

11 This is what the Lord says to me with his strong hand upon me, warning me not to follow the way of this people:

12 Do not call conspiracy

everything this people calls a conspiracy;

do not fear what they fear,

and do not dread it.

13 The Lord Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy,

he is the one you are to fear,

he is the one you are to dread.

Isaiah 8:11-13

Proverbs 3:31

Do not envy the violent
or choose any of their ways.

Psalms 11:5

The Lord examines the righteous,
but the wicked, those who love violence,
he hates with a passion.

1 Tim 3:2-3

Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, **not violent but gentle**, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money

Matthew 10:28

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Proverbs 29:25

Fear of man will prove to be a snare,
but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Matthew 10:23

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Psalm 140

- 1** Rescue me, Lord, from evildoers; protect me from the violent,
- 2** who devise evil plans in their hearts and stir up war every day.
- 3** They make their tongues as sharp as a serpent's; the poison of vipers is on their lips.

- 4** Keep me safe, Lord, from the hands of the wicked; protect me from the violent, who devise ways to trip my feet.
- 5** The arrogant have hidden a snare for me; they have spread out the cords of their net and have set traps for me along my path.

- 6** I say to the Lord, "You are my God." Hear, Lord, my cry for mercy.
- 7** Sovereign Lord, my strong deliverer, you shield my head in the day of battle.
- 8** Do not grant the wicked their desires, Lord; do not let their plans succeed.

- 9** Those who surround me proudly rear their heads; may the mischief of their lips engulf them.
- 10** May burning coals fall on them; may they be thrown into the fire, into miry pits, never to rise.
- 11** May slanderers not be established in the land; may disaster hunt down the violent.

- 12** I know that the Lord secures justice for the poor and upholds the cause of the needy.
- 13** Surely the righteous will praise your name, and the upright will live in your presence.

Luke 21

9: When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

¹⁰ Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹ There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

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²⁰ “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city.

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²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ **When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**”

²⁹ He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.