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THE BORDER WARS

An uneasy peace had prevailed these last few years between the Empire of Videssos and rival Makuran. But now Makuran's King of Kings alerted his border holdings--even the small fortress where Abivard's father was lord--to prepare for barbarian raids. But Abivard himself received a warning of a different sort: an eerie prophecy of a field, a hill, and a shield shining across the sea.

Before a season had turned, his father and his King lay dead upon the field of battle--the very place foreseen in the vision. Abivard hastened home to defend his family and his land. To his dismay, the most urgent danger came not from marauding tribes, or from Videssos, but from the capital. An obscure and greedy bureaucrat had captured the crown; the rightful heir had disappeared, and no mortal man would say where he might be found.

Abivard's strange fate would lead him to his King, though, and on through peril to the very brink of greatness--and of doom!

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Pam Bales says

Book one of the Time of Troubles, this is Videssos early on. If you are a fantasy fan and haven't found Harry Turtledove, give him a try. The Misplaced Legion series is many centuries later. An excellent read.

Craig says

Action takes place in a land with customs similar to those of Islamic countries. Concerned primarily with political intrigue and war with a neighboring kingdom - a bit of magic thrown in. Decent plotting and interesting characters.

Diana Sandberg says

Oh blech. Boring, boring, boring. This guy is so dreary I don't understand how he can have so many books published. Dropped this one at page 30. Zzzzzzzzz.

Brentman99 says

The Time of the Troubles series was quite good. Another addition to the World of Videssos saga, this series keeps exploring different aspects of something Turtledove has developed quite well.

Overall, I enjoyed the series.

Scott Gardner says

One of Turtledove's better series , good read

Hannelie says

So I have started this book... It is important to note that I have never read one of Harry Turtledove's books before. Unfortunately it did not start well. I find that the sentences are a bit too long, when I finally finish with it, I have to go back to read it again just to make sense of it. I also do not understand why there is a whole new measuring system, I now have no idea about how much I should imagine it. I feel that the book has a bit of a steep learning curve, something which the author could make easier by just explaining a bit more, although that would maybe make the book too slow paced. It unfortunately also bored me, I couldn't emotionally invest in the characters... So I didn't care much about the war. The author also didn't try to

convince me why the Videssians are the bad guys, and why the King of Kings' forces are good...

But I will continue reading until I really can't bear it anymore, so, until then...
