

Dream – Highway 61

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Re: Six Days and on the Seventh

December 6, 1998

In the middle of the night of December 6, 1998, I had a vivid dream and a song on my heart, based on 1 John 3:1, which, contextually, speaks of sonship.

My wife and I were driving around a town, trying to get out of it. It seemed that every way we turned, there were roadblocks. As we worked our way out of town, we took a meal to an elderly sister whom we knew. Her name was Helen and she was 103 years of age. We eventually worked our way out of the town and inquired which way to go. Someone pointed to the left and told us we needed to get on a certain highway. I looked down the road and there was a blue and red interstate sign with the number 61 on it. We headed for the sign, as if we were heading out of town, and the dream ended.

First, a little background is needed. On December 4, we made plane reservations for our fourth trip to Ghana; however, on the night of December 5, my wife and I both became unsettled about the trip, which led us to wonder if, perhaps, we had missed the Lord's will.

Immediately upon waking from the dream, I got out of bed and inquired of the Lord for its meaning. He specifically directed me to get a calendar and count out 61 workdays, excluding weekends and holidays. I counted them the first time and could not believe my eyes. I counted it two more times to make sure that I had done it correctly. There it was as clear as could be—March 4, 1999, the date that we had already booked to fly to Ghana.

As great as this confirmation was, this was only part of the message of the dream.

Our assembly was divided into groups, and each group was responsible for caring for the needs of the brothers and sisters in the group, which included taking the Lord's Supper to those who were unable to leave their homes due to illness. As it turned out, in January 1999, it was our turn to serve Helen. This is an important point; we did not do this to fulfill the dream. It was simply our turn, and we were fulfilling our responsibility out of love. At the time, we did not even recall the dream. We took her "a meal," as I had dreamed. On February 16, 1999, she fell asleep in the loving arms of her Jesus. According to the dream, after the meal, we would be heading out of town and toward Highway 61, signifying our departure to Ghana.

But there was more, for before March 4th, I had to inform my boss that I was going on the trip and, afterward, I was resigning from my job. After inquiring of the Lord for ten years, I knew that it was time to come out of secular work. In many respects, I felt the Lord telling me that my job with this particular company was over. However, I still did not know what date to select for my official resignation. So, I met with my manager and explained the entire matter and even shared my personal testimony. He agreed to allow me to take a month off and told me to enjoy the trip and to see him when I returned; if I still wanted to resign, then we would discuss it.

When we returned from Ghana, I went to work, still not knowing the date of my resignation. I met with my boss and informed him that I was leaving, but I still did not have a date of departure. I offered to train a replacement for my position and not leave until this had been accomplished. I was at peace that waiting a while longer was in the Lord's will.

A dear sister in the Lord worked in my group, and we were very close in spirit. She was part of the same assembly, so we had much in common, and the Lord often used her to encourage me.

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I went to her one day and said: “I don’t know what date to set for my resignation. I feel that it should be by the end of May, but what date should I select?” She answered, “June 1.” So I typed up my resignation for June 1, 1999.

After I left, sometime in the latter part of June, we were sitting in worship service, and the spirit of God revealed to me that the date of my resignation was also in the dream. Call me dull if you wish, but it never occurred to me that June 1 was actually 6-1 or together the number 61. This was the Lord's doing.

Again, there is more to the significance of the dream.

The same night that I received the dream and I inquired of its meaning, the Lord revealed to me that the number 61 was a combination of the numbers 6 and 1. The number 6 is the number of man and speaks of the completion of man’s work. The number 7 is one of the numbers of perfection and speaks of the completion of that which is in view. It is also God’s number of rest and spiritual perfection. God restored this ruined earth in six days and rested on the seventh.

Thus, according to the dream, I had only 61 more days of work, which is why the weekends and holidays were excluded. The Lord was telling us that when we stepped on that plane, my job (work) was completed. It was very true, for when March 4th came, the job had become so easy and was running so smoothly that there was little left for me to do. I was bored! I had been blessed to manage an exceptional group of people that were some of the best in their profession.

Finally, in the days that followed, the Lord began to reveal to me that the number 61 signified something even much greater. It spoke of God's plan for the restoration of the present earth and heaven that will come in the 7th day, the Kingdom Age of 1,000 years (Revelation 20:5-7).

God saw all that He had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (Genesis 1:31 NASB)

(1) Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. (2) By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. (3) Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made. (4) This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made earth and heaven. (Genesis 2:1-4 NASB)

The glory of the LORD rested on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; and on the seventh day He called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. (Exodus 24:16 NASB)

These verses are both historical and prophetic, for God has set 6,000 years (6 days) for Man's Day followed by 1,000 years (1 day or the 7th day) for the Lord's Day, a day in which **the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea** (Habakkuk 2:14 NASB).

Thus, the dream moved from simply a personal prophecy to a prophetic revelation of God's plan and purpose for man and the earth upon which we live.