

# Daniel 11:6

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And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.

## Analysis

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This verse predicts political marriage alliance: Ptolemy II's daughter Berenice married Seleucid king Antiochus II (252 BC) to end war. The phrase 'she shall not retain the power of the arm' predicts her downfall—she and her son were murdered by Antiochus's first wife Laodice. This fulfilled prophecy demonstrates divine foreknowledge of specific historical details.

## 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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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## 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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וְלֹךְ זֶה	שָׁנִים	וְיַחֲמֹבּוּ רֹא	וְלֹचְ זֶה	וְבַת	וְלֹךְ זֶה
And in the end	of years	they shall join themselves together	daughter	for the king's	
H7093	H8141	H2266	H1323	H4428	
בְּגֹבְּנָה	וְמַבְיאָה יְהֹ	אֶל	מִלְחָמָה	וְהַצְפָּנָה	לְעַשְׂתָּה
of the south	and they that brought	H413	for the king's	of the north	to make
H5045	H935	H4428	H6828	H6213	
מִשְׁכָּר יִם	אֵלָא	מַעַצָּר	כִּי	וְזָרָעָה	וְלֹא
an agreement	H3808	but she shall not retain	the power	nor his arm	H3808
H4339	H6113	H3581	H2220	H1931	
יְעַמֵּד	וְזָרָעָה	וְתַבְתַּחַת	הַיָּא		
neither shall he stand	nor his arm	but she shall be given up			
H5975	H2220	H5414			
וְמַבְיאָה יְהֹ	וְפִי לְדִין	וְמַפְזִיק הָ			
and they that brought	her and he that begat	her and he that strengthened			
H935	H3205	H2388			
בְּעָתִים:					
her in these times					
H6256					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Daniel 11:13** (Kingdom): For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.

**Daniel 11:15** (Kingdom): So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.

**Daniel 11:40** (Kingdom): And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.

**Daniel 11:7** (Kingdom): But out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:

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