

# Ezekiel 17:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

## Analysis

Even transplanted, the vine won't prosper. The 'east wind' (Hebrew qadiym)—scorching desert wind representing Babylon—will cause withering (Jeremiah 4:11, Hosea 13:15). It will 'utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it'—mere contact suffices for destruction. Theologically: seeking refuge apart from God transforms potential sanctuaries into places of judgment.

## Historical Context

After Jerusalem fell (586 BC), refugees fled to Egypt despite Jeremiah's warnings (Jeremiah 42-43). Even there, no safety—Babylon invaded Egypt (568 BC), fulfilling Ezekiel 29-32. Archaeological evidence confirms Babylonian campaigns into Egypt.

## Related Passages

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalm 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

1. What 'east winds' of consequence do we ignore while trusting false refuges?

2. How does God's sovereignty over nations affect our response to political turmoil?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Hosea 13:15** (Parallel theme): Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.

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