

# Isaiah 7:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

## Analysis

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God's command 'Take heed, and be quiet; fear not' addresses anxiety with faith. The dismissive description of enemies as 'two tails of smoking firebrands' reduces seemingly powerful threats to spent embers—fierce appearance but no lasting heat. This perspective transformation reflects faith seeing reality from God's viewpoint rather than circumstances. The command for quietness (Hebrew 'shaqat'—be calm, rest) anticipates Psalm 46:10 ('Be still and know that I am God').

## Historical Context

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Despite Syria and Israel's current aggression, both would soon fall to Assyria (Damascus in 732 BC, Samaria in 722 BC). God's perspective saw their imminent demise.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's view of our threatening 'firebrands' differ from our fearful perspective?
2. What does the command for quietness teach about faith's posture amid crisis?

## Interlinear Text

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| וְאֹמַרְתָּ    | אֶל                         | רֹשֶׁתֶת    | וְבִשְׁקָטָת   | תִּירְאֵב    |
| And say        | H413                        | unto him    | Take heed      | and be quiet |
| H559           |                             | H8104       |                | H8252        |
| אַל            | בְּאָזִים                   | יְתַבּוּת   | מִשְׁנֵי       | פָּאָזִים    |
| H408           | not neither be fainthearted | for the two | tails          | firebrands   |
|                | H7401                       | H8147       | H2180          | H181         |
| וְאֶת          | רָצִין                      | אֶת         | בְּעֵשֶׂן      | וְאֶת        |
| of these       | smoking                     | H428        | for the fierce | anger        |
| H6226          |                             |             | H2750          | H639         |
| רְמַלְיָה      | וְעַמְלָקָה                 | רְצִין      | רְצִין         | רְצִין       |
| and of the son | of Remaliah                 | H7425       | H7526          | H758         |
| H1121          |                             |             |                |              |

## Additional Cross-References

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**Isaiah 35:4** (Parallel theme): Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you.

**Isaiah 30:15** (Parallel theme): For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

**Deuteronomy 20:3** (Parallel theme): And shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them;

**Lamentations 3:26** (Parallel theme): It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.

**Zechariah 3:2** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

**Matthew 24:6** (Parallel theme): And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet.

**Amos 4:11** (Parallel theme): I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

**Isaiah 41:14** (Parallel theme): Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

**2 Chronicles 20:17** (Parallel theme): Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD will be with you.

**1 Samuel 17:32** (Parallel theme): And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.