

Daniel 11:43

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.

Analysis

Control over Egypt's treasures and Libya/Ethiopia's submission describes both Antiochus's historical success and possibly end-times conquest. The specific geographical details—north Africa, Middle East—highlight that prophetic fulfillment occurs in real locations with identifiable nations, not merely spiritual allegory.

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

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

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

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But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver

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and over all the precious things of Egypt and the Libyans and the Ethiopians

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shall be at his steps

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Additional Cross-References

2 Chronicles 12:3 (References Egypt): With twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians.

Nahum 3:9 (References Egypt): Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers.

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