapters 38-41)**

BUILDINGS/ROOMS/PLACES

Airport – Waiting to be taken to higher places, heavenly perspective

Attic – A higher place such as upper room, hidden things, memories/past, mind

Barn – Storehouse (Pr. 3:10)

Bathroom – Place of getting clean/ready, getting rid of wastes

Basement – Beneath the surface of things, soul

Bedroom – Place of rest and/or intimacy

Cafeteria – Church, place to be fed, fellowship

Courthouse – Place of justice/judgment, vindication/condemnation, trial

Hospital – Place of healing, church

Hotel – Place where people temporarily live

Old House – (old lifestyle, good/bad foundation, past or spiritual inheritance),

New House – (new place to live in the Spirit, new beginnings),

Park – (place of rest and joy)

School – (place of learning)

WEATHER/SEASONS/TOPOGRAPHY

Tornadoes – If LIGHT, then the presence of the Lord (rushing wind or Job 38:1). If DARK, then demonic (Matt. 8:26)

Sunshine – God’s presence, delight (Pr. 4:18, Is. 58)

Cloudy – God’s presence (Ex. 13:21, 16:10, Acts 1:9) or pray for clarity

Rainy – Time of refreshing or grace (Lev. 26:4, Deut. 11:14, Matt. 5:45)

Mountains – LIGHT mountains are places of revelation (Ex. 3:1,12, 4:27, Luke 9:28-29). DARK mountains are sometimes worldly governments or principalities (Is. 40:4, Luke 3:5). Mountains, in general, are often obstacles that stand in our way (Zech. 4:7, Matt. 17:20, 21:21).

Desert – Trials, temptations (Deut. 8:2-3, Matt. 4:2)

Winter – Time of death, cold

Spring – New life forming

Fall – Changes taking place

METALS (Referred to frequently in Proverbs, Ezekiel 22, Daniel, and Revelation)

Brass – Word of God/man, judgment, hypocrisy, tradition, impenetrable, (see Rev. 1, Dan. 2)

Gold – Glorify, wisdom, truth, precious, glory of God, self-glorification

Iron – Strength, powerful, invincible, stronghold, stubborn

Silver – Knowledge, something of worth, revelation knowledge, purified (Pr. 25:4)

Lead – Weight, wickedness (Zech. 5), sin, burden, judgment, fool/foolishness

Tin – Dross, waste, worthless, cheap, purification

DREAM ANALYSIS CHART

DESCRIPTION OF DREAM

POSSIBLE MEANING

Storyline		
Setting		
Feelings		
People		
Symbols Numbers Colors		