



I. Power Struggle

Key Truth: Concentration Of Authority And Control

II. World Powers In The Last Hour Mt. 24:1-8; 1st Jn. 2:18

Point: The Stage Is Being Set

III. The Final Antichrist Daniel 8:23-25; 9:26-27

Deceit & Destruction 8:23-25

Desolations & War 9:26-27

Point: The Outcome Is Already Determined

IV. Reasonable Resistance

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)

Power has been at the heart of human pursuit since the beginning. Struggles to attain and maintain power occur at every level of the human experience—family, religion, business, education, and government. A sad result of these struggles throughout history has been tension, division, and war. In these last days, the church is witnessing a concentration of authority and control that Jesus warned would be an indicator that the end is drawing near.

The explosion of information, communication and travel foreseen by Daniel has set the stage for the next phase in God’s unfolding plan. At the designated time, God will allow the final Antichrist to emerge on the world stage to carry out a wicked attempt to thwart the redemptive plan of the Messiah. The Antichrist will ultimately fail and God’s people will be united to Him forevermore. Until that time, followers of Christ must hold on, be patient, and be faithful to live out the Great Commission. This is our reasonable act of resistance, not attempting to stop the end from coming, but doing everything we can to reach as many people as possible before time runs out.

Are you disturbed by the information filling your newsfeed and dominating the headlines? Perhaps you have blocked it all out in hopes it will just go away? Has it occurred to you that God wants you to be informed but not worried, and active in ministry rather than idle in despair or distraction? What unique opportunities are available to you right now to show and share the love of God with others?

Prayerfully ask God to reveal your place and purpose in His plan. Express thanksgiving that followers of Christ are secure in Him no matter what unfolds in the world.