

~WIND (553)

[Hebrew, *ru'ach*, Greek, *Pneu'ma*]

.. Yehowah God Is The Creator Of The Wind

.. Figurative Use

- The Hebrew word *ru'ach*, often rendered, spirit, can also denote air in motion, wind.
- The **wind** is going to the south, and it is circling around to the north. Round and round it is continually circling, and right back to its circlings the wind is returning. (**Ecclesiastes 1:6**)
- Other Hebrew terms and expressions may be translated, **storm wind**.
- For it is **wind** that they keep sowing, and a **storm wind** is what they will reap. Nothing has standing grain. No sprout produces flour. Should any perhaps produce it, strangers themselves will swallow it down. (**Hosea 8:7**)
- Tempest, whirling tempest,
- This is what Yehowah of armies has said; Look! A calamity is going forth from nation to nation, and a **great tempest** itself will be roused up from the remotest parts of the earth. (**Jeremiah 25:32**)
- Look! The **windstorm** of Yehowah, rage itself, will certainly go forth, even a **whirling tempest**. Upon the head of the wicked ones it will **whirl itself**. (**Jeremiah 23:19**)
- **Tempestuous wind**, and **windstorm**.
- You fire and hail, snow and thick smoke, you **tempestuous wind**, accomplishing his word. (**Psalms 148:8**)
- And it came about that as they were walking along, speaking as they walked, why, look! A fiery war chariot and fiery horses, and they proceeded to make a separation between them both, and Elijah went ascending in the **windstorm** to the heavens. (**2 Kings 2:11**)

- Although at;
- The **wind** blows where it wants to, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from and where it is going. So is everyone that has been born from the spirit. (**John 3:8**)
- *Pneu'ma*, generally translated, **spirit**, means, **wind**, the **Greek** term *a'ne-mos* is the more frequently used designation for **wind**.
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the **winds** blew and lashed against that house, but it did not cave in, for it had been founded upon the rock-mass. (**Matthew 7:25**)
- And the rain poured down and the floods came and the **winds** blew and struck against that house and it caved in, and its collapse was great. (**Matthew 7:27**)
- While these were on their way, Jesus started to say to the crowds respecting John; What did you go out into the wilderness to behold? A reed being tossed by a **wind**? (**Matthew 11:7**)
- Also, the sea began to be stirred up because a strong **wind** was blowing. (**John 6:18**)
- The breezy part, **Hebrew**, *ru'ach*, of the day apparently referred to the evening hours just before sunset, when refreshing cool breezes commonly arise in the region where the garden of Eden is thought to have been.
- Later they heard the voice of Yehowah God walking in the garden about the breezy part of the day, and the man and his wife went into hiding from the face of Yehowah God in between the trees of the garden. (**Genesis 3:8**)

See Also SPIRIT

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- For, look! The Former of the mountains and the Creator of the **wind**, and the One telling to earthling man what his mental concern is, the One making dawn into obscurity, and the One treading on earth's high places, Yehowah the God of armies is his name. (**Amos 4:13**)

- **Though not literally in it;**
- **But it said; Go out, and you must stand on the mountain before Yehowah. And, look! Yehowah was passing by, and a great and strong **wind** was rending mountains and breaking crags before Yehowah. Yehowah was not in the wind. And after the wind there was a quaking. Yehowah was not in the quaking. (1 Kings 19:11)**
- **And Yehowah proceeded to answer Job out of the **wind**storm and say. (Job 38:1)**
- **And Yehowah went on to answer Job out of the **wind**storm and say. (Job 40:6)**
- **The One building his upper chambers with beams in the very waters, making the clouds his chariot, walking upon the wings of the **wind**. (Psalms 104:3)**
- **God can control the **wind** and use it to serve his purposes, as when he employed it as an agent to cause the waters of the Flood to subside.**
- **After that God remembered Noah and every wild beast and every domestic animal that was with him in the ark, and God caused a **wind** to pass over the earth, and the waters began to subside. (Genesis 8:1)**
- **Moses now stretched his hand out over the sea, and Yehowah began making the sea go back by a strong east **wind** all night long and converting the sea basin into dry ground, and the waters were being split apart. (Exodus 14:21)**
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- **He began making an east **wind** burst forth in the heavens and making a south wind blow by his own strength. (Psalms 78:26)**
- **How he says the word and causes a tempestuous **wind** to arise, so that it lifts up its waves. (Psalms 107:25)**

- He causes the **wind**storm to stand at a calm, so that the waves of the sea keep quiet. (**Psalms 107:29**)
- He is causing vapors to ascend from the extremity of the earth, he has made even sluices for the rain, he is bringing forth the **wind** from his storehouses. (**Psalms 135:7**)
- He sends forth his word and melts them. He causes his **wind** to blow, the waters trickle. (**Psalms 147:18**)
- At his voice there is a giving by him of a turmoil of waters in the heavens, and he causes vapors to ascend from the extremity of the earth. He has made even sluices for the rain, and he brings forth the **wind** from his storehouses. (**Jeremiah 10:13**)
- And Yehowah himself hurled forth a great **wind** at the sea, and there came to be a great tempest on the sea, and as for the ship, it was about to be wrecked. (**Jonah 1:4**)
- His Son, when on earth, likewise displayed power to control the **winds**, causing them to abate.
- And when he got aboard a boat, his disciples followed him. (**Matthew 8:23**)
- So the men became amazed and said; What sort of person is this, that even the **winds** and the sea obey him? (**Matthew 8:27**)
- By now the boat was many hundreds of yards away from land, being hard put to it by the waves, because the **wind** was against them. (**Matthew 14:24**)
- But in the fourth watch period of the night he came to them, walking over the sea. (**Matthew 14:25**)
- When they caught sight of him walking on the sea, the disciples were troubled, saying; It is an apparition! And they cried out in their fear. (**Matthew 14:26**)
- But at once Jesus spoke to them with the words; Take courage, it is I. Have no fear. (**Matthew 14:27**)
- In reply Peter said to him; Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you over the waters. (**Matthew 14:28**)

- He said; Come! Thereupon Peter, getting down off the boat, walked over the waters and went toward Jesus. (**Matthew 14:29**)
- But looking at the **windstorm**, he got afraid and, after starting to sink, he cried out; Lord, save me! (**Matthew 14:30**)
- Immediately stretching out his hand Jesus caught hold of him and said to him; You with little faith, why did you give way to doubt? (**Matthew 14:31**)
- And after they got up into the boat, the **windstorm** abated. (**Matthew 14:32**)
- So, after they had dismissed the crowd, they took him in the boat, just as he was, and there were other boats with him. (**Mark 4:36**)
- Now a great violent **windstorm** broke out, and the waves kept dashing into the boat, so that the boat was close to being swamped. (**Mark 4:37**)
- But he was in the stern, sleeping upon a pillow. So they woke him up and said to him; Teacher, do you not care that we are about to perish? (**Mark 4:38**)
- With that he roused himself and rebuked the **wind** and said to the sea; Hush! Be quiet! And the wind abated, and a great calm set in. (**Mark 4:39**)
- So he said to them; Why are you fainthearted? Do you not yet have any faith? (**Mark 4:40**)
- But they felt an unusual fear, and they would say to one another; Who really is this, because even the **wind** and the sea obey him? (**Mark 4:41**)
- And when he saw them being hard put to it in their rowing, for the **wind** was against them, about the fourth watch of the night he came toward them, walking on the sea, but he was inclined to pass them by. (**Mark 6:48**)
- And he got up into the boat with them, and the **wind** abated. At this they were very much amazed within themselves. (**Mark 6:51**)

- In the course of one of the days he and his disciples got into a boat, and he said to them; Let us cross to the other side of the lake. So they set sail. (Luke 8:22)
- But as they were sailing he fell asleep. Now a violent **wind**storm descended upon the lake, and they began to fill up with water and to be in danger. (Luke 8:23)
- Finally they went to him and roused him, saying; Instructor, Instructor, we are about to perish! Rousing himself, he rebuked the **wind** and the raging of the water, and they subsided, and a calm set in. (Luke 8:24)
- Then he said to them; Where is your faith? But struck with fear, they marveled, saying to one another; Who really is this, for he orders even the **winds** and the water, and they obey him? (Luke 8:25)
- It was apparently only by Yehowah's allowance that Satan was able to produce or control a **great wind** that brought death to Job's children.
- But, for a change, thrust out your hand, please, and touch everything he has and see whether he will not curse you to your very face. (Job 1:11)
- Accordingly Yehowah said to Satan; Look! Everything that he has is in your hand. Only against him himself do not thrust out your hand! So Satan went out away from the person of Yehowah. (Job 1:12)
- While this other one was yet speaking, still another one came and proceeded to say; Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their brother the firstborn. (Job 1:18)
- And, look! There came a **great wind** from the region of the wilderness, and it went striking the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young people and they died. And I got to escape, only I by myself, to tell you. (Job 1:19)
- Usually **winds** were named for the direction from which they came, the **east wind** blowing westward from the East.

- At once Moses stretched his rod out over the land of Egypt, and Yehowah caused an **east wind** to blow upon the land all that day and all night. The morning came and the **east wind** carried the locusts. (**Exodus 10:13**)
- Then Yehowah made a shift to a very stiff **west wind**, and it carried the locusts away and drove them into the Red Sea. Not a single locust was let remain in all the territory of Egypt. (**Exodus 10:19**)
- He began making an east **wind** burst forth in the heavens and making a south wind blow by his own strength. (**Psalms 78:26**)
- Awake, O north **wind**, and come in, O south wind. Breathe upon my garden. Let its perfumes trickle. Let my dear one come into his garden and eat its choicest fruits. (**Song of Solomon 4:16**)
- All four directions, North, South, East, and West, are embraced by references to **the four winds** of heaven or earth.
- And I will bring in upon Elam the four **winds** from the four extremities of the heavens. And I will scatter them to all these winds, and there will prove to be no nation to which the dispersed ones of Elam will not come. (**Jeremiah 49:36**)
- And he went on saying to me; **Prophecy to the wind**. Prophecy, O son of man, and you must say to the **wind**; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; From the **four winds** come in, O **wind**, and blow upon these killed people, that they may come to life. (**Ezekiel 37:9**)
- And the male of the goats, for its part, put on great airs to an extreme, but as soon as it became mighty, the great horn was broken, and there proceeded to come up conspicuously four instead of it, toward the **four winds** of the heavens. (**Daniel 8:8**)
- And he will send forth his angels with a great trumpet sound, and they will gather his chosen ones together from the **four winds**, from one extremity of the heavens to their other extremity. (**Matthew 24:31**)
- After this I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the **four winds** of the earth, that no wind

might blow upon the earth or upon the sea or upon any tree.
([Revelation 7:1](#))

- Four angels are depicted as standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding tight the **four winds** of the earth. By standing at the **corners**, the **angels** would let loose the **winds** obliquely from diagonal directions, sparing no quarter of the earth from the disastrous blowing of the **winds**.
- North **winds** were cool and brought heavy rains.
- Out of the interior room comes the **storm wind** and out of the north winds the cold. ([Job 37:9](#))
- The **wind** from the north brings forth as with labor pains a downpour, and a tongue giving away a secret, a denounced face. ([Proverbs 25:23](#))
- The South **wind** blew over hot desert areas into Palestine and, therefore, could produce a heat wave.
- And when you see that a south **wind** is blowing, you say; There will be a heat wave, and it occurs. ([Luke 12:55](#))
- Storm **winds** might also originate in the South.
- The pronouncement against the wilderness of the sea! Like storm **winds** in the south in moving onward, from the wilderness it is coming, from a fear-inspiring land. ([Isaiah 21:1](#))
- And over them Yehowah himself will be seen, and his arrow will certainly go forth just like lightning. And on the horn the Sovereign Lord Yehowah himself will blow, and he will certainly go with the **windstorms** of the south. ([Zechariah 9:14](#))
- In the dry season, the East **wind**, in moving toward Egypt and Palestine, crossed vast desert areas and so was hot and dry, scorching or drying up vegetation.
- And here there were seven ears of grain, thin and scorched by the **east wind**, growing up after them. ([Genesis 41:6](#))
- And here there were seven ears of grain shriveled, thin, scorched by the **east wind**, growing up after them. ([Genesis 41:23](#))

- And the seven skinny and bad cows that came up after them are seven years, and the seven empty ears of grain, scorched by the east **wind**, will prove to be seven years of famine. (**Genesis 41:27**)
- And there came to be another great eagle, having great wings, and having large pinions, and, look! This very vine stretched its roots hungrily toward him. And its foliage it thrust out to him in order for him to irrigate it, away from the garden beds where it was planted. (**Ezekiel 17:7**)
- To a good field, by vast waters, it was already transplanted, in order to produce boughs and to bear fruit, to become a majestic vine. (**Ezekiel 17:8**)
- Say; This is what the Sovereign Lord Yehowah has said; Will it have success? Will not someone tear out its very roots and make its very fruit scaly? And must not all its freshly plucked sprouts become dry? It will become dry. Neither by a great arm nor by a multitudinous people will it have to be lifted up from its roots. (**Ezekiel 17:9**)
- And, look! Although transplanted, will it have success? Will it not dry up completely, even as when the east **wind** touches it? In the garden beds of its sprout it will dry up. (**Ezekiel 17:10**)
- In case he himself as the son of reed plants should show fruitfulness, an east **wind**, the wind of Yehowah, will come. From a wilderness it is coming up, and it will dry up his well and drain his spring. That one will pillage the treasure of all desirable articles. (**Hosea 13:15**)
- And it came about that, as soon as the sun shone forth, God also went on to appoint a parching east **wind**, and the sun kept striking upon the head of Jonah, so that he was swooning away, and he kept asking that his soul might die, and he repeatedly said; My dying off is better than my being alive. (**Jonah 4:8**)
- During the rainy season, West **winds** carried moisture into Palestine from the Mediterranean Sea and brought rain to the land.
- And Ahab proceeded to go up to eat and drink. As for Elijah, he went up to the top of Carmel and began crouching to the earth

- and keeping his face put between his knees. (1 Kings 18:42)
- Then he said to his attendant; Go up, please. Look in the direction of the sea. So he went up and looked and then said; There is nothing at all. And he went on to say; Go back, for seven times. (1 Kings 18:43)
 - And it came about at the seventh time that he got to say; Look! There is a small cloud like a man's palm ascending out of the sea. He now said; Go up, say to Ahab, Hitch up! And go down that the downpour may not detain you! (1 Kings 18:44)
 - And it came about in the meantime that the heavens themselves darkened up with clouds and **wind** and a great downpour began to occur. And Ahab kept riding and made his way to Jezreel. (1 Kings 18:45)
 - When observers there saw a cloud rising in the West, they could expect a storm.
 - Then he went on to say also to the crowds; When you see a cloud rising in western parts, at once you say; A storm is coming, and it turns out so. (Luke 12:54)
 - In the dry summer, daily breezes from the Mediterranean made the weather more tolerable.

See Also CLOUD
See Also EUROAQUILO.

.. Figurative Use

- **Winds** can spring up quickly and just as quickly die down, thus appropriately representing the transitoriness of man's life.
- Remember that my life is **wind**, that my eye will not see good again. (Job 7:7)
- Having no solid substance, **wind** can **denote vain knowledge and labor, empty words and hopes**
- And Eliphaz the Temanite proceeded to answer and say. (Job 15:1)

- Will a wise person himself answer with **windy knowledge**, or will he fill his belly with the east wind? (**Job 15:2**)
- Is there an end to **windy words**? Or what galls you, that you answer? (**Job 16:3**)
- And this too is a grave calamity, exactly as one has come, so one will go away, and what profit is there to the one who keeps working hard for the **wind**? (**Ecclesiastes 5:16**)
- Ephraim is feeding on **wind** and chasing after the **east wind** all day long. Lying and despoiling are what he multiplies. And a covenant with Assyria they conclude, and to Egypt oil itself is brought. (**Hosea 12:1**)
- As well as nothingness.
- We have become pregnant, we have had labor pains, as it were, we have **given birth to wind**. No real salvation do we accomplish as regards the land, and no inhabitants for the productive land proceed to fall in birth. (**Isaiah 26:18**)
- Look! All of them are something nonexistent. Their works are nothing. Their molten images are **wind and unreality**. (**Isaiah 41:29**)
- And the prophets themselves become a **wind**, and the word is not in them. That is how it will be done to them. (**Jeremiah 5:13**)
- As vain works end up in futility, pursuing them is like striving after **wind**.
- I saw all the works that were done under the sun, and, look! Everything was vanity and a **striving after wind**. (**Ecclesiastes 1:14**)
- And I, even I, turned toward all the works of mine that my hands had done and toward the hard work that I had worked hard to accomplish, and, look! Everything was vanity and a **striving after wind**, and there was nothing of advantage under the sun. (**Ecclesiastes 2:11**)

- And the man who brings ostracism upon his house takes **possession of wind**. He gains nothing that is worth while or has real substance.
- As for anyone bringing ostracism upon his own house, he will take possession of **wind**, and a foolish person will be a servant to the one wise in heart. (**Proverbs 11:29**)
- **Winds** scatter and toss objects about, and so being scattered to every **wind** or **divided toward the four winds** signifies **complete dispersion** or **division**.
- And I will bring in upon Elam the **four winds** from the four extremities of the heavens. And I will scatter them to all these winds, and there will prove to be no nation to which the dispersed ones of Elam will not come. (**Jeremiah 49:36**)
- Therefore fathers themselves will eat sons in the midst of you, and sons themselves will eat their fathers, and I will execute in you acts of judgment and scatter all the remainder of you to **every wind**. (**Ezekiel 5:10**)
- And all who are round about him as a help, and all his military bands, I shall scatter to **every wind**, and a sword I shall draw out after them. (**Ezekiel 12:14**)
- And as regards all the fugitives of his in all his bands, by the sword they will fall, and the ones left remaining will be spread abroad even to **every wind**. And you people will have to know that I myself, Yehowah, have spoken it. (**Ezekiel 17:21**)
- And when he will have stood up, his kingdom will be broken and be divided toward the four **winds** of the heavens, but not to his posterity and not according to his dominion with which he had ruled, because his kingdom will be uprooted, even for others than these. (**Daniel 11:4**)
- Like a vessel that is tossed about by the **winds**, with no set course, persons lacking Christian maturity are subject to being carried hither and thither by **every wind of teaching** by means of the trickery of men, by means of cunning in contriving error.
- Until we all attain to the oneness in the faith and in the accurate knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the

measure of stature that belongs to the fullness of the Christ.
(**Ephesians 4:13**)

- In order, that we should no longer be babes, tossed about as by waves and carried hither and thither by **every wind of teaching** by means of the trickery of men, by means of cunning in contriving error. (**Ephesians 4:14**)