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The
**North, South
East and West
Wind**

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The North, South, East and West Wind.

FOUR WINDS AND WHAT THEY SYMBOLISE

Following are some facts concerning the four winds and what they signify:

- Though the earth is round and globular, it is presented as a vast plain with four prominent corners, being north, south, east, and west, so it is natural to speak of four winds coming from the four corners of the world, symbolising the entire globe
- Since the wind blows from every quarter of the earth it is also common to every language to speak of it as coming from the four principal points of the compass (north south, east, and west).
- The wind blows in different directions, but there is only one wind, so the expression, "the four winds," does not mean that there are four separate and different winds, but that the one wind sometimes blows from four different directions (i.e., north, south east and west).
- Strong, violent, and destructive winds throw down buildings, wreck, and sink ships in the sea, and pull up trees by the roots, so the statement, "the four winds are held back," carry the idea that great destructive calamities are being delayed.

The following verses show that the four winds are primarily symbols of wars and calamities:

- **Jeremiah 49:36-37:** I will bring upon Elam the four winds from the four quarters of heaven. And I will scatter them to all those winds, and there shall be no nation to which those driven out of Elam shall not come. ³⁷I will terrify Elam before their enemies and before those who seek their life. I will bring disaster upon them, my fierce anger, declares the LORD. I will send the sword after them, until I have consumed them.

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Here the four winds from the four quarters of heaven refer to the destruction of Elam by an amalgamation of powerful nations and the people being scattered amongst the nations.

- **Jeremiah 51:1-2:** Thus says the LORD; Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind; ²And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.

Here the destroying wind is an emblem of destruction and war, these verses show that the two, primary symbolism of the four winds are:

1. After the opening of the sixth seal and before the opening of the seventh there would be a state of things that are represented by rising tempests and storms, which if unrestrained would bring about widespread desolation.
2. This impending destruction and ruin were suspended as if by angels having control of the winds, it is as if some restraining power, circumstance, or cause (political or otherwise) beyond the armies of a nations control is keeping them from attacking a kingdom.

The judgments about to descend on the earth, the sea and the trees can be taken to be the answers to the following prayers of the martyrs under the fifth seal.

- They (the martyrs) cried out with a loud voice, "O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10).

The first six seals primarily tell of the churches suffering under the aggressive and cruel persecution of the Roman emperors, but the opening of the seventh and last seal in the next chapter; shows that the church has more to suffer.

FOUR WINDS IN THE BOOK OF DANIEL

- Daniel declared, "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea. ³ And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. (Daniel 7:2-3)
- **Of heaven:** signifies the great nations are under the control of God.
- **The great sea:** signifies the population of the world.
- **Stirring up the great sea:** signifies the four great nations affecting and stirring up the populations of the world in different ways.

Out of the sea: signifies four kings arising up from the populations of the world.

In the context of this chapter the four winds: signify four great kings and their nations.

- **The first beast:** like a lion with eagle's wings, signifies, Babylon.
- **The second beast:** like a bear, signifies, Media Persia.
- **The third beast:** like a leopard, signifies, Greece.
- **The fourth beast:** like a strong lion with iron teeth and ten horns, out of which came a little horn that spoke great things, signifies, Rome.

Continuing in the chapter we are told that these four great beasts are four kings who will arise out of the earth and whose dominion will continue for a season, until one like the son of man comes with the clouds of heaven (signifying the resurrected redeemed), who is given an everlasting dominion and glory and a kingdom in which all peoples, nations, and languages will serve him.

Daniel desired to know the truth concerning what he had seen, and the angel told him:

The little horn: (signifying the Popes of the Roman Papal Church) will make war with the saints (i.e., followers of Christ).

The fourth beast kingdom: with iron teeth (signifying the empire of Rome) will devour the whole earth.

Out of the fourth beast kingdom: ten kingdoms would arise.

The little horn: (signifying the Popes of the Roman Papal Church) will arise during the time of the ten beast kingdoms speak great things, meaning, by his skillful speeches he will deceive a great portion of the world's population, and when Christ returns entice the antichristian ten

horned beast nations to go to war against the Lord Jesus Christ who at this time is reigning at Jerusalem as King of kings and Lord of lords. They go up against Christ and are supernaturally destroyed.

Judgment will come: after the destruction of the ten horned beast nations, the kingdoms of the world will be given to Christ and those with him, and the kingdoms of the world will become the kingdom of Christ, for an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

HOLDING BACK THE FOUR WINDS

- **Revelation 7:1:** After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree.

Though there are various views amongst theologians concerning what these four angels are holding back. The most likely view is that throughout history the four angles have been holding back the following things from utterly-destroying Israel and the Christian faith:

- Persecution against Israel and the Christian church.
- The four kings of Babylon, Persia, Greece, and Rome.
- The four Roman emperors, Maximinus, Galerius, Maxentius and Licinius who reigned after Dioclesian and Maximianus.
- Mahomet and the Turks in the east, who rose up-against Christianity by violence and war.
- The kings of France and Spain in the west who brought great destruction by war and fire against faithful Christians.
- The Popes, cardinals, bishops, priests who by their decrees, anathemas, sermons, false doctrines and lying miracles have corrupted much of the Christian church.
- Natural storms, disasters, and calamities, such as earthquakes, hurricanes, and famine etc.

It appears, "the four angels holding back the four winds (north, south, east, and west)," signify angels that have, throughout history, and still are holding back nations, armies, kings, rulers and natural disasters and calamities that have the potential to totally-destroy the nation Israel and the Christian faith.

SUMMARY OF WHAT THE FOUR WINDS SYMBOLISE

In the same way that strong winds uproot trees and blow their branches bare of leaves and fruit, wind symbolizes great calamities sweeping over the earth bringing vast ruin and destruction. Powerfully strong winds (i.e., tornados and hurricanes etc.) destroy villages, towns and cities, and the cause of storms, that bring ruin and destruction, which is why they are used in Scripture to symbolise, armies, wars, and the fall of powerful kings and their nations.

When the word mighty is added to wind, it signifies, a vast host of mighty and powerful armies.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.

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