

IN THE WAKE OF THE WIND

⁴ Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what [is] his name, and what [is] his son's name, if thou canst tell?

Proverbs 30:4 KJV

²¹ And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go [back] by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry [land], and the waters were divided.

Exodus 14:21 KJV

I. In the wake of the wind, there was a way where there had never been a way before.

A. Jesus, alone, opens doors that have been closed to you.
(Revelation 3:7,8)

⁷ "To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. ⁸ I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

B. Doors will open of their own accord. (Acts 12:5-11)

⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. ⁶ The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two

soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. ⁷ Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. “Quick, get up!” he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, “Put on your clothes and sandals.” And Peter did so. “Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,” the angel told him. ⁹ Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

C. Doors that refuse to open on their own will be forced open by God. (Acts 16:25-34)

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before

Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved--you and your household.” ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God--he and his whole household.

II. In the wake of the wind, things that have never been seen before are seen.

A. New terrain, miracles, hope, and signs that have never been seen before will be revealed. (Isaiah 48:6,7)

⁶ You have heard these things; look at them all. Will you not admit them? “From now on I will tell you of new things, of hidden things unknown to you. ⁷ They are created now, and not long ago; you have not heard of them before today. So you cannot say, ‘Yes, I knew of them.’

B. Water had never been squeezed from a rock before. (Exodus 17:5,6)

⁵ The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

C. Men had never survived fire before. (Daniel 3)

D. A man had never survived starving lions before. (Daniel 7)

III. In the wake of the wind, problems that have endured generationally will be ended in one night.

A. God is about to break multi-generational curses that have nothing to do with you.

(II Kings 2:19-22)

¹⁹ The people of the city said to Elisha, “Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.” ²⁰ “Bring me a new bowl,” he said, “and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. ²¹ Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, “This is what the LORD says: ‘I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.’” ²² And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.

B. Elisha was given the power to override even a curse of God. (Joshua 6:26)

²⁶ At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: “Cursed before the LORD is the one who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: “At the cost of his firstborn son he will lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest he will set up its gates.”

IV. In the wake of the wind, God himself will fight against the enemies of his people. (Deuteronomy 28:7; Isaiah 41:10-13; Psalm 68:1-3)

[Deu 28:7 NIV] ⁷ *The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will*

come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

[Isa 41:10-13 NIV] ¹⁰ *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* ¹¹

“All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish.” ¹² *Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all.* ¹³ *For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.*

[Psa 68:1-3 NIV] ¹ *For the director of music. Of David. A psalm. A song. May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee before him.* ² *May you blow them away like smoke--as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.* ³ *But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful.*

V. In the wake of the wind, premature death is postponed. (The daughter of Jairus—Mark 5; The son of the widow of Nain—Luke 7; Lazarus—John 11)

* In one night, they went from feeling they were going to die to complete deliverance.

VI. In the wake of the wind a complete victory was suddenly realized.

* Everything against them was finally and completely reversed, and they never went back again.

VII. In the wake of the wind, new song was given.
(Exodus 15:1-11)

¹ *Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:*

“I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. ² “The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. ³ The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴ Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵ The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷ “In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸ By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹ The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’ ¹⁰ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹ Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you--majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?