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Sunday Morning Prayer & Scripture
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"Flood Waters Ahead, The Rapture's Not A Conspiracy Theory"

(An Unforgiving, Unthankful People)

The Rapture Separates The Grateful From The Ungrateful, The Thankful From The Unthankful.

Isaiah 8:7-12

(Compare This Prophecy Of Destruction To The Times We Now Live In, The Fig Tree Generation)

<u>Isaiah</u> - A major prophet in the Old Testament, Isaiah is the author of the book bearing his name. He prophesied during the reigns of several kings of Judah and is known for his messages of both judgment and hope.

<u>The LORD of Hosts</u> - This title emphasizes God's supreme authority and power over all heavenly and earthly armies. It underscores His sovereignty and the reverence due to Him.

<u>Judah</u> - The southern kingdom of Israel during Isaiah's time. The people of Judah were often warned by Isaiah to turn back to God amidst political and spiritual turmoil.

<u>Assyria</u> - A dominant empire during Isaiah's time, often seen as a threat to Judah. The fear of Assyria's power is contrasted with the fear of the LORD in this passage.

Ahaz - King of Judah during part of Isaiah's ministry. His lack of faith and reliance on foreign alliances rather than God is a backdrop to Isaiah's prophecies.

International Standard Version

(7) watch out! The LORD God is about to bring the flood waters of the Euphrates River against them, mighty and strong. "It's the king of Assyria and all of his arrogance! He will rise over all of the river's channels and run over all of its banks.

Amplified Bible

(8) "Then it will sweep on into Judah; it will overflow and pass through [the hills], Reaching even to the neck [of which Jerusalem is the head], And its outstretched wings (the armies of Assyria) will fill the width of Your land, O Immanuel



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Amplified Bible

(9) "Be broken [in pieces], O peoples, and be shattered! Listen, all you [our enemies from the] far countries. Prepare yourselves [for war], and be shattered; Prepare yourselves [for war], and be shattered.

International Standard Version

(10) Take counsel together, but it will all be for nothing; go ahead and talk, but it will all be for nothing, for God is with us."

Amplified Bible

(11) For in this way the LORD spoke to me with His strong hand [upon me] and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people [behaving as they do], saying,

Christian Standard Bible

(12) Do not call everything a conspiracy that these people say is a conspiracy. Do not fear what they fear; do not be terrified.

Amplified Bible

(13) "It is the LORD of hosts whom you are to regard as holy and awesome. He shall be your [source of] fear, He shall be your [source of] dread [not man].

One definition of Conspiracy Theory? - a belief that some secret but influential organization is responsible for an event or phenomenon.

What is a phenomenon? - A phenomenon is an event or occurrence that is remarkable, unusual, or extraordinary. It can also refer to a person or thing that is exceptional, something that is noticed because it is unusual or new.

"**Mabbûl" (מֲבּוּל):** The primary Hebrew word for "flood," most notably used in the story of Noah's flood in Genesis.

In Isaiah 8:7, the Hebrew phrase describing the impending threat is often translated as "the mighty floodwaters of the Euphrates River," where "mighty floodwaters" is a reference to the overwhelming power of the Assyrian army, symbolized by the overflowing waters of the Euphrates River, signifying their imminent invasion and destruction upon Judah; essentially meaning "the Lord will bring against them the powerful force of Assyria like a flooding river."

The Phrase do not be Afraid is Written in The Bible 365 Times. That's a Daily Reminder from God to Live Every Day Being Fearless.

Isaiah 26:3,4

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee...

Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.



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Matthew 24:32-39

Weymouth New Testament

(32) "Now learn from the fig-tree the lesson it teaches. As soon as its branches have now become soft and it is bursting into leaf, you all know that summer is near.

In the Bible, **The fig tree** is a symbol of Israel because it represents the nation's spiritual and physical health. The fig tree is also used to illustrate the end times. The fig tree's budding and rebirth will be a sign of the end times, The fig tree's destruction is a symbolic judgment against the Jews who rejected Jesus as king. Jesus uses the fig tree as a parable to teach that religious **observance is not enough to guarantee salvation**.

Amplified Bible

(33) so you, too, when you see all these things [taking place], know for certain that He is near, right at the door.

Matthew 24:33 says, "So when you see all these things, you know that He is near". This verse is a call to be observant and discerning of the times, and to be prepared for the return of Christ. The verse emphasizes the importance of being aware of the signs that indicate the end times. The phrase "at the door" suggests that Christ's return is imminent and that believers should be prepared, The metaphor of the door underscores the urgency and proximity of Christ's return. The verse is a call to preparedness, reminding believers that the fulfillment of prophecy is close at hand.

Amplified Bible

(34) I assure you and most solemnly say to you, this generation [the people living when these signs and events begin] will not pass away until all these things take place

Amplified Bible

(35) Heaven and earth [as now known] will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

Amplified Bible

(36) "But of that [exact] day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son [in His humanity], but the Father alone.

(Nor The Son) This phrase has been the subject of theological discussion, particularly regarding the nature of Christ's divinity and humanity. In His earthly ministry, Jesus voluntarily limited His divine attributes, including omniscience, to fully experience human life. This self-limitation is consistent with Philippians 2:7, where it is said that Jesus "emptied Himself" by taking the form of a servant. The statement underscores the mystery of the Incarnation, where Jesus is fully God and fully man, yet in His human experience, He did not access all divine knowledge.

(**But Only the Father**) This final phrase asserts the unique authority and knowledge of God the Father. It emphasizes the distinct roles within The Trinity, where the Father holds certain knowledge and authority. This aligns with the biblical portrayal of God as the ultimate sovereign, who alone determines the times and seasons (**Acts 1:7**). The exclusivity of the Father's knowledge serves to remind believers of the need for trust and faith in God's perfect plan and timing, encouraging them to live in a state of readiness and anticipation for the fulfillment of His promises.



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GOD'S WORD® Translation

(37) "When the Son of Man comes again, it will be exactly like the days of Noah.

Weymouth New Testament

(38) At that time, before the Deluge, men were busy eating and drinking, taking wives or giving them, up to the very day when Noah entered the Ark,

Aramaic Bible in Plain English

(38) For just as they were eating and drinking before the flood, and they were taking wives, and they were taking husbands, until the day that Noah entered the ark,

Mace New Testament

(38) for as at the time that usher'd in the deluge, they were eating and drinking, marrying themselves and their children, till the day that Noe entred into the ark

New Living Translation

(39) People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes.

Majority Standard Bible

(39) And they were **oblivious** until the flood came and swept them all away. So will it be at the coming of the Son of Man.

"Oblivious" relates to a lack of awareness or attentiveness to one's surroundings or circumstances. "

Weymouth New Testament Matt 26:41

Keep awake, and pray that you may not enter into temptation: the spirit is right willing, but the body is frail."

Genesis 4:6 - Contemporary English Version - The LORD said to Cain: What's wrong with you? Why do you look so angry?

Genesis 4:7 - <u>Amplified Bible</u> - If you do well [believing Me and doing what is acceptable and pleasing to Me], will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well [but ignore My instruction], **sin crouches at your door;** its desire is for you [to overpower you], but you must master it."

"Sin is crouching at your door" means that temptation or the potential for sin is very close and actively waiting for an opportunity to enter your life, like a predator lying in wait, ready to pounce at the first sign of weakness; it's a warning to be vigilant against sin as it is always near and desires to take control.



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ZAKAR TO REMEMBER

Whenever I get the chance to be back in Melbourne, Australia, I feel like I'm home. That's because Melbourne is where I grew up, went to high school and college, and got my first job. I met my wife, Meg, to high school are we were married and had our three daughters: Chelsea, Ella, and Jordyn. I bet you can easily remember the places where key life events happened for you, too.

While most of us remember only with our mind, for Jewish believers, remembering always leads to action. The Hebrew word for "remember" or "memory" is zakar, which means more than just bringing something to mind. To zakar is to use your hands, your feet, your lips, or whatever is required to bring action to a memory.

Whenever God remembers in the Bible, He always follows up with an action. Think about it: when God "remembered Noah," He sent wind to save the inhabitants of the ark (Genesis 8:1). When He remembered Rachel, He "enabled her to conceive" (Genesis 30:22). Even Jesus said, "do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). To remember—zakar—is to act.

Scholars believe God makes anywhere between 3,000 and 7,000 promises in the Bible. I believe if we resolved to zakar these promises with action—even if all we did was recite them out loud—our remembering would have a profound impact on our lives.

How To Pronounce "Zakar" (zaw-kar')



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