

Life-Study of Genesis Summaries - Messages 112-116

MESSAGE 112 - The Reigning Aspect of the Matured Israel (2)

Joseph, as a type of Christ, also was **betrayed**. Enthronement did not immediately follow Joseph's dreams. Instead, there was **betrayal leading to imprisonment**. Joseph was tested by the fact that his dreams were not fulfilled. However, Joseph had the **faith** and the **boldness** to interpret the dreams of his two companions in prison even though his dreams were not yet fulfilled. When the dreams of Joseph's companions were fulfilled, Joseph was **confirmed** and **strengthened**. **The visions Joseph saw not only controlled his life; they also sustained his faith.** (Life-Study of Genesis, 112).

MESSAGE 113 - The Reigning Aspect of the Matured Israel (3)

Joseph typified Christ as the One **resurrected** from the prison of death. Joseph also typified Christ as the One **enthroned with authority**. Joseph also typifies Christ as the One who received **glory** and **gifts**, for when he was released from the dungeon, he received these things. Joseph also typified Christ as the **Savior of the world**, the **Sustainer of life**, and the **Revealer of secrets**. Joseph is also a type portraying how Christ has taken the **Gentiles as His wife** during the time of His rejection by the Israelites. Finally, Joseph also typified Christ as the **supplier of food**. (Life-Study of Genesis, chapter 113).

MESSAGE 114 - The Secret of Joseph's Release and Exaltation

Joseph was released from prison through his **speaking by faith**. We all need to speak like dreamers. **Do not wait until you have the experience before you speak**. Speak immediately after you have seen the vision and then you will have the experience. Concerning the dream, the vision, it matters a great deal whether we say **yes** or **no**; for either our yes or our no will come true. Joseph's speaking not only released him from prison, but also ushered him to the throne. **The more we speak, the more release we shall enjoy, and the more authority we shall receive**. Through his speaking Joseph also became a supplier of food. Day by day, let us all **speak according to our vision**, according to our **dreams**. (Life-Study of Genesis, chapter 114)

MESSAGE 115 - The Reigning Aspect of the Matured Israel (4)

The record of Joseph's life is a revelation of the rulership of the Spirit, for the rulership of the Spirit is the reigning aspect of a matured saint. Oh, the church is the land of satisfaction, the region of satisfaction, because Christ is here! Food, nourishment, and satisfaction are only where Christ is. We who have turned to Christ have found food, nourishment, and satisfaction, for the food is found only where Christ is. (Life-Study of Genesis, chapter 115)

MESSAGE 116 - Joseph's Dealing with his Brothers

Joseph, was not out of control when he saw the fulfillment of his dreams. He was able to control himself in such a way because he was a person with the **rulership of the Spirit**. Not until our **self** and our **natural man** have been thoroughly dealt with can we keep from revealing our glory to others. In Joseph we see not only the **mature** life, but a **reigning** life and the way of this reigning life. This life is not easily excited, and it does not reveal its glory. Instead, in the midst of excitement it remains **calm**, **controls** itself, and **conceals** its glory. Joseph's brothers were under his control, and he could have done whatever he wanted with them. He extended love to them in a secret way. Like Joseph, we all must learn to deal with others according to their need and not according to our feelings. (Life-Study of Genesis, 116)