

Genesis 40:1-23



JOSEPH INTERPRETS DREAMS IN PRISON

Dreams



- The importance of dreams in the Bible are as a method of revelation, often associated with prophecy, true (Num 12.6; Joel 2.28) and false (Dt 13.1-5; Jer 23.25, 27f., 32; 27.9; 29.8; Zech 10.2)
- References to dreams come in clusters: Patriarchs (Gen 20-41), Daniel (Dan 1-7), and the nativity narratives of Matthew (Matt 1.20; 2.12f., 19, 22).
- Dreams may contain a direct message (Gen 20.3, 6; 31.34) or be symbolic and need interpretation (Gen 37.5ff., 9f; 41.1ff, 7ff.)
- God is the interpreter of his revelatory dreams (Gen 41.16; Dan 2.28-30)