

Daniel 11:36

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

Chapter 11's detailed prophecy shifts to an eschatological figure: 'And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.' The 'king' who exalts himself 'above every god' describes both historical Antiochus IV Epiphanes and eschatological Antichrist. The phrase 'do according to his will' indicates tyrannical autonomy. Speaking 'marvellous things' (shocking blasphemies) against 'the God of gods' represents ultimate rebellion. Yet he prospers only 'till the indignation be accomplished'—divine judgment has predetermined limits.

Historical Context

Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 BC) called himself 'Epiphanes' (god manifest), claimed divine status, desecrated Jerusalem's temple by sacrificing pigs and erecting Zeus's statue. His persecution provoked Maccabean revolt. Yet the prophecy's language exceeds Antiochus, suggesting dual fulfillment in future Antichrist (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:4; Revelation 13:5-6). Paul describes 'man of lawlessness' who exalts himself above all worship, paralleling this passage. The

certainty that 'what is determined shall be done' shows even rebellion serves God's sovereign purposes.

Related Passages

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How does the temporary nature of the king's prospering ('till indignation be accomplished') provide hope during seasons when evil seems triumphant?
2. What does the certainty of predetermined limits teach about God's sovereignty over even the most blasphemous rebellion?

Interlinear Text

נַעֲשֶׂתָהּ: shall be done H6213	כְּרָצֹן ו' according to his will H7522	הִמָּלֵךְ And the king H4428	וַיִּתְרוֹמֶם and he shall exalt H7311
וַיִּתְגַּדֵּל himself and magnify H1431	עַל H5921	כָּל H3605	אֵל יִם against the God H410
אֵל יִם against the God H410	וַיְדַבֵּר and shall speak H1696	נִפְלְאוֹת marvellous things H6381	וַהֲצִלֵּי יִם and shall prosper H6743
עַד H5704	כִּי לֵה be accomplished H3615	יָעַם till the indignation H2195	כִּי י' H3588
נַעֲשֶׂתָהּ: shall be done H6213	נִחְרָצָה for that that is determined H2782		

Additional Cross-References

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (References God): Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Deuteronomy 10:17 (References God): For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward:

Daniel 8:19 (Parallel theme): And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be.

Isaiah 14:13 (References God): For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Daniel 11:16 (Parallel theme): But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.

Daniel 2:47 (Kingdom): The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret.

Revelation 10:7 (References God): But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Isaiah 10:25 (Parallel theme): For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

Psalms 136:2 (References God): O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.