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How Comfortable will Your Future Be?

Isaiah 40:1-11

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Algeria

- 2024 Algerian presidential election, December



Botswana

- 2024 Botswana general election

Chad

- 2024 Chadian parliamentary election
- 2024 Chadian presidential election

Comoros

- 2024 Comorian presidential election, 14 January

Ghana

2024 Ghanaian general election, 7 December



Mauritania

- 2024 Mauritanian presidential election

Mauritius

- 2024 Mauritian general election

Mozambique

- 2024 Mozambican general election, 9 October

Namibia

- 2024 Namibian general election

Rwanda

- 2024 Rwandan general election, 15 July





Senegal

2024 Senegalese presidential election, 25 February

Elections 2024



- Somaliland
 - 2024 Somaliland presidential election, November^[a]
- South Africa
 - 2024 South African general election
- South Sudan 
 - 2024 South Sudanese general election 
- Tunisia
 - 2024 Tunisian presidential election
- Togo
 - 2024 Togolese parliamentary election

Americas

- Brazil
 - 2024 Brazilian municipal elections, 6 October (first round) and 27 October (second round, if necessary)
 - 2024 São Paulo mayoral election
- Canada
 - 2024 British Columbia general election
 - 2024 New Brunswick general election
 - 2024 Saskatchewan general election
- El Salvador
 - 2024 Salvadoran general election, 4 February and 3 March
- Dominican Republic
 - 2024 Dominican Republic general election, 19 May



Mexico

Elections 2024



-  Mexico
 - 2024 Mexican general election, 2 June
-  Panama
 - 2024 Panamanian general election, 5 May
-  United States
 - 2024 United States elections
 - 2024 United States gubernatorial elections, 5 November
 - 2024 United States House of Representatives elections, 5 November
 - 2024 United States presidential election, 5 November
 - 2024 United States Senate elections, 5 November
-  Uruguay
 - 2024 Uruguayan general election, 27 October
-  Venezuela
 - 2024 Venezuelan presidential election





Asia

Bangladesh

2024 Bangladeshi general election, 7 January

Bhutan

2023–24 Bhutanese National Assembly election, 9 January (second round)

Cambodia

2024 Cambodian Senate election, 25 February

India

2024 elections in India

2024 Lok Sabha elections

2024 Rajya Sabha elections

Indonesia

2024 Indonesian general election, 14 February

2024 Indonesian local elections, 27 November 

2024 Jakarta gubernatorial election

Iran

2024 Iranian legislative election 

Elections 2024



Mongolia

2024 Mongolian parliamentary election, June

South Korea

2024 South Korean legislative election, 10 April

Sri Lanka

2024 Sri Lankan presidential election

Pakistan

2024 Balochistan provincial election, 8 February

2024 Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provincial election, 8 February

2024 Punjab provincial election, 8 February

2024 Sindh provincial election, 8 February

2024 Pakistani general election, 8 February

2024 Pakistani presidential election

Taiwan

2024 Taiwanese presidential election, 13 January[a]

2024 Taiwanese legislative election, 13 January[a]



Elections 2024



Europe: Austria

2024 Austrian legislative election

2024 Styrian state election

2024 Vorarlberg state election

Azerbaijan

2024 Azerbaijani presidential election, 7 February 2024

Belarus

2024 Belarusian parliamentary election, 25 February

Belgium

2024 Belgian federal election, 9 June

2024 Belgian regional elections, 9 June

2024 Belgian local elections, 13 October ✨

Bosnia and Herzegovina

2024 Bosnian municipal elections, 6 October 2024



Elections 2024



Croatia

Next Croatian parliamentary election

2024 Croatian presidential election, December

European Union

2024 European Parliament election, 6–9 June

Finland

2024 Finnish presidential election, 28 January

Germany

2024 Saxony state election, 1 September

2024 Thuringian state election, 1 September

2024 Brandenburg state election, 22 September

Georgia

2024 Georgian parliamentary election, 26 October

2024 Georgian presidential election, October



Elections 2024



Iceland

2024 Icelandic presidential election, 1 June

Ireland

2024 Irish local elections, June

Lithuania

2024 Lithuanian presidential election, May

2024 Lithuanian parliamentary election

Moldova

2024 Moldovan presidential election

North Macedonia

2024 North Macedonian parliamentary election

2024 North Macedonian presidential election

Portugal

2024 Azorean regional election, 4 February

2024 Portuguese legislative election, 10 March

Elections 2024



Romania

Next Romanian parliamentary election

2024 Romanian local elections

2024 Romanian presidential election, November

Russia

2024 Russian presidential election, 17 March

2024 Russian regional elections

Slovakia

2024 Slovak presidential election

Spain

2024 Basque regional election

2024 Galician regional election

Turkey

2024 Turkish local elections, March

United Kingdom

2024 United Kingdom local elections, 2 May



Elections 2024



OCEANA
Australia

- 2024 Northern Territory general election, 24 August
- 2024 Australian Capital Territory general election, 19 October
- 2024 Queensland state election, 26 October
- Palau
- 2024 Palauan general election, 12 November
- Solomon Islands
- 2024 Solomon Islands general election
- Tuvalu
- 2024 Tuvaluan general election, 26 January





Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
That her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,
That she has received from the LORD's hand
Double for all her sins.

A voice cries:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Isaiah 40:1-3



“Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.
And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”



Isaiah 40:4-5



A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass,
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades

When the breath of the LORD blows on it;

Surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of
our God will stand forever. ✨

Isaiah 40:6-8



Go on up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good news;
Lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;
Lift it up, fear not;
say to the cities of Judah,
“Behold your God!”



Isaiah 40:9



Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

Behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms;

He will carry them in his bosom,

And gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40:10-11



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01

Comfort
from God

02

First Voice:
Universally
Acknowledged

03

Second Voice:
The Word of
God

04

Third Voice:
Warrior-
Shepherd



01

COMFORT FROM GOD

- Context - Judgement:

**Behold the days are coming ... when nothing shall
be left, says the LORD.**

Isaiah 39:6





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Isaiah 40:1-2

02

First Voice: Universally Acknowledged

- **Every Valley**
- **Every Mountain**
- **All Flesh shall see it together**
Isaiah 40:3-5





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And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and
all flesh shall see it together,*
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03

Second Voice: The Word of God

- **All flesh is grass ... the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**

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04

Third Voice: The Warrior Shepherd

- Behold the Lord GOD comes with might
- He will tend his flock like a shepherd



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