

Daniel 11:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

Berenice's brother, Ptolemy III Euergetes, avenged her death by invading Syria (246 BC), fulfilling 'out of a branch of her roots shall one stand up.' He captured many prisoners and treasures, as predicted. This historical precision continues validating the prophecy's divine origin.

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

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

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

וְעַמְּדֵה	מִגְּרָא	שְׁרֶשׁ יַחַד	כְּבָא	וְיַבְאֶה
shall one stand up	But out of a branch	of her roots	in his estate	and shall enter
H5975	H5342	H8328	H3653	H935
אֶל	בְּן־אֶל	וְיַבְאֶה	לְגַדְעָה	וְיַבְאֶה
H413	with an army	and shall enter	into the fortress	of the king
H2428	H935	H4581	H4428	H6828
וְיַעֲשֶׂה	בְּנֵי־הָעֵדָה	וְיַעֲלֶה־לְגַדְעָה	וְיַבְאֶה	וְיַבְאֶה
and shall deal	H0	against them and shall prevail		
H6213		H2388		

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