

# Isaiah 10:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

## Analysis

Despite Assyrian threat, God commands His people: 'be not afraid.' The prohibition against fear appears throughout Scripture when God promises deliverance. The address 'O my people that dwellest in Zion' emphasizes covenant relationship—they're God's people with His presence among them (Zion). Though Assyria will 'smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt,' these are temporary afflictions. The Egyptian comparison recalls bondage from which God delivered them—He can do it again.

## Historical Context

Delivered before Sennacherib's invasion (701 BC) when the Assyrian threat seemed overwhelming. Despite 185,000 troops besieging Jerusalem, God commanded fearlessness. The fulfillment vindicated this command—God destroyed the army in one night. The Egyptian comparison reminded them of God's past deliverance, encouraging faith that He'd deliver again. Faith in God's character and past works enables courage in present threats.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does remembering God's past deliverances strengthen faith during present threats?
2. What is the basis for biblical fearlessness—not denying danger but trusting God's promises?
3. How do our covenant relationship with God and His presence among us address our fears?

## Interlinear Text

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לְכָה	כִּי	אָמַר	אָדָן	יְהֹוָה	אֶל	צָבָא	וְתִּהְיוֹ	אֶל
H3651	H3541	<b>Therefore thus saith</b>	<b>the Lord</b>	H3068	<b>of hosts</b>	H408		
		H559	H136		H6635			
אַתָּא	אַתָּה	עַמְּךָ	בָּיִת	צִיּוֹן	מִאֲשָׁר	וְרַ	בְּשֵׁבֶת	אַתָּה
be not afraid	O my people	that dwellest	in Zion	of the Assyrian	thee with a rod			
H3372	H5971	H3427	H6726	H804	H7626			
יַךְ	וְמִטְּבָחָה	וְשָׁא	עַל	בְּדַעַת				
he shall smite	his staff	and shall lift up	H5921	against thee after the manner				
H5221	H4294	H5375		H1870				
מִצְרַיִם								
of Egypt								
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 61:3** (References Lord): To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

**Isaiah 37:6** (References Lord): And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

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