

# Daniel 11:25

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.

## Analysis

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Antiochus's first Egyptian campaign (170 BC) against Ptolemy VI fulfilled this. Despite Egypt's large forces, Antiochus succeeded initially through superior tactics and Ptolemy's advisors' treachery ('forecast devices against him'). The prophecy's accuracy continues unbroken.

## Historical Context

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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

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**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## Study Questions

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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

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וַיַּעַר	כֹּחַ וְ	וּלְבָב וְ	עַל	וְיָמָּ לְךָ	הֵן גִּבּוֹר		
And he shall stir up	his power	and his courage	H5921	against the king	of the south		
H5782	H3581	H3824		H4428	H5045		
בְּחֵיל	גָּדוֹל	וְיָמָּ לְךָ	הֵן גִּבּוֹר	יִתְגַּבֵּר	לְמַלְחָתוֹ הַ		
army	great	against the king	of the south	shall be stirred up	to battle		
H2428	H1419	H4428	H5045	H1624	H4421		
בְּחֵיל	גָּדוֹל	וְעֶזְ וּמִ	עַד	מְאֹד	וְלֹא יִעַמְד	כִּי	
army	great	and mighty	H5704	with a very	H3808	but he shall not stand	H3588
H2428	H1419	H6099		H3966		H5975	
וַיִּחְשָׁב וְ		מִחְשָׁבוֹת: עַל יוֹ					
for they shall forecast		devices					
H2803		H4284					

