

# Daniel 11:13

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For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

## Analysis

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Antiochus III returned after years with larger army, defeating Ptolemy V at Panion (198 BC). This secured Seleucid control over Judea, shifting Jewish territory from Ptolemaic to Seleucid dominance—a major historical shift affecting Jewish life and setting stage for Antiochus IV's later persecution.

## Historical Context

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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

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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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

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וְשָׁב shall return H7725	מֶלֶךְ For the king H4428	הַצָּפֹן of the north H6828	וְהָעַמֹּת יָד and shall set forth H5975	הַמֶּלֶךְ a multitude H1995	
רַב: and with much H7227	מִן H4480	הַרְּאֵשׁ than the former H7223	וְלִקְיָא after H7093	הָעֵת certain H6256	שָׁנִים years H8141
בְּוָא and shall certainly H935	בְּוָא and shall certainly H935	בְּחֵל army H2428	גָּדוֹל with a great H1419	וּבְרִיכוֹת riches H7399	
רַב: and with much H7227					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Daniel 4:16** (Parallel theme): Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him.

**Daniel 12:7** (Parallel theme): And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.

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