

Daniel 11:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land:
but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.

Analysis

Antiochus III's return to his own land and eventual death (187 BC) while plundering a temple in Elam fulfilled this verse. The phrase 'he shall stumble and fall, and not be found' describes his sudden death ending his ambitious reign.

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

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

John 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

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

וְנִכְשֶׁלֶת	לִפְנֵי	וְלִמְעוֹד	וְאֶרֶץ	בְּיַד
Then he shall turn	his face	toward the fort	of his own land	but he shall stumble
H7725	H6440	H4581	H776	H3782
וְלֹא יִתְגַּלֵּן	וְלֹא יִתְגַּלֵּן			
and fall	H3808	and not be found		
H5307		H4672		

Additional Cross-References

Psalms 37:36 (Parallel theme): Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not: yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

Ezekiel 26:21 (Parallel theme): I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.

Psalms 27:2 (Parallel theme): When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Job 20:8 (Parallel theme): He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found: yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

Jeremiah 46:6 (Parallel theme): Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; they shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.