

Daniel 11:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and one shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.

Analysis

This describes Seleucus II's sons (Seleucus III and Antiochus III) assembling forces and campaigning. Antiochus III ('the Great') conducted major military campaigns including recovery of territory from Egypt. The prophecy's detail continues demonstrating supernatural foreknowledge.

Historical Context

Daniel chapter 11 contains some of Scripture's most detailed predictive prophecy, written c. 536 BC and fulfilled with remarkable precision 200-160 BC during Ptolemaic-Seleucid conflicts. The prophecies served multiple purposes: encouraging Jewish exiles that God controls history, providing roadmap for future generations facing Hellenistic pressures, and typologically pointing to end-times Antichrist. Reformed theology sees dual fulfillment: near historical events (Antiochus Epiphanes) typifying far eschatological realities (final Antichrist). This pattern validates divine inspiration—only God knows future details with such precision. For believers under persecution, these prophecies demonstrated that tyrannical opposition is temporary, God's sovereignty absolute, and ultimate victory certain. The historical fulfillment encourages trust that eschatological promises will similarly fulfill exactly as prophesied.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the remarkable precision of fulfilled prophecy strengthen faith in Scripture's divine origin?
2. What does the dual fulfillment pattern (historical Antiochus typifying eschatological Antichrist) teach about biblical prophecy's layered meaning?
3. How should these prophecies encourage believers facing persecution or opposition today?

Interlinear Text

וְבָנָיו	וְיִתְגַּדְּלוּ	וְאֶסְפוּ	הַמִּון	חֵיל יָם	רַב יָם
But his sons	and be stirred up	and shall assemble	a multitude	forces	of great
H1121	H1624	H622	H1995	H2428	H7227
ב וְאֶ	ב וְאֶ	וְשָׁטַף	וְעָבַר		
and one shall certainly	and one shall certainly	and overflow	and pass through		
H935	H935	H7857	H5674		
וְשָׁב	וְיִתְגַּדְּלוּ	עַד	מַעְזָה:		
then shall he return	and be stirred up	H5704	even to his fortress		
H7725	H1624		H4581		

Additional Cross-References

Jeremiah 51:42 (Parallel theme): The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.

Daniel 11:7 (Parallel theme): But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

Daniel 9:26 (Parallel theme): And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

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