

Daniel 11:16

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

Analysis

Antiochus III stood in 'the glorious land' (Judea), now under Seleucid control. Initially benevolent toward Jews, this dynasty's attitude would change dramatically under Antiochus IV. The prophecy's precision continues: 'the glorious land' becomes key to understanding coming persecution.

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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

בְּעֵשׂ	הַבָּא	אֲלֵי	כְּרָצֹן	וְ	וְאֵלִי
against him shall do	But he that cometh	H413	according to his own will		H369
H6213	H935		H7522		
וְיִשְׂתַּחַטְתִּי	לִפְנֵי	וְיִנְחַמֵּד	בְּאָרֶץ	בְּאָבִיו	
and none shall stand	before	and none shall stand	land	in the glorious	
H5975	H6440	H5975	H776	H6643	
וְאֵת	בְּיַדְךָ	וְכָל			
H3615	which by his hand	H3027			

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 8:9 (Parallel theme): And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

Daniel 11:36 (Parallel theme): And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.

Daniel 11:41 (Glory): He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

Daniel 11:3 (Parallel theme): And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.

Daniel 8:4 (Parallel theme): I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and became great.

Daniel 8:7 (Parallel theme): And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand.
