## #712 The Defeat of the Spanish Armada – The Protestant Wind, part 2, Queen Elizabeth: "God Blew"

"God Blew." In England the defeat of the Spanish Armada was greeted as a sign of divine approval for the Protestant cause. The storms that scattered and shattered the Armada were seen as intervention by God. Services of thanks were held throughout the country. A commemorative medal was struck by Queen Elizabeth I inscribed with the words, "God blew and they were scattered." [Some sources say "God blew with His wind and they were scattered"; others, "God blew with His breath and they were scattered."]

Key Understanding: *God blew*. Queen Elizabeth's commemorative medal (*below*), inscribed with "God blew and they were scattered," is representative of the theme of the collective

"Protestant Wind" that sealed the fate of the Spanish Armada and its endeavor to make England Roman Catholic.

[Note: Depending upon the source, the identification of the exact "Protestant wind" that defeated the Armada seems to vary, or isn't clarified. Some focus on a wind and storm associated with the Battle of Gravelines or at the end of that battle. Others focus on the wind that blew the Spanish northward after the Battle of Gravelines. Still others focus on the storms and winds off the coasts of Scotland and Ireland that destroyed many ships of the Armada. Even then, most sources do not have the objective of pinpointing the exact "Protestant wind," believing that there was a sufficient number of literal winds involved in the dismantling of the Spanish Armada for the overall event to be labeled as a victory caused by a collective "Protestant Wind."]

[Note: The theme of "the wind blew" is in the same passage (Matthew 7:26-27) as the theme of "church on the sand," matching up with the fact that the Protestant Wind and Dunkirk — representing "church on the sand" — were a part of the same event of the defeat of the Spanish Armada. We are in the process of rightly dividing the meaning of it all, which will continue through the next few Unsealings.]



Also note that the word <u>blew</u> that was inscribed as part of the "God <u>blew</u> and they were scattered" commemorative medal of the Elizabethan era is the identical word used in Matthew 7:27, "and the winds <u>blew</u>."

Matthew 7:26-27 (KJV) And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto <u>A FOOLISH MAN</u>, <u>WHICH BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE SAND</u>: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, <u>AND THE WINDS BLEW</u>, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

Here is #712–Doc 1, an article from Wikipedia about "He blew with His winds, and they were scattered," referring to the so-called Protestant Wind that brought disaster to the Spanish Armada.

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A portrait of Elizabeth made to commemorate the defeat of the Spanish Armada (1588). In the background, the ships of the Armada are depicted in a storm-tossed sea.

Elizabeth's hand rests on a globe, symbolizing her international power.



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