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The Fifth Wind

Introduction

The Four Angels are holding back the Four Winds of Strife

Why?

The four winds of strife are first pictured in Daniel 7 where the great winds give rise to the forces of the beasts rising out of the tempestuous sea. These winds represent the destructive forces of Satan, designed to bring ruin and destruction upon the earth where they increase to hurricane force as the last beast arises out of the sea.

“In accidents and calamities by sea and by land, in great conflagrations, in fierce tornadoes and terrific hailstorms, in tempests, floods, cyclones, tidal waves, and earthquakes, in every place and in a thousand forms, Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous.” **FLB p328**

“As the angels of God cease to hold in check the fierce winds of human passion, all the elements of strife will be let loose. The whole world will be involved in ruin more terrible than that which came upon Jerusalem of old.” **FLB p 215**

But God’s protective power holds back these destructive powers. The four angels of Revelation 7 are employed to holding in check the designs of the mastermind of evil.

“These angels are belting the world, refusing Satan his claims to supremacy, made because of the vast multitude of his adherents. We hear not the voices, we see not with the natural sight the work of these angels, but their hands are linked about the world, and with sleepless vigilance they are keeping the armies of Satan at bay till the sealing of God’s people shall be accomplished.” **HP p 98**

They are given the work of keeping back the raging power of him who has come down like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. (EGW supplementary material in Revelation 5)

After a whole series of doomsayer articles, I come to my favorite wind. There is another powerful wind that blows while the four winds of strife are being held back. It is the powerful wind of rushing air from the wings of a fifth mighty angel who swiftly flies from the throne of the Father, carrying a great seal in his hand.

For the month of February and March, we will concentrate on that mighty wind.

Stay tuned and blessings to all, ***Ken Crawford***