

~INTERPRETATION (1088)

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.. Interpretation Of Prophecy

- In the Bible an interpreter may be either of two kinds. He may be a translator, one who conveys the meaning of words spoken or written in one language to persons reading or speaking another, and he can do this either orally or in writing.
- On the other hand, an interpreter may be **one who explains Bible prophecy by giving others the meaning, significance, and understanding of prophetic dreams, visions, and messages of divine origin.**

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- The confusion of man's language during the building of the Tower of Babel resulted in the human family's suddenly becoming a multilingual race. This, in turn, gave rise to a new profession, that of interpreter or translator.
- Now all the earth continued to be of one language and of one set of words. (**Genesis 11:1**)
- And it came about that in their journeying eastward they eventually discovered a valley plain in the land of Shinar, and they took up dwelling there. (**Genesis 11:2**)
- And they began to say, each one to the other; Come on! Let us make bricks and bake them with a burning process. So brick served as stone for them, but bitumen served as mortar for them. (**Genesis 11:3**)
- They now said; Come on! Let us build ourselves a city and also a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a celebrated name for ourselves, for fear we may be scattered over all the surface of the earth. (**Genesis 11:4**)
- And Yehowah proceeded to go down to see the city and the tower that the sons of men had built. (**Genesis 11:5**)
- After that Yehowah said; Look! They are one people and there is

one language for them all, and this is what they start to do. Why, now there is nothing that they may have in mind to do that will be unattainable for them. (**Genesis 11:6**)

- Come now! Let us go down and there confuse their language that they may not listen to one another's language. (**Genesis 11:7**)
- Accordingly Yehowah scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth, and they gradually left off building the city. (**Genesis 11:8**)
- That is why its name was called Babel, because there Yehowah had confused the language of all the earth, and Yehowah had scattered them from there over all the surface of the earth. (**Genesis 11:9**)
- Some five centuries later, in order to conceal his identity as their brother, Joseph employed a translator to interpret for him when speaking to his Hebrew brothers in the Egyptian language.
- As for them, they did not know that Joseph was listening, because there was an interpreter between them. (**Genesis 42:23**)
- A form of the **Hebrew** word *lits, deride, scorn*, is rendered **interpreter** in this text. The same word is sometimes rendered **spokesman** when referring to an envoy versed in a foreign language, as were the **spokesmen** of the princes of Babylon, sent to converse with King Hezekiah of Judah.
- And thus it was that by the spokesmen of the princes of Babylon that were sent to him to inquire about the portent that had happened in the land, the true God left him to put him to the test, to get to know everything in his heart. (**2 Chronicles 32:31**)
- The gift of speaking in foreign tongues was one of the manifestations of God's outpoured Holy Spirit upon the faithful disciples of Christ on Pentecost **33 C.E.**
- However, this was no duplication of what occurred on the Plains of Shinar some 22 centuries earlier. For, instead of replacing their original language with a new one, these disciples retained their mother tongue and at the same time were enabled to speak in the tongues of foreign-language groups about the magnificent things of God.

- **Now while the day of the festival of Pentecost was in progress they were all together at the same place. ([Acts of Apostles 2:1](#))**
- **And suddenly there occurred from heaven a noise just like that of a rushing stiff breeze, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. ([Acts of Apostles 2:2](#))**
- **And tongues as if of fire became visible to them and were distributed about, and one sat upon each one of them. ([Acts of Apostles 2:3](#))**
- **And they all became filled with Holy Spirit and started to speak with different tongues, just as the spirit was granting them to make utterance. ([Acts of Apostles 2:4](#))**
- **As it was, there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, reverent men, from every nation of those under heaven. ([Acts of Apostles 2:5](#))**
- **So, when this sound occurred, the multitude came together and were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ([Acts of Apostles 2:6](#))**
- **Indeed, they were astonished and began to wonder and say; See here, all these who are speaking are Galileans, are they not? ([Acts of Apostles 2:7](#))**
- **And yet how is it we are hearing, each one of us, his own language in which we were born? ([Acts of Apostles 2:8](#))**
- **Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia, and Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the district of Asia. ([Acts of Apostles 2:9](#))**
- **And Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya, which is toward Cyrene, and sojourners from Rome, both Jews and proselytes. ([Acts of Apostles 2:10](#))**
- **Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speaking in our tongues about the magnificent things of God. ([Acts of Apostles 2:11](#))**
- **Along with this ability to speak in different tongues, other miraculous gifts of the spirit were bestowed on members of the early Christian congregation, including the gift of translating from one**

language to another. Christians were also given instruction on the proper use of this gift.

- Now there are varieties of gifts, but there is the same spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:4**)
- And there are varieties of ministries, and yet there is the same Lord. (**1 Corinthians 12:5**)
- And there are varieties of operations, and yet it is the same God who performs all the operations in all persons. (**1 Corinthians 12:6**)
- But the manifestation of the spirit is given to each one for a beneficial purpose. (**1 Corinthians 12:7**)
- For example, to one there is given through the spirit speech of wisdom, to another speech of knowledge according to the same spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:8**)
- To another faith by the same spirit, to another gifts of healings by that one spirit. (**1 Corinthians 12:9**)
- To yet another operations of powerful works, to another prophesying, to another discernment of inspired utterances, to another different tongues, and to another **interpretation** of tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:10**)
- Now you are Christ's body, and members individually. (**1 Corinthians 12:27**)
- And God has set the respective ones in the congregation, first, apostles, second, prophets, third, teachers, then powerful works, then gifts of healings, helpful services, abilities to direct, different tongues. (**1 Corinthians 12:28**)
- Not all are apostles, are they? Not all are prophets, are they? Not all are teachers, are they? Not all perform powerful works, do they? (**1 Corinthians 12:29**)
- Not all have gifts of healings, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all are translators, are they? (**1 Corinthians 12:30**)
- Now I would like for all of you to speak in tongues, but I prefer

that you prophesy. Indeed, he that prophesies is greater than he that speaks in tongues, unless, in fact, he translates, that the congregation may receive upbuilding. (**1 Corinthians 14:5**)

- Therefore let the one who speaks in a tongue pray that he may translate. (**1 Corinthians 14:13**)
- For if I am praying in a tongue, it is my gift of the spirit that is praying, but my mind is unfruitful. (**1 Corinthians 14:14**)
- What is to be done, then? I will pray with the gift of the spirit, but I will also pray with my mind. I will sing praise with the gift of the spirit, but I will also sing praise with my mind. (**1 Corinthians 14:15**)
- Otherwise, if you offer praise with a gift of the spirit, how will the man occupying the seat of the ordinary person say Amen to your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying? (**1 Corinthians 14:16**)
- True, you give thanks in a fine way, but the other man is not being built up. (**1 Corinthians 14:17**)
- I thank God, I speak in more tongues than all of you do. (**1 Corinthians 14:18**)
- Nevertheless, in a congregation I would rather speak five words with my mind, that I might also instruct others orally, than ten thousand words in a tongue. (**1 Corinthians 14:19**)
- Brothers, do not become young children in powers of understanding, but be babes as to badness, yet become full-grown in powers of understanding. (**1 Corinthians 14:20**)
- In the Law it is written: With the tongues of foreigners and with the lips of strangers I will speak to this people, and yet not even then will they give heed to me, says Yehowah. (**1 Corinthians 14:21**)
- Consequently tongues are for a sign, not to the believers, but to the unbelievers, whereas prophesying is, not for the unbelievers, but for the believers. (**1 Corinthians 14:22**)
- Therefore, if the whole congregation comes together to one place

and they all speak in tongues, but ordinary people or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are mad? (1 Corinthians 14:23)

- But if you are all prophesying and any unbeliever or ordinary person comes in, he is reproved by them all, he is closely examined by all. (1 Corinthians 14:24)
- The secrets of his heart become manifest, so that he will fall upon his face and worship God, declaring; God is really among you. (1 Corinthians 14:25)
- What is to be done, then, brothers? When you come together, one has a psalm, another has a teaching, another has a revelation, another has a tongue, another has an **interpretation**. Let all things take place for upbuilding. (1 Corinthians 14:26)
- And if someone speaks in a tongue, let it be limited to two or three at the most, and in turns, and let someone translate. (1 Corinthians 14:27)
- But if there be no translator, let him keep silent in the congregation and speak to himself and to God. (1 Corinthians 14:28)
- The most remarkable example of translation from one language to another is the rendering of the Bible into many, many tongues, a monumental task that has consumed centuries of time.
- Today this Book, the whole or in part, appears in well over 1,800 languages. However, none of such translations or their translators were inspired.
- Historically, such translation work dates back to the **Third Century B.C.E.** when work on the **Greek Septuagint** was begun in which the inspired Holy Scriptures in Hebrew and Aramaic, the 39 books as they are now reckoned, were rendered into the common Greek, or Koine, the international language of that time.
- Bible writers of the 27 books that make up the **Christian Greek Scriptures**, which books completed the Bible's canon, often quoted from the Hebrew Scriptures. Apparently they sometimes used the **Greek Septuagint** instead of personally translating from the **Hebrew** text of the Scriptures. **LXX**

- **Sacrifice and offering you did not delight in, these ears of mine you opened up. Burnt offering and sin offering you did not ask for. ([Psalms 40:6](#))**
- **And now for what have I hoped, O Yehowah? My expectation is toward you. ([Psalms 39:7](#))**
- **Hence when he comes into the world he says; Sacrifice and offering you did not want, but you prepared a body for me. ([Hebrews 10:5](#))**
- **They also made their own rather free translations, however, as is seen by comparing;**
- **And I shall certainly sow her like seed for me in the earth, and I will show mercy to her who was not shown mercy, and I will say to those not my people; You are my people. And they, for their part, will say; You are my God. ([Hosea 2:23](#))**
- **It is as he says also in Hosea; Those not my people I will call my people, and her who was not beloved beloved. ([Romans 9:25](#))**
- **An example of where they paraphrased, instead of making a literal translation, may be noted by comparing;**
- **For this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far away. ([Deuteronomy 30:11](#))**
- **It is not in the heavens, so as to result in saying; Who will ascend for us into the heavens and get it for us, that he may let us hear it that we may do it? ([Deuteronomy 30:12](#))**
- **Neither is it on the other side of the sea, so as to result in saying; Who will pass over for us to the other side of the sea and get it for us, that he may let us hear it that we may do it? ([Deuteronomy 30:13](#))**
- **For the word is very near you, in your own mouth and in your own heart, that you may do it. ([Deuteronomy 30:14](#))**
- **But the righteousness resulting from faith speaks in this manner; Do not say in your heart; Who will ascend into heaven? That is, to bring Christ down. ([Romans 10:6](#))**

- Or, Who will descend into the abyss? That is, to bring Christ up from the dead. (**Romans 10:7**)
- But what does it say? The word is near you, in your own mouth and in your own heart, that is, the word of faith, which we are preaching. (**Romans 10:8**)
- These Bible writers often translated the names of persons, titles, places, and expressions for the benefit of their readers. They gave the meaning of such names as Cephas, Barnabas, Tabitha, Bar-Jesus, and Melchizedek
- He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he said; You are Simon the son of John; You will be called Cephas, which is translated Peter. (**John 1:42**)
- So Joseph, who was surnamed Barnabas by the apostles, which means, when translated, Son of Comfort, a Levite, a native of Cyprus. (**Acts of Apostles 4:36**)
- But in Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which, when translated, means Dorcas. She abounded in good deeds and gifts of mercy that she was rendering. (**Acts of Apostles 9:36**)
- When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they met up with a certain man, a sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus. (**Acts of Apostles 13:6**)
- But Elymas the sorcerer, that, in fact, is the way his name is translated, began opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. (**Acts of Apostles 13:8**)
- For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him. (**Hebrews 7:1**)
- And to whom Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, is first of all, by translation, King of Righteousness, and is then also king of Salem, that is, King of Peace. (**Hebrews 7:2**)
- Also the meaning of the titles Immanuel, Rabbi, and Messiah.

- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, when translated, **With Us Is God**. (**Matthew 1:23**)
- Then Jesus turned and, getting a view of them following, he said to them; What are you looking for? They said to him; Rabbi, which means, when translated, Teacher, where are you staying? (**John 1:38**)
- First this one found his own brother, Simon, and said to him; We have found the Messiah, which means, when translated, Christ. (**John 1:41**)
- The meaning of places like Golgotha, Siloam, and Salem.
- So they brought him to the place Golgotha, which means, when translated, **Skull Place**. (**Mark 15:22**)
- And said to him; Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which is translated **Sent forth**. And so he went off and washed, and came back seeing. (**John 9:7**)
- And to whom Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, is first of all, by translation, **King of Righteousness**, and is then also **King of Salem**, that is, **King of Peace**. (**Hebrews 7:2**)
- And translations of the terms, *Tal'i-tha cu'mi* and *E'li, E'li, la'ma sabach-tha'ni?*
- And, taking the hand of the young child, he said to her, Talitha cumi, which, translated, means; **Maiden, I say to you, Get up!** (**Mark 5:41**)
- And at the ninth hour Jesus called out with a loud voice; Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? Which means, when translated; **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** (**Mark 15:34**)
- Matthew first wrote his Gospel account in Hebrew, according to the ancient testimony of Jerome, Eusebius Pamphili, Origen, Irenaeus, and Papias. Who translated this Gospel later into Greek is not known. If Matthew did so himself, as some think, then it is the only known inspired translation of Scripture.

- In classical **Greek** the word *her-me-neu'o* often means **explain, interpret**. In the **Christian Greek Scriptures** it has the meaning, **translate**.
- He led him to Jesus. When Jesus looked upon him he said; You are Simon the son of John; You will be called Cepha, which is translated Peter. (**John 1:42**)
- And said to him; Go wash in the pool of Siloam, which is translated Sent forth. And so he went off and washed, and came back seeing. (**John 9:7**)
- And to whom Abraham apportioned a tenth from all things, is first of all, by translation, King of Righteousness, and is then also king of Salem, that is, King of Peace. (**Hebrews 7:2**)
- It is similar to the name of the Greek god Hermes or Mercury, regarded by ancient mythologists not only as the messenger, envoy, and interpreter for the gods but also the patron of writers, speakers, and translators. The pagans in Lystra called Paul Hermes, since he was the one taking the lead in speaking.
- And they went calling Barnabas Zeus, but Paul Hermes, since he was the one taking the lead in speaking. (**Acts of Apostles 14:12**)
- The **Greek** prefix *me-ta'*, implies **a change**, and so, added to *her-me-neu'o*, the word *me-ther-me-neu'o-mai* results, a word that also occurs several times in the Bible. It means, **change or translate from one language to another**, and is always in the passive voice, as **when translated**.
- Look! The virgin will become pregnant and will give birth to a son, and they will call his name Immanuel, which means, **when translated, With Us Is God**. (**Matthew 1:23**)

•• Interpretation Of Prophecy

- *Di-er-me-neu'o* is a strengthened and intensified form of *her-me-neu'o*. It is usually used in reference to translating languages.
- But in Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which, when translated, means Dorcas. She abounded in good deeds and gifts of mercy that she was rendering. (**Acts of Apostles 9:36**)

- Not all have gifts of healings, do they? Not all speak in tongues, do they? Not all are **translators**, are they? (**1 Corinthians 12:30**)
- But it also signifies **explain fully, interpret fully**. *Di-er-me-neu'o* was therefore the word Luke used in relating how Jesus on the road to Emmaus with two of his disciples commenced with the writings of Moses and the prophets and, **interpreted** to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures.
- The two disciples were later telling others of the experience, how Jesus was, **fully opening up** the Scriptures to them.
- But, look! On that very day two of them were journeying to a village about seven miles distant from Jerusalem and named Emmaus. (**Luke 24:13**)
- And they were conversing with each other over all these things that had come about. (**Luke 24:14**)
- Now as they were conversing and discussing, Jesus himself approached and began walking with them. (**Luke 24:15**)
- So he said to them; O senseless ones and slow in heart to believe on all the things the prophets spoke! (**Luke 24:25**)
- Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into his glory? (**Luke 24:26**)
- And commencing at Moses and all the Prophets he interpreted to them things pertaining to himself in all the Scriptures. (**Luke 24:27**)
- Finally they got close to the village where they were journeying, and he made as if he was journeying on farther. (**Luke 24:28**)
- But they used pressure upon him, saying; Stay with us, because it is toward evening and the day has already declined. With that he went in to stay with them. (**Luke 24:29**)
- And as he was reclining with them at the meal he took the loaf, blessed it, broke it and began to hand it to them. (**Luke 24:30**)
- At that their eyes were fully opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from them. (**Luke 24:31**)

- And they said to each other; Were not our hearts burning as he was speaking to us on the road, as he was fully opening up the Scriptures to us? (**Luke 24:32**)
- *Dy-ser-me'neu-tos*, has an opposite meaning. It was used by Paul and is found only at;
- Concerning him we have much to say and hard to be explained, since you have become dull in your hearing. (**Hebrews 5:11**)
- Meaning, **hard to interpret**, that is, **hard to be explained**.
- Another **Greek** word rendered, **interpretation** is *e-pi'ly-sis*, from the verb literally meaning, **loosen up or release**, hence, explain or solve.
- True prophecy does not find its source in the expressed opinions or **interpretations** of men but, rather, originates with God. Hence Peter writes:
- For you know this first, that no prophecy of Scripture springs from any private **interpretation**. **Greek** *e-pi-ly'se-os* (**2 Peter 1:20**)
- For prophecy was at no time brought by man's will, but men spoke from God as they were borne along by Holy Spirit. (**2 Peter 1:21**)
- Thus, the Bible prophecies were never the product of astute deductions and predictions by men based on their personal analysis of human events or trends.
- The meaning of some prophecies was obvious, hence requiring no **interpretation**, as when the prophet was used to foretell that the Judeans would go into captivity to the king of Babylon for seventy years or that Babylon would become a desolate waste.
- The **time** of the fulfillment, of course, was not always known, though in some cases this, too, was explicitly stated. Many prophecies or particular features of the prophecies, however, were only partially understood at the time of their being given, the full understanding or **interpretation** awaiting God's due time for their being made clear. This was true with some of the prophecies of Daniel and with regard to the Messiah and the sacred secret involving him.

- **And as for you, O Daniel, make secret the words and seal up the book, until the time of the end. Many will rove about, and the true knowledge will become abundant. (Daniel 12:4)**
- **Now as for me, I heard, but I could not understand, so that I said; O my lord, what will be the final part of these things? (Daniel 12:8)**
- **And he went on to say; Go, Daniel, because the words are made secret and sealed up until the time of the end. (Daniel 12:9)**
- **Many will cleanse themselves and whiten themselves and will be refined. And the wicked ones will certainly act wickedly, and no wicked ones at all will understand, but the ones having insight will understand. (Daniel 12:10)**
- **Concerning this very salvation a diligent inquiry and a careful search were made by the prophets who prophesied about the undeserved kindness meant for you. (1 Peter 1:10)**
- **They kept on investigating what particular season or what sort of season the spirit in them was indicating concerning Christ when it was bearing witness beforehand about the sufferings for Christ and about the glories to follow these. (1 Peter 1:11)**
- **It was revealed to them that, not to themselves, but to you, they were ministering the things that have now been announced to you through those who have declared the Good News to you with Holy Spirit sent forth from heaven. Into these very things angels are desiring to peer. (1 Peter 1:12)**
- **All of Egypt's magic-practicing priests and wise men were helpless when it came to interpreting Pharaoh's God-sent dreams. There was no interpreter of them for Pharaoh.**
- **And it came about at the end of two full years that Pharaoh was dreaming and here he was standing by the river Nile. (Genesis 41:1)**
- **And here ascending out of the river Nile were seven cows beautiful in appearance and fat fleshed, and they went feeding among the Nile grass. (Genesis 41:2)**

- And here there were seven other cows ascending after them out of the river Nile, ugly in appearance and thin fleshed, and they took their stand alongside the cows by the bank of the river Nile. (**Genesis 41:3**)
- Then the cows that were ugly in appearance and thin fleshed began to eat up the seven cows that were beautiful in appearance and fat. At this Pharaoh woke up. (**Genesis 41:4**)
- However, he went back to sleep and dreamed a second time. And here there were seven ears of grain coming up on one stalk, fat and good. (**Genesis 41:5**)
- And here there were seven ears of grain, thin and scorched by the east wind, growing up after them. (**Genesis 41:6**)
- And the thin ears of grain began to swallow up the seven fat and full ears of grain. At this Pharaoh woke up and here it was a dream. (**Genesis 41:7**)
- And it developed in the morning that his spirit became agitated. So he sent and called all the magic practicing priests of Egypt and all her wise men, and Pharaoh went on to relate his dreams to them. But there was no interpreter of them for Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:8**)
- It was then brought to Pharaoh's attention that Joseph had successfully interpreted the dreams of Pharaoh's chief cupbearer and chief baker.
- And both of them proceeded to dream a dream, each one his own dream in the one night, each one his dream with its own **interpretation**, the cupbearer and the baker who belonged to the king of Egypt who were prisoners in the prison house. (**Genesis 40:5**)
- When Joseph came in to them in the morning and saw them, why, here they were looking dejected. (**Genesis 40:6**)
- And he began to inquire of the officers of Pharaoh who were with him in the jail of his masters house, saying; For what reason are your faces gloomy today? (**Genesis 40:7**)
- At this they said to him; We have dreamed a dream, and there is

no interpreter with us. So Joseph said to them; Do not **interpretations** belong to God? Relate it to me, please. (**Genesis 40:8**)

- And the chief of the cupbearers went on to relate his dream to Joseph and to say to him; In my dream, why, here there was a vine before me. (**Genesis 40:9**)
- And on the vine there were three twigs, and it was apparently sprouting shoots. Its blossoms pushed forth. Its clusters ripened their grapes. (**Genesis 40:10**)
- And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand, and I proceeded to take the grapes and squeeze them out into Pharaoh's cup. After that I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. (**Genesis 40:11**)
- Then Joseph said to him; This is its **interpretation**. The three twigs are three days. (**Genesis 40:12**)
- In three days from now Pharaoh will lift up your head and he will certainly return you to your office, and you will certainly give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, according to the former custom when you acted as his cupbearer. (**Genesis 40:13**)
- Nevertheless, you must keep me in your remembrance as soon as it goes well with you, and you must, please, perform loving-kindness with me and mention me to Pharaoh, and you must get me out of this house. (**Genesis 40:14**)
- For I was in fact kidnapped from the land of the Hebrews, and here also I have done nothing at all for which they should put me in the prison hole. (**Genesis 40:15**)
- When the chief of the bakers saw that he had interpreted something good, he, in turn, said to Joseph; I too was in my dream, and here there were three baskets of white bread upon my head. (**Genesis 40:16**)
- And in the topmost basket there were all sorts of eatables for Pharaoh, the product of a baker, and there were fowls eating them out of the basket on top of my head. (**Genesis 40:17**)
- Then Joseph answered and said; This is its **interpretation**. The three baskets are three days. (**Genesis 40:18**)

- In three days from now Pharaoh will lift up your head from off you and will certainly hang you upon a stake, and the fowls will certainly eat your flesh from off you. ([Genesis 40:19](#))
- Now on the third day it turned out to be Pharaoh's birthday, and he proceeded to make a feast for all his servants and to lift up the head of the chief of the cupbearers and the head of the chief of the bakers in the midst of his servants. ([Genesis 40:20](#))
- Accordingly he returned the chief of the cupbearers to his post of cupbearer, and he continued to give the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ([Genesis 40:21](#))
- But the chief of the bakers he hung up, just as Joseph had given them the **interpretation**. ([Genesis 40:22](#))
- Then the chief of the cupbearers spoke with Pharaoh, saying; My sins I am mentioning today. ([Genesis 41:9](#))
- Pharaoh was indignant at his servants. So he committed me to the jail of the house of the chief of the bodyguard, both me and the chief of the bakers. ([Genesis 41:10](#))
- After that we both dreamed a dream in the one night, both I and he. We dreamed each one his dream with its own **interpretation**. ([Genesis 41:11](#))
- And there was with us there a young man, a Hebrew, a servant of the chief of the bodyguard. When we related them to him, he proceeded to interpret our dreams to us. He interpreted to each according to his dream. ([Genesis 41:12](#))
- And it turned out that just as he had interpreted to us so it happened. Me he returned to my office, but him he hanged. ([Genesis 41:13](#))
- However, in that connection Joseph had taken no credit to himself but had called their attention to Yehowah as the Interpreter of dreams, saying; Do not **interpretations** belong to God?
- At this they said to him; We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter with us. So Joseph said to them; Do not **interpretations** belong to God? Relate it to me, please. ([Genesis](#)

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- So when called before Pharaoh to interpret the king's dream, Joseph declared; I need not be considered! God will announce welfare to Pharaoh.
- And Pharaoh proceeded to send and to call Joseph, that they might bring him quickly from the prison hole. Hence he shaved and changed his mantles and went in to Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:14**)
- Then Pharaoh said to Joseph; I have dreamed a dream, but there is no interpreter of it. Now I myself have heard it said about you that you can hear a dream and interpret it. (**Genesis 41:15**)
- At this Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying; I need not be considered! God will announce welfare to Pharaoh. (**Genesis 41:16**)
- After hearing the **interpretation**, even Pharaoh acknowledged Joseph to be, one in whom the spirit of God, was found, for God has caused you, Joseph, to know all this.
- So Pharaoh said to his servants; Can another man be found like this one in whom the spirit of God is? (**Genesis 41:38**)
- After that Pharaoh said to Joseph; Since God has caused you to know all this, there is no one as discreet and wise as you are. (**Genesis 41:39**)
- Similarly, Daniel was used by God to make known the **interpretation** of Nebuchadnezzar's dreams. After first praying to God for understanding of the secret and getting the answer in a night vision, Daniel was brought before the king both to recall the forgotten dream and then to give the **interpretation**.
- At that time Daniel, for his part, addressed himself with counsel and sensibleness to Arioch the chief of the king's bodyguard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. (**Daniel 2:14**)
- He was answering and saying to Arioch the officer of the king; For what reason is there such a harsh order on the part of the king? Then it was that Arioch made known the matter itself to Daniel. (**Daniel 2:15**)

- So Daniel himself went in and asked from the king that he should give him time expressly to show the very **interpretation** to the king. (**Daniel 2:16**)
- After that Daniel went to his own house, and to Hananiah, Mishaël and Azariah his companions he made known the matter. (**Daniel 2:17**)
- Even for them to ask for mercies on the part of the God of heaven concerning this secret, in order, that they might not destroy Daniel and his companions with the remainder of the wise men of Babylon. (**Daniel 2:18**)
- Then it was that to Daniel in a night vision the secret was revealed. Consequently Daniel himself blessed the God of heaven. (**Daniel 2:19**)
- Daniel was answering and saying; Let the name of God become blessed from time indefinite even to time indefinite, for wisdom and mightiness, for they belong to him. (**Daniel 2:20**)
- And he is changing times and seasons, removing kings and setting up kings, giving wisdom to the wise ones and knowledge to those knowing discernment. (**Daniel 2:21**)
- He is revealing the deep things and the concealed things, knowing what is in the darkness, and with him the light does dwell. (**Daniel 2:22**)
- To you, O God of my forefathers, I am giving praise and commendation, because wisdom and mightiness you have given to me. And now you have made known to me what we requested of you, for you have made known to us the very matter of the king. (**Daniel 2:23**)
- Because of this Daniel himself went in to Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon. He went, and this is what he said to him; Do not destroy any wise men of Babylon. Take me in before the king, that I may show the **interpretation** itself to the king. (**Daniel 2:24**)
- Then it was that Arioch, in a hurry, took Daniel in before the king, and this is what he said to him; I have found an able-bodied man

- of the exiles of Judah who can make known the **interpretation** itself to the king. (**Daniel 2:25**)
- The king was answering and saying to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar; Are you competent enough to make known to me the dream that I beheld, and its **interpretation**? (**Daniel 2:26**)
 - By way of an introduction, Daniel reminded the king that all his wise men, conjurers, magic-practicing priests, and astrologers were unable to interpret the dream.
 - Daniel was answering before the king and saying; The secret that the king himself is asking, the wise men, the conjurers, the magic-practicing priests and the astrologers themselves are unable to show to the king. (**Daniel 2:27**)
 - However, there exists a God in the heavens who is a Revealer of secrets, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what is to occur in the final part of the days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed, this it is. (**Daniel 2:28**)
 - As for you, O king, on your bed your own thoughts came up as regards what is to occur after this, and the One who is the Revealer of secrets has made known to you what is to occur. (**Daniel 2:29**)
 - And as for me, it is not through any wisdom that exists in me more than in any others alive that this secret is revealed to me, except to the intent that the **interpretation** may be made known to the king himself and that the thoughts of your heart you may know. (**Daniel 2:30**)
 - On a second occasion, when all the magic-practicing priests, conjurers, Chaldeans, and astrologers were unable to interpret the king's dream concerning the great tree that was cut down, Daniel was again called in, and again the divine origin of the prophecy was emphasized. In virtual acknowledgment of this fact, the king said to Daniel;
 - I, Nebuchadnezzar, happened to be at ease in my house and flourishing in my palace. (**Daniel 4:4**)
 - There was a dream that I beheld, and it began to make me afraid. And there were mental images upon my bed and visions

of my head that began to frighten me. ([Daniel 4:5](#))

- And from me an order was being put through to bring in before me all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known to me the very **interpretation** of the dream. ([Daniel 4:6](#))
- At that time the magic-practicing priests, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the astrologers were entering, and I was saying before them what the dream was, but its **interpretation** they were not making known to me. ([Daniel 4:7](#))
- And at last there came in before me Daniel, whose name is Belteshazzar according to the name of my god and in whom there is the spirit of the holy gods, and before him I said what the dream was. ([Daniel 4:8](#))
- O Belteshazzar the chief of the magic-practicing priests, because I myself well know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you and that there is no secret at all that is troubling you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have beheld and its **interpretation**. ([Daniel 4:9](#))
- Now the visions of my head upon my bed I happened to be beholding, and, look! A tree in the midst of the earth, the height of which was immense. ([Daniel 4:10](#))
- The tree grew up and became strong, and its very height finally reached the heavens, and it was visible to the extremity of the whole earth. ([Daniel 4:11](#))
- Its foliage was fair, and its fruit was abundant, and there was food for all on it. Under it the beast of the field would seek shade, and on its boughs the birds of the heavens would dwell, and from it all flesh would feed itself. ([Daniel 4:12](#))
- I continued beholding in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, look! A watcher, even a holy one, coming down from the heavens themselves. ([Daniel 4:13](#))
- He was calling out loudly, and this is what he was saying; Chop the tree down, and cut off its boughs. Shake off its foliage, and scatter its fruitage. Let the beast flee from under it, and the birds from its boughs. ([Daniel 4:14](#))

- However, leave its rootstock itself in the earth, even with a banding of iron and of copper, among the grass of the field, and with the dew of the heavens let it be wet, and with the beast let its portion be among the vegetation of the earth. (**Daniel 4:15**)
- Let its heart be changed from that of mankind, and let the heart of a beast be given to it, and let seven times pass over it. (**Daniel 4:16**)
- By the decree of watchers the thing is, and by the saying of holy ones the request is, to the intent that people living may know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind and that to the one whom he wants to, he gives it and he sets up over it even the lowliest one of mankind. (**Daniel 4:17**)
- This was the dream that I myself, King Nebuchadnezzar, beheld, and you yourself, O Belteshazzar, say what the **interpretation** is, forasmuch as all the other wise men of my kingdom are unable to make known to me the interpretation itself. But you are competent, because the spirit of holy gods is in you. (**Daniel 4:18**)
- This is the **interpretation**, O king, and the decree of the Most High is that which must befall my lord the king. (**Daniel 4:24**)
- Years later, on the very night in which Babylon fell to the Medes and Persians, this aging servant of Yehowah, Daniel, was once again called upon to interpret a divine message for a king.
- This time a mysterious hand had written Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin on the palace wall during Belshazzar's feast. All the wise men of Babylon proved unable to interpret the cryptic writing.
- The queen mother then recalled that Daniel was still available, the one, in whom there is the spirit of holy gods, as well as, illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of gods.
- In **interpreting** the writing, which was really a prophecy in itself, Daniel once again magnified Yehowah as the God of true prophecy.
- As regards Belshazzar the king, he made a big feast for a thousand of his grandees, and in front of the thousand he was drinking wine. (**Daniel 5:1**)

- At that moment the fingers of a man's hand came forth and were writing in front of the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the palace of the king, and the king was beholding the back of the hand that was writing. ([Daniel 5:5](#))
- At that time, as regards the king, his very complexion was changed in him, and his own thoughts began to frighten him, and his hip joints were loosening and his very knees were knocking each other. ([Daniel 5:6](#))
- The king was calling out loudly to bring in the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the astrologers. The king was answering and saying to the wise men of Babylon; Any man that will read this writing and show me its very **interpretation**, with purple he will be clothed, with a necklace of gold about his neck, and as the third one in the kingdom he will rule. ([Daniel 5:7](#))
- At that time all the wise men of the king were coming in, but they were not competent enough to read the writing itself or to make known to the king the **interpretation**. ([Daniel 5:8](#))
- Consequently King Belshazzar was very much frightened and his complexion was changing within him, and his grandees were perplexed. ([Daniel 5:9](#))
- As regards the queen, because of the words of the king and his grandees she entered right into the banqueting hall. The queen answered and said; O king, keep living even to times indefinite. Do not let your thoughts frighten you, nor let your complexion be changed. ([Daniel 5:10](#))
- There exists a capable man in your kingdom in whom there is the spirit of holy gods, and in the days of your father illumination and insight and wisdom like the wisdom of gods were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar your father himself set him up as chief of the magic-practicing priests, the conjurers, the Chaldeans and the astrologers, even your father, O king. ([Daniel 5:11](#))
- Forasmuch as an extraordinary spirit and knowledge and insight to interpret dreams and the explanation of riddles and the untying of knots had been found in him, in Daniel, whom the king himself named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel himself be called, that he may show the very **interpretation**. ([Daniel 5:12](#))

- Accordingly Daniel himself was brought in before the king. The king was speaking up and saying to Daniel; Are you the Daniel that is of the exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? (**Daniel 5:13**)
- I have also heard concerning you that the spirit of gods is in you, and illumination and insight and wisdom extraordinary have been found in you. (**Daniel 5:14**)
- And now there have been brought in before me the wise men and the conjurers, that they may read this very writing, even to make known to me its **interpretation**, but they are not competent enough to show the very interpretation of the word. (**Daniel 5:15**)
- And I myself have heard concerning you, that you are able to furnish **interpretations** and to untie knots themselves. Now, if you are able to read the writing and to make known to me its very interpretation, with purple you will be clothed, with a necklace of gold around your neck, and as the third one in the kingdom you will rule. (**Daniel 5:16**)
- At that time Daniel was answering and saying before the king; Let your gifts prove to be to you yourself, and your presents do you give to others. However, I shall read the writing itself to the king, and the **interpretation** I shall make known to him. (**Daniel 5:17**)
- As for you, O king, the Most High God himself gave to Nebuchadnezzar your father the kingdom and the greatness and the dignity and the majesty. (**Daniel 5:18**)
- And because of the greatness that He gave him, all peoples, national groups and languages proved to be quaking and showing fear before him. Whom he happened to want to, he was killing, and whom he happened to want to, he was striking, and whom he happened to want to, he was exalting, and whom he happened to want to, he was humiliating. (**Daniel 5:19**)
- But when his heart became haughty and his own spirit became hard, so as to act presumptuously, he was brought down from the throne of his kingdom, and his own dignity was taken away from him. (**Daniel 5:20**)

- **And from the sons of mankind he was driven away, and his very heart was made like that of a beast, and with the wild asses his dwelling was. Vegetation they would give him to eat just like bulls, and with the dew of the heavens his own body got to be wet, until he knew that the Most High God is Ruler in the kingdom of mankind, and that the one whom he wants to, he sets up over it. (Daniel 5:21)**
- **And as for you, his son Belshazzar, you have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this. (Daniel 5:22)**
- **But against the Lord of the heavens you exalted yourself, and they brought before you even the vessels of his house, and you yourself and your grandees, your concubines and your secondary wives have been drinking wine from them, and you have praised mere gods of silver and of gold, copper, iron, wood and stone, that are beholding nothing or hearing nothing or knowing nothing, but the God in whose hand your breath is and to whom all your ways belong you have not glorified. (Daniel 5:23)**
- **Consequently from before him there was being sent the back of a hand, and this very writing was inscribed. (Daniel 5:24)**
- **And this is the writing that was inscribed. Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin. (Daniel 5:25)**
- **This is the **interpretation** of the word; Mene, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and has finished it. (Daniel 5:26)**
- **Tekel, you have been weighed in the balances and have been found deficient. (Daniel 5:27)**
- **Peres, your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and the Persians. (Daniel 5:28)**