

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

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through 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

בְּשָׁלֵוְ הַ	וּבְמִשְׁמַנֵּי י	מִדִּינָה	יָבוֹא			
peaceably	even upon the fattest places	of the province	He shall enter			
H7962	H4924	H4082	H935			
וְעָשָׂה	לֹא אֶשְׂרָר	וְעָשָׂה	אֲבֹתָיו	אֲבֹתָיו	אֲבֹתָיו	
and he shall do		and he shall do	fathers	fathers	fathers	
H6213	H834 H3808	H6213	H1	H1	H1	
בְּתוֹכָהֶם	וְשָׁלַל	וְיָרַח וְשֶׁמֶן	לָהֶם	יִבְזֹר	וְעָלָה	
among them the prey	and spoil	and riches		he shall scatter		
H961	H7998	H7399	H1992	H967	H5921	
מִבְּצָרִים	וְיַחְשֵׁב	מִמְּחֹשְׁבֹתָיו	וְעַד			
against the strong holds	yea and he shall forecast	his devices				
H4013	H2803	H4284	H5704			
עַתָּה:						
even for a time						
H6256						

