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## **Religious Spirit: Warning and Strategy Dream**

Vashti and I were in a house with a glass wall and an open glass patio door. Outside the glass wall was a very long anaconda snake. I could clearly see the snake through the glass wall. Vashti was on the inside of the glass wall, right by the open door where the head of the snake was. We couldn't close the door because the snake was right up against the glass wall and trying to put its head inside the open door. I saw Vashti was so close to the snake, so I tried to get behind her and pull her away from the open door. But she was not understanding how serious the situation was and was not moving quickly, so I jumped in front of her and faced the snake. It kept up and bit my right index finger (the pointer finger, which symbolizes the prophetic) five or six times. When I woke up, I immediately thought of the verse Matt. 16:3, where Jesus says to Peter "Get behind Me, Satan!"

When I had the dream, I was in Lindale, Texas doing an "Eyes & Wings Prophetic Conference" in Lindale, Texas with Chuck Pierce and Patricia King. I told Chuck about the dream and he said that he was just with some prophets and they were discussing what it means when a snake bites a prophet in a dream. They said that it is a religious spirit.

My thoughts from the dream:

I believe that the dream was speaking both about the area Lindale, TX that I was in (home of Agape Force, Last Days Ministries, Teen Mania, Mercy Ships with YWAM – all ministries who work with the younger generation) and a principality over the region of a religious spirit that is trying to take the next generation out.

But I also felt that it was about a spirit that took that next generation of prophetic ministry leaders out (Keith Green died there, Teen Mania went bankrupt, Mercy ships separated from YWAM, Agape Force went into that deception of excessive submission). The snake was so long that I could not even see the end of it past the glass wall. Since it was Vashti and I in the dream, I felt that it represented or the next generation of prophetic and the mother/father, and since it was through glass windows and doors, I felt it was a religious spirit trying to attack the prophetic ministries - ministries carrying the revelation of the wineskins for this next season (symbolized by the glass house – windows and glass walls speak of the prophetic). Because I immediately got the verse Matt. 16:3, I felt it was a demonic spirit that was attacking the prophetic to take it away from its true destiny. It uses the mouths of real believers to speak demonically against the true calling. (see the context of Matt. 16:1–6). However, Jesus later tells Peter: "I will build my church on you (this rock)", so I believe that if we persevere, we can see even the brothers that were used to attack the prophetic turn and embrace it. The fact that I was bitten 5 or 6 times means that there has been a number of separate attacks on the prophetic in the nation by a religious spirit.

However, the corollary is that verse that we proclaimed in Jean Calvin's cathedral on 12/12/12 in Geneva, that if we strike the ground 5 or 6 times, we will completely destroy our enemy (2 Kings 3:19). Perseverance in striking the ground, mother's and father's protecting and walking with this next generation and taking the hits for them.

**"If you don't quit, you win."**