

# Blowing In The Wind

# “Wind” in contexts

- Wind chill index...jet stream...even sermons
- “Get wind of something”
- “How the wind blows” – public opinion
- “Take wind out of one’s sails”
- “Wind” can mean mere talk, idle words
- “Blowing in the wind”
  - God’s protest song against sins of Judah

# I. Biblical Winds

# Winds In Scripture

- Gn.8:1, after the Flood
- Ex.15:10, against Egypt
- Eccl.1:6, circulation
- Prov.25:23, north wind
- 1 Kg.18:43-44, moisture from Mediterranean
- Lk.12:55, south wind = hot weather

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## II. East Wind *(most mentioned in Scripture)*

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- Dried up springs of water, Ho.13:15
- Got attention of a prophet, Jon.(1:4); 4:8
  - But she was plucked up in fury, She was cast down to the ground, And the east wind dried her fruit. Her strong branches were broken and withered; The fire consumed them – Ezk.19:12

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- East wind is violent, Jer.18:17 (22:22)
  - Carries away the wicked, Job 27:21
  - Shattered ships of Tarshish, Ps.48:7

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**III.** Lessons From The Wind



## 1. Prov.30:1-4

- Wisdom literature often begins with an ad.
- Agur does the opposite
- Questions emphasize man's limitations (as Job 38-39)
  - Ec.7:29
  - 1 Co.8:2

## 2. Matt.11:...7

- John did not let contrary winds silence his message or squelch his faith.
- Mt.11 describes winds of opposition
- If only all disciples were like John
  - Peter: Mk.6:...48...51
  - John, Mk.6 . . . Mt.11

### 3. Jn.3:...8

- Wind is invisible; we see its effects
- New birth is like wind . . .
  - Cannot see sins floating on water
  - Can see its effects in new life
- Ac.9:26-27
- 1 Pt.1:22-2:3

### 3. Jn.3:...8

- Proof is in the pudding –
  - Mt.7:25...27
  - Ps.1:4
  - Ac.2:2 (2 Pt.1:21)
  - Ezk.37:9-14
  - If no changes follow, all is in vain, Ro.6

## 4. Ja. 1:6

- Wind pictures a doubter (5-8)
  - Faith: settled trust, confidence in God
  - Doubt: at variance with oneself
    - Doubters are unsteady: they waver.
      - 1 K.18:...21
    - World applauds the doubter; James views doubt with disgust.
    - Doubters have a divided heart, Mt.22:37

## 5. Ja.3:4, rudder

- Sails use wind for power to move; rudders determine direction
  - Ho.8:7
    - Winds can be dangerous to sailors, but they would perish without them
  - Ac.27
  - Ep.4:14
  - 1 Tim.1:19-20
  - Jd.12
- Mt.7:22
- Lk.16:24

# Conclusion

- “I cannot change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination”