

# 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

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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

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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

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

## Study Questions

- ## Interlinear Text

## Additional Cross-References

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**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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