

NOWHERE

God gave a seven-day warning that a flood was coming which would destroy the entire world, and all life upon it. The flood didn't come out of **nowhere** with no advance notice.

- **Genesis 7:4:** "For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth."

After God delivered the Israelites out of Egypt, He led them to a place where it looked like they were trapped and had **nowhere** to go. (God then parted the Red Sea to save them, and used that same sea to drown the pursing Egyptian army.)

- **Exodus 14:3:** "For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in."

The day after King Balak's second set of messengers came to Balaam, he didn't wait for the men to come and call him as God commanded. Instead he set out early *on his own* (because the only people who were with him was himself and his two servants). That's why God was angry with him and tried to kill him. The Lord's anger didn't come out of **nowhere**. (Verse 16 says the princes came to Balaam, but verse 21 doesn't. Instead he went to them.)

- **Numbers 22:20-22:** "And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do. And Balaam rose up in the

morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab. And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him."

We must not be afraid of sudden fear. (This is referring to some disaster might come upon us from **nowhere** and cause great destruction).

- **Proverbs 3:25:** "Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh."

The calamity of the wicked will be very sudden. It will come out of **nowhere**, without warning.

- **Proverbs 24:22:** "For their calamity shall rise suddenly; and who knoweth the ruin of them both?"

When God's judgment comes, those who use wicked decrees to rob others will have **nowhere** to go. They will have no one to turn to for help and nowhere to flee, and will be caught in God's judgment.

- **Isaiah 10:3:** "And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?"

There's **nowhere** we can go to hide from God.

- **Jeremiah 23:24:** "Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill

heaven and earth? saith the LORD."

Preparations were made before the Messiah came. He didn't come out of **nowhere** with no advance warning. (This is referring to the ministry of John the Baptist.)

- **Mark 1:2:** "As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."
- **Luke 7:27:** "This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."

When Jesus and His disciples were in a ship in the sea, there was a violent windstorm that came out of **nowhere**. (This may have been a demonic attack. The area on the other side of the sea was the land of the Gadarenes, where there was a man possessed by an entire legion of demons.)

- **Mark 4:37:** "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full."
- **Luke 8:23-26:** "But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him. And they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over against Galilee."

When Jesus asked His twelve chosen disciples if they would leave as well, Peter said they had **nowhere** else to go.

- **John 6:66-68:** "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life."

When Paul lists the positions that exist within the church, **nowhere** on his list was a there one called "pastor". He did list "helps" and "governments", but those are defined elsewhere as deacons and elders. (In fact, there's no mention of pastors anywhere in the New Testament. The modern position of pastor has no Biblical basis. Although there are shepherds who watch over churches, the Bible says those are the *elders*.)

- **1 Corinthians 12:28:** "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues."

Paul compares the day of the Lord (the tribulation) to the birth pains of a pregnant mother. They come unexpectedly and out of **nowhere**, and are very intense.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:3:** "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."