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The Four Winds

Part 1: *Introduction*

Bible Prophecy is like a flaming torch lighting up the dark road of history in advance. It has been given to God's people so that they can understand the times in which they live and prepare their hearts for the next step in the Great Controversy.

God has given us these great prophetic time-lines, in advance, for encouragement and hope. From generation to generation this torch of hope is passed from one hand to the next, sometimes flaming high and spreading like fire, other times just burning embers, but never extinguished. Amos 3:7 tells us that *"God does nothing without revealing it to His servants the prophets."*

Revelation 7: 1- 3 has this to say about the four winds:

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. ²Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: ³"Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God."

I have come to the conclusion that the four winds of strife are cataclysmic events that happen just before the beginning of the time of trouble. I believe we are seeing the imperceptible loosening of these winds in the hands of the angels. From my study of Scripture and the *Spirit of Prophecy*, I consider them to be catastrophic events in four distinct areas of our lives.

1. Natural disasters
2. Financial meltdown
3. Political anarchy
4. Religious intolerance

Here are some further quotes:

Daystar 1846

"Then I saw the four angels cease to hold back the four winds of strife. I saw famine, pestilence, and sword. Nation rose against nation and the whole world was in confusion.

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The law of God is made void. We see and hear of confusion and perplexity, want and famine, earthquakes and floods; terrible outrages will be committed by men; passion, not reason, bears sway. The wrath of God is upon the inhabitants of the world, who are fast becoming as corrupt as were the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. Already fire and flood are destroying thousands of lives and the property that has been selfishly accumulated by the oppression of the poor. The Lord is soon to cut short His work and put an end to sin. Oh, that the scenes which have come before me of the iniquities practiced in these last days, might make a deep impression on the minds of God's professing people. As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be when the Son of man shall be revealed. The Lord is removing His restrictions from the earth, and soon there will be death and destruction, increasing crime, and cruel, evil working against the rich who have exalted themselves against the poor. Those who are without God's protection will find no safety in any place or position. Human agents are being trained and are using their inventive power to put in operation the most powerful machinery to wound and to kill.

6T.408

The restraining Spirit of God is even now being withdrawn from the world. Hurricanes, storms, tempests, fire and flood, disasters by sea and land, follow each other in quick succession. Science seeks to explain all these. The signs thickening around us, telling of the near approach of the Son of God, are attributed to any other than the true cause. Men cannot discern the sentinel angels restraining the four winds that they shall not blow until the servants of God are sealed; but when God shall bid His angels loose the winds, there will be such a scene of strife as no pen can picture.

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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.

Recently, I addressed the first of these winds of strife in my articles on finances and now I would like to spend some time on the second area concerning religion.

Note: I give these thoughts with an understanding that they are of my own study and may or may not be in agreement with some of your own study or the study of scholars. It is not the role of the pastor or theologian to interpret scripture for you, you must study for yourself. If you will advance in knowledge, you must learn to study deeper than just devotional study. Learn to compare scripture with scripture, and then discuss your findings so that others may compare. Please read with caution as I am not a theologian or an authority in any way on interpretation of the prophetic word. If you want someone to interpret scripture for you, there are many people out there who are more than willing to tell you what to believe and how to think.

Next week: Part 2: The Setting

Blessings, *Ken Crawford*