

Harbinger

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Harbinger is an old English word which means something that announces or signals a coming event or something else that is coming but not yet arrived. It is *not* found in the KJV bible, though *prophecy*—a related word is often used in the Bible. Two words that mean the same thing as *harbinger* are *forerunner* and *precursor*.

We could say that many of the events we as Christians see taking place in the world are *harbingers* of the Lord Jesus' promised coming for His bride, the church (the rapture).

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19).

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh” (Luke 21:28).

The above two verses suggest the thought of *harbinger* and there are many more verses like these two found in the Bible.