

Daniel 11:44

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.

Analysis

News from east and north trouble the king, causing furious response with intent to destroy many. For Antiochus, this may reference reports of rebellions or Parthian threats; eschatologically, it could indicate final conflicts preceding Christ's return. The conqueror's fury and destructive intent characterize tyrannical end-times opposition to God's people.

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

Psalm 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

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

וְמִצְפָּה וְמִצְרָיָם וְשָׁמָעַ וְתַּחַת
But tidings shall trouble out of the east and out of the north
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וַיֵּצֵא אֶל־הַכְּתָמָת וְגַדֵּל הַרְשָׁם יְדֵךְ אֶל־
him therefore he shall go forth fury with great to destroy
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לְפָרָר יְמִינֵיכֶם
and utterly to make away many
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