

Daniel 11:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

Analysis

Antiochus IV swept away opposition 'with the arms of a flood.' The phrase 'prince of the covenant' may refer to Jewish high priest Onias III, murdered during Antiochus's machinations. This began the intense persecution of faithful Jews resisting Hellenization.

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 15:13 — Greatest form of love

1 Corinthians 13:4 — Characteristics of love

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

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

וְזָרַע וְזָרַע וְזָרַע	הַשֶּׁטֶף	יִשְׁטְפוּ	מִלְפָּנֶיךָ יְיָ
And with the arms	of a flood	shall they be overflown	from before
H2220	H7858	H7857	H6440
וְיִשְׁבֵּר רֹאשׁוֹ	וְיָגֵד	נָגִיד	בְּרִית:
him and shall be broken	H1571	yea also the prince	of the covenant
H7665		H5057	H1285

Additional Cross-References

Daniel 11:10 (Parallel theme): 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.

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.

Daniel 8:25 (Parallel theme): And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.

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