

HOW TO HAVE CONFIDENCE AND REST IN TURBULENT TIMES



THE NEED FOR CONFIDENCE AND REST IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

Daniel 11:36-45

We live in the age of stress

The average citizen is filled with anxiety

Some struggle to get by economically

The news from the Middle East

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People long for someone to come along and fix
it all

Time Magazine article: "Inflation, Who Hurts
the Worst?"

There is one coming, but you don't want to
follow him—a coming world leader with a plan

He is called the antichrist

Four attributes of the coming leader

1. His arrogance vs.36

The angel of the Lord who is giving the vision skips thousands of years from verse 35 to verse 36—he is dealing with someone in the future

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There are gaps of time in the Bible (i.e. "70 weeks of years" Daniel 9;

Jesus read from Isaiah 61; Principle: prophetic foreshortening

We know this because there are 135 well-documented fulfilled prophecies that corroborate data

Nothing in this verse onward has been fulfilled—the time of the end

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"At that time" —a period of time that is worse than any other period that has ever happened

Why is there a gap here?

The prophecies are dealing with one particular nation, Israel

Jacob's trouble (see Jeremiah 30)

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All the conflicts that have already been fulfilled
are just a foreshadow of a worse time that is
coming

The king mentioned is the antichrist

He's only called that in

1 John 2:18, 2:22, 4:3 & 2 John 7

That's his most infamous title

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He's given 25 titles (the beast, the lawless one, the son of perdition, the man of sin, the little horn, the king of fierce countenance, the prince that shall come, etc.)

One of his notable characteristics is his pride

You can rest in God's promise- Proverbs 16:18

Pride goeth before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall.

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II. His aberration vs.37

He will show no regard for the gods of his fathers or for the desire of women, nor will he show regard for any *other* god; for he will magnify himself above *them* all.

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Three areas of peculiarity

a. He will not regard the heritage of his fathers

b. He will not regard the desire of women

c. He will not regard any God, he will exalt himself above them all—Paul says the same thing in

2 Thessalonians 2:4

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Possibility: Antichrist may have Islamic origins

Problem number one: the revived Roman
Empire

Roman Empire split in 395AD

Modern-day Turkey

Today 60% of the Roman territory is under
Islamic control

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Problem number two: any Muslim would never allow someone to claim they were God

You can rest on God's proclamation

God will not share His glory with another –
Isaiah 42:8

“I am the Lord that is My name;
I will not give My glory to another,

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III. His association vs.38

But instead he will honor a god of fortresses, a god whom his fathers did not know; he will honor *him* with gold, silver, costly stones and treasures.

Fortress means strong tower

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How can anyone find confidence and rest with a powerful, prideful, peculiar, political oppressor like this guy?

You can rest in His power

Matthew 23:12

"Whoever exalts himself is going to be abased"

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IV. His Annihilation v. 40

“At the end time the king of the South will collide with him, and the king of the North will storm against him with chariots, with horsemen and with many ships; and he will enter countries, overflow *them* and pass through.

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How does he come to his end?

Revelation 19

Jesus comes back with the armies of heaven,
captures him, and casts him into the lake of fire

Jesus is Coming Again

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You can rest in God's plan

"The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes" Proverbs 21:1

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You can have confidence and rest in uncertain
times

In God's promises

In God's proclamation

In God's power

In God's plan

Romans 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit

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**May the God of Hope Fill you with
Joy**

There's peace in believing the Lord

May your whole life and outlook

Abound in hope

Be radiant be radiant in hope

(Repeat)