

Daniel 11:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

Analysis

Antiochus entered peaceful provinces, distributed plunder to gain loyalty—tactics unprecedented among his predecessors. His campaign strategies and political maneuvering fulfilled predictions precisely. The 'for a time' indicates temporary success before eventual downfall.

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

1 John 4:8 — God is love

John 15:13 — Greatest form 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

יבוא בשלו ה מדיינה ובעמישמן י He shall enter
peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province
H7962 H4924 H4082 H935

אבות י אבות י אבות י עש לא אש ר עש
and he shall do and he shall do fathers fathers fathers
H6213 H834 H3808 H6213 H1 H1 H1

יע ל יבז ור לבק מ ורכ יש ישל ל בז ה
among them the prey and spoil and riches he shall scatter
H961 H7998 H7399 H1992 H967 H5921

יעד מחשبات י יחש ב יבצ ים
against the strong holds yea and he shall forecast his devices
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