

Daniel 11:32

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Analysis

Antiochus used flatteries to corrupt apostate Jews willing to abandon covenant. Yet 'the people that do know their God' (faithful Jews like the Maccabees) resisted strongly, leading to heroic resistance and martyrdom. This encourages faithfulness under persecution—knowing God produces courageous resistance.

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

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

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

וּמַרְשִׁיעַ י'	בְּרִית	יִחַג יֵרָ	בְּחִלְקֵן זֹת	
And such as do wickedly	against the covenant	shall he corrupt	by flatteries	
H7561	H1285	H2610	H2514	
וְעַם	יֹדְעֵי י'	אֱלֹהֵי יוֹ	יִחַז קוֹ	וַעֲשׂוּ:
but the people	that do know	their God	shall be strong	and do
H5971	H3045	H430	H2388	H6213

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 28:9 (References God): And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

Psalms 9:10 (Parallel theme): And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

John 17:3 (References God): And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

Zechariah 10:12 (Parallel theme): And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:34 (Parallel theme): And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Malachi 4:2 (Parallel theme): But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Proverbs 26:28 (Parallel theme): A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

1 John 5:20 (References God): And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

Proverbs 19:5 (Parallel theme): A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape.