

Daniel 11:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.

Analysis

During these conflicts, 'violent men' among Jews supported Seleucid takeover, hoping for advantage. The phrase 'to establish the vision' may indicate that these events fulfill prophetic vision, though the attempt ultimately fails. This internal Jewish division would have serious consequences.

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

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

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

וּבְעֵת יָמִים	הָהֵם	רַבִּי יָמִים	לְהִעָמֵד יָד	עַל	מִלְּפָנֵי
And in those times	H1992	there shall many	stand up	H5921	against the king
H6256		H7227	H5975		H4428
הֵם מִן הַיָּבֵשׁ	וְגַם יָמִים	פְּרִיץ יָד	עַמְּךָ	וְיִנָּשָׂא וְ	לְהִעָמֵד יָד
of the south	also the robbers	H6530	of thy people	shall exalt	stand up
H5045	H1121		H5971	H5375	H5975
הַזֶּה הוּא	וְיִנָּשָׂא וְ				
the vision	but they shall fall				
H2377	H3782				

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