

# THE BREATH OF GOD

8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: **but there was no breath in them.** 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; **Come from the four winds,** O breath, and breathe upon these **slain,** that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and **stood up upon their feet,** an exceeding great army.

## WHAT IS THE 'BREATH OF GOD'

**BREATH** (HEBREW רוּחַ {ruah} - GREEK πνοη {pnoe, pneu} meaning 'SPIRIT')

RESPIRE (breathing, breathe again)

INSPIRE (in breathe) vs INHALE (breathing in)

EXPIRE (out breathe) vs EXHALE (breathing out)

ASPIRE (seek to reach above - LIT up breathe)

PERSPIRE (breathe constantly - LIT through breathe)

CONSPIRE (plot, unite - LIT 'together breathe')

TRANSPIRE (become known, leak out - LIT through breathe)

## HOW IS THE 'BREATH OF GOD' RECEIVED???

**COMMANDED by GOD** "v9 - Prophecy unto the wind, and say **COME and BREATHE**"

the PROPHET cannot CALL, when he doesn't **KNOW WHAT TO CALL FOR**

the PROPHET cannot CALL **UNTIL HE IS COMMANDED**

**CALLED by the PROPHET** "So I prophesied as **HE commanded me.....**"

the PEOPLE cannot CALL for it, only the PROPHET

the POWER of the PROPHET (over the WIND) "What manner of man is this - Mark 4:41"

**COMES into the PEOPLE** "v10 - and the breath < four winds > came upon them....."

**NORTH** wind "preparation" (Prov 25:23)

**SOUTH** wind "prosperity" (Job 37:17, Luke 12:55)

**WEST** wind "precipitation" (1Kings 18:44, Luke 12:54)

**EAST** wind "destruction" (Genesis 41:6, Isaiah 27:8)

## WHAT DOES THE 'BREATH OF GOD' DO???. . . . .

1) **BRINGS LIFE** "v10 - Breath came on them, and they lived....."

LIVING/A-LIVE but no LIFE

A-LIVE is based on SOUND and MOVEMENT

LIFE only comes from GOD

LIVING functions - LIFE produces

2) **BRINGS MIGHT** "v10 - breath came on them.....and <they> stood....."

**STAND** to rise to one's feet; stand in an upright position; remain firm and steadfast

**STAND** for nothing -> fall for ANYTHING

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

**STAND** (1969) - Sly and the Family Stone

## CONCLUSION

PROPHET, SPEAK TO THE WIND and SAY  
COME and BREATHE

"STAND" - Sly and the Family Stone (1969)

Stand

In the end you'll still be you  
One that's done all the things you set out to do

Stand

There's a cross for you to bear  
Things to go through if you're going anywhere

Stand

For the things you know are right  
It's the truth that the truth makes them so uptight

Stand

All the things you want are real  
You have you to complete and there is no deal

Stand. stand, stand

Stand. stand, stand

Stand

You've been sitting much too long  
There's a permanent crease in your right and wrong

Stand

There's a midget standing tall  
And the giant beside him about to fall

Stand. stand, stand

Stand. stand, stand

Stand

They will try to make you crawl  
And they know what you're saying makes sense and all

Stand

Don't you know that you are free  
Well at least in your mind if you want to be