## A Translation of Daniel 11:2b-12:3

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I want to thank the Daniel 11 Committee for asking me to prepare a color-coded translation of Daniel 11:2b-12:3 with the primary aim of making the identity of the participants clear to English readers. The determination of the identity of subjects and objects is based on the work of Lénart J. de Regt. ${ }^{1}$ The identity of other anaphoric references is determined by context in light of the application of his rules. I would like to also thank Roy Gane, Oliver Glanz, Frank Hardy, and Michael Younker for suggestions concerning selected passages. Unless otherwise noted, the provisional translation and any errors are mine. The color coding employed below applies to 11:5-45 (11:2-4 and 12:1-3 are assumed to be less ambiguous).

## King of the north

King of the north or successor/descendant with another name
Anaphoric reference to the king of the north or successor

## King of the south

King of the south or successor/descendant with another name
Anaphoric reference to the king of the south or successor
Prince of the covenant
The people of God
The wise
[Other colors used for other participants]
Ambiguous references are left uncolored

[^0]The Hebrew text presented here is that of the MT without textual corrections or emendations. ${ }^{2}$ However, in a few instances, corrections/emendations supported by textual variants have been adopted in the translation. Textual variants that are relevant to sentence divisions and the identity of participants are discussed in the Appendix. It should be mentioned that since the Hebrew of Daniel is late biblical Hebrew, it includes expressions and other linguistic characteristics that are different from pre-exilic classical Hebrew. However, a discussion of these unusual expressions and various difficult passages deserves a separate study.

The translation presented here is provisional in nature. No translation is perfect, since neither human beings nor human languages are perfect. Since the primary purpose of the translation relates to the identity of the participants, other matters related to syntax and discourse are not directly addressed. De Regt does cover other discourse issues, including non-chronological arrangement in a narrative, in his monograph, ${ }^{3}$ but those are not the aim of this translation. A full discussion of such matters would require separate studies, and perhaps even separate translations for each issue.

| Daniel 11:2b-12:3 | \# | de Regt rule |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1 |  |  |
|  | 2 |  |  |
| When he becomes strong with his riches, he will arouse everyone against the king of Greece. | $3^{\wedge}$ | Rule 2: subj | fourth king |
| 3 A mighty king will arise. | 4 |  |  |
| He | $5 \wedge$ | Rule 2: subj | mighty king |
| He will do according to his will. | $6^{\wedge}$ | Rule 2: subj | mighty king |
| 4 When he has risen, his kingdom will be broken. | 7 |  |  |
|  | $8^{\wedge}$ | Rule 2: subj | (his kingdom) |

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| 为 10 His sons will be stirred up | 30 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 住 | $31 \wedge$ | C－C Reg． |  |
|  | $32 \wedge$ | Rule 2：subj | king of north |
| 䁾 and overflow | $33 \wedge$ | C－C Reg． |  |
| וֹשְ רָהר and cross over． | $34 \wedge$ | C－C Reg． |  |
| רִיָשֶׁב | $35 \wedge$ | Rule 2：subj |  |
| 景 he will fight as far as his fortress． | $36^{\wedge}$ | C－C Reg． |  |
|  | 37 |  |  |
| רִיָלָ He will go out | 38 ＾ | Rule 2：subj | king of south |
| 俍 |  | C－C Reg． |  |
|  | $40 \wedge$ | Rule 2：subj | king of south |
| The multitude will be placed in his hand． | 41 |  |  |
| רני 12 The multitude will be lofty， | 42 |  |  |
| יָרָנום לְבָּרוֹ | 43 |  |  |
| 隹 He will bring down myriads， | 44 ＾ | Rule 2：subj |  |
|  | $45 \wedge$ | C－C Reg． |  |
| 俍 13 Then the king of the north will return | 46 |  |  |
|  | 47 ＾ | C－C Reg． | king of north |
| He will certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much equipment． | 48 ＾ | C－C Reg． |  |
| 茳 14 In those times many will stand up against the king of | 49 |  |  |
| The violent ones of your people will rise up to confirm the vision． | 50 |  |  |
| 住 | $51 \wedge$ | Rule 2：subj | violent ones |
| 俍 15 The king of the north will come | 52 |  |  |
| und and lay siege mounds | $53 \wedge$ | C－C Reg． |  |

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וְלְכָכר עִּיר מִבְצָרגוֹת
The arms of the south will not stand, nor his choice troops.
There will be no strength to stand.
16 The one who comes to him will do according to his will,
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He will stand in the beautiful land,
וְרָלָּה בְיָדוֹ: with complete destruction in his hand.
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``` entire kingdom.
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But she will not stand
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\(18 \underline{\text { He will set his face to the coastlands [Ketiv: He will }}\) turn back his face]
וְלְכָד רַבִּים and capture many.
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Rather, he will turn back his taunt on him.
\(19 \underline{\text { He will then turn his face back to the fortresses of }}\) his own land. \({ }^{4}\)
Cuְנִשְַׁל But he will stumble
and fall
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$54 \wedge$ C-C Reg.
$58 \wedge$ Rule 2: obj the one who comes (king of north)
59 ^ Rule 1: subj "him" (king of north)60

61 ^ Rule 2: subj
$62 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj the one who sets his face (king of north)
63 ^ C-C Reg.
64 ^ Rule 1: subj "daughter"
65 ^ C-C Reg.
66 ^ Rule 1: subj "him" (king of north)
67 ^ C-C Reg.
68
69 ^ C-C Reg.
$70 \wedge$ Rule 1: subj "him" (king of north)
$71 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj the one who turns his face (king of north)

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                                    for the splendor of the kingdom.
    But in a few days he will be broken, but not in anger or in battle.
21 In his place will arise a contemptible person.
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וּבָּא בְשַׁלְלָּה He will come in quietly,
and will seize the kingdom by smoothness.
22 The sweeping arms will be swept away before him,
and will be broken, also the prince of the covenant.
23 After the making of an alliance with him he will practice deception.
שִשָלְה He will go up
and become mighty with a small people.
\(24 \xrightarrow{\text { He will come quietly and into the rich areas of the }}\) province.
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Against the fortifications he will devise his plans, but only for a time.
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``` king of the south with a large army.
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``` שִּאֹד \(w\) with a great and very strong army.
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the one who sends out an exactor (king of north)
$79 \wedge$ C-C Reg.
80 ^ Rule 2: obj
$81 \wedge$ C-C Reg.
$82 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj contemptible person
$83 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj

84 ^ C-C Reg.
85 ^ Rule 2: subj
86 ^ Rule 2: subj
87 ^ Rule 2: subj
$88 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj
$89 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj
$91 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj. king of south
$92 \wedge$ Rule 2: obj
ne will do that which neither his fathers nor his forefathers have done.
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For plans will be devised against him.
\(75 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj \begin{tabular}{l} 
the one who sends \\
out an exactor (king \\
of north)
\end{tabular}
76
77 ^ Rule 2: obj \begin{tabular}{l} 
contemptible person \\
(king of north)
\end{tabular}
\(78 \wedge\) Rule 1: subj
\(79 \wedge\) C-C Reg.
\(80 \wedge\) Rule 2: obj
\(81 \wedge\) C-C Reg.
\(82 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj contemptible person
\(83 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
\(84 \wedge\) C-C Reg.
\(85 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
\(86 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
\(87 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
\(88 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
\(89 \wedge\) Rule 2: subj
90
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27 As for the two kings, their hearts will be set on evil.
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? ְָٕשָׁה He will take action.

```Then he will return to his own land.29 At the appointed time he will againוּבָא בַגֶּגֶבBut it will not be as at first or the last.30 Ships of Kittim will come against him.
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```רְשָׁר
    M He will be indignant against the holy covenant
        <un
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    pay attention to those who forsake the holy
                covenant.
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\and will profane the sanctuary fortress.
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At the same table they will speak lies. ..... 98 ..... $97 \wedge$ Rule 2: subj the two kings
For the end is still for an appointed time. ..... 99
94
and many will fall slain. ..... 95
96
27 As for the two kings, their hearts will be set on evil.
100 ^ Rule 2: subj
(king of north)
102 ^ Rule 2: subj

```103 ^ Rule 2: subj104 ^ Rule 2: subj105 ^ C-C Reg.106
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```They will remove the tamid
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107 ^ Rule 2: obj
108 ^ Rule 1: subj "him" (king of north)
109 ^ C-C Reg.
110 ^ Rule 2: subj
\(111 \wedge\) C-C Reg.
112 ^ Rule 2: subj
113 ^ C-C Reg.

115 ^ C-C Reg.
116 ^ Rule 2: subj arms

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                    honor with gold and silver and precious stones and
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honor with gold
39 He will take action against the strongholds of fortresses with a foreign god, whom he recognizes.

יַרְהֶּה כָברָוֹד He will increase honor.
He will make them rule over the many, and apportion the land for a price.
40 At the time of the end the king of the south will join in combat with him.
 רַַּּוֹת

He will enter countries, וְשָׁטְטֶ and overflow, : ְٕשָׁבר and cross over.
וֹרַּ 41 He will enter the beautiful land.
וְרַבּקוֹת יִכָּשֵׁלֵּוּ Many (lands) will fall,
but these will escape his hand, Edom, Moab, and the leaders of the Ammonites.
42 He will stretch his hand into (other) lands,
150 ^ Rule 2: subj
and the land of Egypt will not escape.151
 rule over the hidden treasures of gold and silver and over the precious things of Egypt,
with the Libyans and Ethiopians in his footsteps.
(1s) 44 But reports from the east and the north will frighten him.
管 He will go out with great fury to destroy and to exterminate many.
But
 will storm against him with 143 Rule 2: obj chariots, horsemen, and many ships. 152153 54
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Rule 2: subj

Rule 2: obj

137 ^ C-C Reg.
king of south
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"him" (king of north)

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( 45 He will plant his royal tents between the seas and 156 Rule 2: subj the beautiful holy mountain.

with no one to help him.
\(158 \wedge\) Rule 2: obj
159
160 since a nation came to be until that time.
: An An that time your people, all who are found written 161 in the book, will be delivered.
2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground 162
 shame and eternal contempt.

The wise will shine like the glow of the firmament,
the ones who turn the many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.

\section*{Appendix: Notes on Selected Textual Variants}

It is beyond the scope of this study to attempt a reconstruction of the best text of the Daniel 11:2b-12:3. However, a discussion of textual variants is unavoidable, since some of them affect the analysis of the anaphoric references. The following consists of some notes on textual variants that are relevant to the application of de Regt's rules on anaphoric references.

\section*{11:5}

There is a textual variant in 11:5 that affects the location of a clause boundary, and the presence or absence of an anaphoric reference.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline  &  Aǐúntтou &  vótov \\
\hline  & \begin{tabular}{l}
кגì દĩ̧ દ̇к \(\tau \oplus ̃ v ~ \delta v v \alpha \sigma \tau \tilde{v} v\) \\

\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
кגì \(\varepsilon i ̃ \varsigma ~ \tau \tilde{v} v\) 人̀ \(\rho \chi o ́ v \tau \omega v ~ \alpha v ̇ \tau \omega ̃ v\) \\

\end{tabular} \\
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In the above example, the Masoretic cantillation suggests that the expression וּחִן־שָּרָּיוֹ "and one of his princes" belongs to the first clause, but the Greek translations, both the Old Greek and Theodotion (hereafter, OG and Theod), take it as part of the second clause. The Latin Vulgate agrees with the Greek sentence division, but the Syriac Peshitta follows the MT. If the MT is followed, both the subject and the object of the second clause are anaphoric, but if the Greek is followed, the clause has an explicit subject. Following the Greek versions results in a more natural sentence break, though it requires emending the verb in the second clause from to Pחֵּ: This in turn could easily be explained as a copying error due to the fact that the verse begins with sentence division of the Greek translations has been adopted. On the other hand, it should be
mentioned in defense of the MT sentence division that there are no other instances in the biblical Hebrew corpus of sentences beginning with \({ }^{-1}\) - וִִֹן noun phrase acting as subject. This does not preclude וּקִןֹשָׁרָריו from being the subject at the beginning of a clause, but it must be recognized that this is rare. \({ }^{5}\)

\section*{11:6}

The OG departs considerably form the MT in 11:6, including, most curiously, the absence of any mention or reference to the daughter of the king of the south. However, most of the differences in OG are not supported by other witnesses. The most interesting variant in this verse comes from Theod.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline  &  \(\kappa \alpha i ̀ ~ \tau \check{v} v \sigma v \mu \pi о \rho \varepsilon v o \mu \varepsilon ́ v \omega v \mu \varepsilon \tau\) ’ גט่тоข̃, & кגì ov̉ \(\sigma \tau \eta ́ \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha ı ~ \tau o ̀ ~ \sigma \pi \varepsilon ́ \rho \mu \alpha ~\) «ט̀тоข̃, \\
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\end{tabular} & & \begin{tabular}{l}
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 каıроĩs.
\end{tabular} \\
\hline & кגì \(\mu \varepsilon v \varepsilon i ̃\) cíc őpac. & \\
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\end{tabular}

In the first clause above according to the MT has an anaphoric subject along with an additional
 manuscripts where the word occurs without the conjunction, זְרעוֹ "his arm," in which case the clause has a simple specified subject. This appears to be followed by both OG and Theod. The latter translates the word as \(\tau\) ò \(\sigma \pi \varepsilon ́ \rho \mu \alpha \alpha v ̉ \tau o v ̃ ~ " h i s ~ s e e d, " ~ w h i c h ~ s u g g e s t s ~ a ~ d i f f e r e n t ~ v o w e l l i n g ~ o f ~\)

\footnotetext{
\({ }^{5}\) Either way, most interpreters understand the phrase as referring to Seleucus I Nicator, one of Alexander's generals who for a time served under Ptolemy I Soter in Egypt.
}
the Hebrew as זירְעֹ. The vowelling of the MT is followed by the OG к \(\alpha\) ì ó \(\beta \rho \alpha \chi i ́ \omega v \alpha v ̉ \tau o v ̃\) \(v \alpha \rho \chi \mathfrak{\eta} \sigma \varepsilon 1\) "and his arm will grow numb," but the sentence division is slightly different. In conclusion, there is evidence that the MT of this verse contains several possible scribal errors, most of which cannot be easily resolved, and which are beyond the scope of this discussion. However, the absence of the conjunction "and" in front of the consonants has support in both Hebrew and Greek manuscripts and has been adopted in this study. Also, the variant in Theod may support the reading "his seed" rather than "his arm," though not conclusively. The remaining variants in the OG have no support and have not been adopted.

\section*{11:10}

There is a textual variant in 11:10 related to the switch from plural to singular in the MT.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline  & \begin{tabular}{l}
\({ }^{10}\) Kaì ó viò̧ aùtoṽ кaì \\

\end{tabular} & \({ }^{10}\) Kaì oi vioù đv̇toṽ \\
\hline  &  \(\pi \mathrm{o} \lambda \lambda \mathrm{ov}\) &  \(\pi \rho \lambda \lambda \tilde{\omega} v\), \\
\hline וּרָה בוֹאו &  &  \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

As can be seen above, the MT switches from the plural in the first two clauses in v .10 to the singular in the following clauses. There is a Ketiv/Qere variant in the first word of the verse. The Ketiv singular ובנו and his son" is supported by the OG кגì ô viòs גv̉toṽ, followed by singular verbs. On the other hand, the Qere plural דָּבָנִיו "and his sons" is supported by Theod kaì oi vioì
 plural, but, unlike the MT or Theod, it continues with the plural throughout the verse. Most commentaries follow the Qere and understand the sons to be the two sons of Seleucus II, i.e.,

Seleucus III and Antiochus III, in which case the puzzling switch from a plural subject to a singular subject is explained by the fact that Seleucus III died soon after coming to the throne and was followed by Antiochus III. It would be more natural for the verse to begin with the singular, in which case and the entire verse refers to the same ruler (that is, the short reign of Seleucus III is passed over in the account, which moves straight to Antiochus III). Further, the fact that the MT text is problematic is also reflected in another Ketiv/Qere later in the verse,
 provisionally follows the MT due to the lack of other witnesses supporting the OG. As it stands in the MT, de Regt's rule two suggests that the referent is the king of the north (v. 8), who comes into the south and returns to his own land in v. 9. However, since "his sons" are mentioned in v. 10, one must conclude that the anaphoric "he" expressed in the 3 ms verb in v. 10 refers not to the same person as "the king of the north" of v. 8, but to a successor, who is, therefore, also a "king of the north."

\section*{11:11-12}

There is a cluster of textual variants in 11:11-12.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
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\hline  &  ßор \(\rho \tilde{\alpha}\), & кגі̀ \(\pi о \lambda \varepsilon \mu \eta \eta^{\sigma} \varepsilon 1 \mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha ̀ ~ \tau o v ̃\) \(\beta \alpha \sigma \lambda \lambda \varepsilon ́ \omega \varsigma ~ \tau о v ̃ ~ \beta о \rho \rho \tilde{\alpha}\) - \\
\hline  & &  \\
\hline  & к \(\imath \grave{\imath} \pi \alpha \rho \alpha \delta о \theta \eta ́ \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha ı \dot{\eta} \sigma \cup v \alpha \gamma \omega \gamma \eta ̀\) عíc \(\tau \grave{\alpha} \varsigma \chi \varepsilon i ̃ \rho \alpha c ~ \alpha v ̉ \tau o v ̃ . ~\) &  \(\chi \varepsilon \varphi p i ̀ ~ \alpha v ̇ \tau o v ̃ . ~\) \\
\hline 12 &  & \({ }^{12}\) каı̀ \(\lambda \eta\) ¢́ \(\mu \psi \varepsilon \tau \alpha ı\) đòv ő \(\chi \lambda\) ov \\
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\end{tabular}

In v. 11 two of the clauses that are present in the MT and Theod are absent in the OG.
Additionally, the MT in v. 11 has a prepositional phrase עִׁקֹ "with him" that is absent in both

Greek translations. In v. 12 the MT וְנִשָׁא has a passive meaning "and is/will be lofty" or "and it will be carried away," whereas both the OG and Theod translate the clause actively, \(\lambda \eta \mu \mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha 1\) [ + accusative] "he will take away [+ direct object]." The Syriac Peshitta supports the Greek versions both in the absence of the prepositional phrase "with him" in v. 11 and in the active verb in and "and he will destroy the army" in v. 12. So does the Latin Vulgate, et capiet multitudinem "and he will take the multitude." The difference between the MT and the ancient translations that have an active verb corresponds to two different ways to vowel the Hebrew consonants, וְנִשְׁא (Niphal, "and it/he will be lofty/carried away") or וְנָשָ (Qal, "and he will carry away"). The combined witness of the ancient versions may tip the scale in favor of the active meaning of the clause in v. 12 . However, the fact that this variant is part of a cluster of textual variants makes it difficult to determine the best reading.

The textual variants in 11:11-12 have a complicated effect on the application of de Regt's rules concerning anaphoric references. For example, the MT of the first clause in v. 12 has a specified subject and no object, whereas the Greek and Syriac versions have an anaphoric subject and a specified object. In the OG, the king of the south is globally active in a series of clauses in vv. 11-12, whereas in Theod the king of the north is the anaphoric subject of one clause in the middle of the passage, followed by other subjects in subsequent clauses. Thus, it is best to provisionally leave the passage as is in the MT but to acknowledge that the text may be corrupt.

\section*{11:16}

The textual variant in 11:16 does not change the sentence divisions or the identity of the participants, but it cannot be passed over without a comment.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline ְיָּלָה דְיָּוֹוֹ & \(\kappa \alpha i ̀ ~ غ ̇ \pi ı \tau \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \theta \eta ́ \sigma o v \tau \alpha ı ~ \pi \alpha ́ v \tau \alpha ~ غ ̇ v ~\) \(\tau \alpha i ̃ s ~ \chi \varepsilon \rho \sigma i ̀ v \alpha v ̇ \tau o v ̃ . ~\) & кんì \(\sigma v v \tau \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \theta \eta ́ \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha l\) ह̇v \(ท n ̃ ~ \chi \varepsilon ા \rho \grave{~}\)幺ย๋่ายั. \\
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\end{tabular}

In the above example, the MT is best understood as a nominal sentence with the noun ְְָָדָ
"complete destruction" or "complete end" as the subject. The form וְכָלָה can also be analyzed as
a Qal 3ms verb "it will come to an end," but there is no masculine singular referent for the anaphor. However, both ancient Greek versions translate the clause with passive verbs. The OG adds a word \(\dot{\varepsilon} \pi \iota \tau \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \theta \dot{\eta} \sigma o v \tau \alpha \_\pi \alpha ́ v \tau \alpha\) "all will be brought to an end," which translates a combination of כֹל "all" and the verb כלה "to come to an end," suggesting that the translator of the OG may have conflated different understandings of the MT text. On the other hand, Theod translates the Hebrew word simply as \(\sigma v v \tau \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \sigma \theta \eta \dot{\sigma} \varepsilon \tau \alpha 1\) "it will be finished." Likewise, the Latin Vulgate also has a passive et consumetur in manu eius "it will be destroyed in his hand." The Syriac Peshitta has a feminine passive, maïra delivered into his hand." However, other than OG, the translations assume that the referent is the beautiful land, which is feminine in Hebrew as well as in each of the respective languages.

Alternatively, some prefer to emend the Hebrew text to וְבְלָּזי "and all of it [will be in his hand]," which is reflected in several modern translations. However, this emendation lacks textual support. Therefore, although there is textual evidence to suggest that the MT may need to be corrected, the evidence does not yield a clear alternative, and the MT reading is coherent.

\section*{11:17}

There is a textual variant in 11:17 that affects the sentence divisions.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline
\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline ִִיֹשָׁרִים עִּ &  \(\pi о \nmid \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha 1\) - & к \(\alpha \grave{~ \varepsilon v ̉ \theta \varepsilon \tau ̃ \alpha ~} \pi \alpha ́ v \tau \alpha \mu \varepsilon \tau\) ' \(\alpha v ̉ \tau \circ\) ṽ \(\pi о\) п́бєı \\
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\end{tabular}

The MT literally reads "... and equitable things with him. And he will do." That is, the first two words belong to the previous sentence and the verb begins a new sentence. However, both the OG and Theod translate these words as a single sentence, as also the Syriac Peshitta. \({ }^{6}\) The Hebrew بִישָׁרִים is translated as каì \(\sigma v v \theta \dot{\square} \kappa \alpha \varsigma\) "and agreements/treaties" (OG) and кגì \(\varepsilon v \dot{\theta} \theta \varepsilon i ̃ \alpha\) \(\pi \alpha ́ v \tau \alpha\) "and all right things" (Theod). Some have suggested that the Hebrew word can be emended to \(\begin{gathered}\text { מִּישׁׁרִים "agreement" (as in v. 6), }{ }^{7} \text { though the word can also be understood as the }\end{gathered}\)

 letters 1 and ' was not a rare scribal mistake. There is at least one Hebrew manuscript with Thus, the sentence division of the Greek translations is followed in this study.

\section*{11:18}

In 11:18 the words לֹֹֹ בִּלְ לְתִּ are somewhat enigmatic, but, if they reflect any type of textual corruption, the Greek translations, in spite of their differences, do not help to resolve the puzzle.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline  & &  óvยıঠเб \\
\hline  & \begin{tabular}{l}
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 тòv ỏvદเסıఠ \(\mu\) òv av̉toṽ.
\end{tabular} & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\end{tabular} \\
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\end{tabular}

\footnotetext{
\({ }^{6}\) Though the wording and all his people will pass over" suggests the possibility that the Syriac translator was having trouble understanding the MT.
\({ }^{7}\) Collins, Daniel, 365 .
}

Both the MT and Theod have two sentences, whereas the OG combines them into one sentence with different wording. Theodotion's translation of the first sentence, "he will make rulers cease their insult" reads קֶקציץ"commander" as a plural object of the verb, perhaps viewing the ending \({ }^{\mu}\) as an Aramaic masculine plural ending. Thus, the variant in Theod appears to be primarily a different understanding of the Hebrew syntax rather than a reflection of a different Hebrew original.

11:26

In 11:26 there is a textual variant that does not affect the sentence divisions but is significant for sense of the passage.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod & Syriac \\
\hline וְחֵילֹוֹ יִשְׁטוֹרֶ & каі̀ \(\pi \alpha \rho \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon ט ́ \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha \iota ~ \kappa \alpha i ̀ ~\) катабирєі̃ & кגì סúvapı̧ катакли́бદı & irotu meva \\
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\end{tabular}

In the above passage, the MT has an active verb יִשְׁטֹ "it will overflow." The active meaning is supported by both Greek versions. The OG translates the clause with two verbs, both with an active meaning, \(\pi \alpha \rho \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon v ́ \sigma \varepsilon \tau \alpha \iota ~ " h e ~ w i l l ~ p a s s ~ b y " ~ a n d ~ \kappa \alpha \tau \alpha \sigma u \rho \varepsilon i ̃ ~ " h e ~ w i l l ~ d r a g ~ a w a y . " ~ T h e ~ f o r m ~ o f ~\) the first verb is future middle, but it is a deponent verb ( \(\pi \alpha \rho \varepsilon ́ \rho \chi \circ \mu \alpha 1\) ). Theod is closer to the MT, and employs \(\kappa \alpha \tau \alpha \kappa \lambda\) v́ \(\sigma \varepsilon 1\) "it will flood." However, the Syriac Peshitta translates it as a passive i.nłu "it will be scattered." Likewise, the Latin Vulgate also translates it as a passive, exercitusque eius opprimetur "his army will be crushed" (future passive of opprimere "to press, force"). The passive meaning can be explained by a change in the vowelling of the MT from the


Since the original manuscripts were unvowelled, the present study adopts the passive meaning because it fits the context better. The Syriac and Latin passive translations suggest that the unvowelled Hebrew text was understood in a passive sense in at least some communities in antiquity.

\section*{11:32}

There is a textual variant in 11:32 that affects the identity of the subject of the clause.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline 32 בַּחְלַּקָּוֹת & \({ }^{32}\) каì \(\dot{\varepsilon} v \dot{\alpha} \mu \alpha \rho \tau i ́ \alpha 1 s ~ \delta 1 \alpha \theta \eta ́ \kappa \eta \varsigma ~\) \(\mu \mu \alpha o v ̃ \sigma v\) ह̀v к \(\lambda \eta \rho о \delta о \sigma i ́ \alpha\), & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\end{tabular}

In the above example, the MT clause contains an anaphoric subject, "he," expressed by the 3 ms morphological form of the verb יַּנְנִיף. The Greek translations diverge from the MT and from each other. The OG has "And with sins against the covenant they will defile by means of a distribution," whereas Theod has "And the lawless ones will institute a covenant by means of slipperiness." The OG has an anaphoric subject, whereas Theod has a specified subject oi \(\dot{\alpha} v o \mu o v ̃ v \tau \varepsilon \varsigma\) "the lawlessness ones." Nevertheless, in spite of their differences, both Greek translations (OG and Theod) have plural verb forms, \(\mu \boldsymbol{\alpha}\) voṽбıv "they will defile" (OG) and \(\dot{\varepsilon} \pi \alpha \dot{\beta} \xi\) ovaıv "they will make happen" (Theod). The Vulgate also has a plural verb, et impii in testamentum simulabunt fraudulenter "and the impious against the covenant will behave
 as for those who trespass against the covenant, he will make them guilty." The verb سem whe will make guilty" is singular. If the MT verb is emended to a plural, the subject would naturally be וּמַרְשִׁיעֵי בְרִית "those who act wickedly towards the covenant" instead of an
anaphoric 3 ms subject. Alternatively, since the previous sentence has a plural subject, it is also possible to conclude that the subject of the sentence is coreferential with the subject of the previous sentence. The evidence for a plural verb is strong. However, since the various witnesses disagree on the rest of the sentence, the present study provisionally follows the MT.

\section*{11:36}

Another relevant instance of a textual variant occurs in 11:36.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline MT & Theod \\
\hline ִִעָשָׁר &  \\
\hline  &  \\
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\end{tabular}

In the above example, the word הַשֶּלֶך "the king" occurs at the end of the first clause in the MT, but the translator of Theod places the word in the next clause. Whereas in the MT the first clause has a specified subject and the second clause has an anaphoric subject, in Theod the first clause has an anaphoric subject and the second clause has a specified subject. Since the subject of these and the following clauses remains the same, there is no advantage in deciding which of the variants is the better reading, and so, provisionally the MT is followed in this instance for the purpose of this study.

11:38-39

A cluster of variants involving clause boundaries occurs in the OG translation of 11:38-
39.
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline MT & OG & Theod \\
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
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 :יְקרה וּבַחֲמִדְוֹת:
\end{tabular} & кגì \(\theta\) cóv, ôv oủk \(\varepsilon\) ह́ \(\gamma v \omega \sigma \alpha v\) oi \(\pi \alpha \tau \varepsilon ́ \rho \varepsilon \varsigma \alpha v ̉ \tau o v ̃, ~ \tau \mu \eta ́ \sigma \varepsilon \iota \varepsilon ่ v\) \(\chi \rho \cup \sigma i ́ \varphi\) к人ì \(\lambda i \theta \oplus\) \(\pi\) о \(\lambda v \tau \varepsilon \lambda \varepsilon \tilde{\varepsilon}\). & \begin{tabular}{l}
кגì \(\theta \varepsilon\) óv, ôv oủk \(\varepsilon\) ह̈ \(\gamma \omega \omega \sigma \alpha v\) oi \(\pi \alpha \tau \varepsilon ́ \rho \varepsilon \varsigma ~ \alpha v ̀ \tau o v ̃, \delta о \xi \alpha ́ \sigma \varepsilon \varepsilon เ ~ \varepsilon ̇ v\) \\
 \(\tau \mu \dot{́} \omega\) каı̀ \(\dot{\varepsilon} v \dot{\varepsilon} \pi \imath \theta \nu \mu \eta \mu \alpha \sigma \iota\).
\end{tabular} \\
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\end{tabular}
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
39 וְשָשָׁה לְמִבְצְֵׂרֵי מָעִזִּים עִם \\

\end{tabular} &  [ \(\pi\) ó \(\ell \varepsilon \omega v\) ] &  \(\tau \tilde{\omega} v \kappa \alpha \tau \alpha \varphi \cup \gamma \tilde{\omega} v \mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha ̀ \quad \theta \varepsilon о \tilde{v}\) \(\dot{\alpha} \lambda \lambda\) отрі́ov \\
\hline &  & \\
\hline -רִרֶּהּ & \(\mu \varepsilon \tau \alpha ̀ ~ \theta \varepsilon o v ̃ ~ \alpha ̀ \lambda \lambda o \tau \rho i ́ o v, ~ o v ̃ ~ \varepsilon ́ \alpha ̀ v ~\) \(\dot{\varepsilon} \pi \iota \gamma \nu \tilde{,}, \pi \lambda \eta \theta \cup v \varepsilon i ̃ ~ \delta o ́ \xi \alpha \nu\) & к \(\alpha \grave{\pi} \pi \lambda \eta \theta v v \varepsilon ı ̃ ~ \delta o ́ \xi \alpha v\) \\
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\end{tabular}

In the above example, the Hebrew וּבַחְמִדֹוֹת \(11: 38\) is translated by the OG as the beginning of the first clause in v. 39, каì \(\dot{\varepsilon} v \dot{\varepsilon} \pi \imath \theta v \mu \eta \mu \alpha \sigma \iota{ }^{39} \pi o ŋ \eta \sigma \varepsilon \iota\) [ \(\pi\) ó \(\lambda \varepsilon \omega v\) ]"And with desirable things [of the cities] he will act." The translator of the OG also ends the sentence with the verb at the beginning of v. 39. This is followed by the translation of the next two Hebrew words לְשִבְצְרֵי מָעִזִים "to the stronghold of the fortresses" as a separate
 the Hebrew words up to the atnach, the verse's major disjunctive cantillation mark, are translated as the next sentence. Fortunately, aside from the additional clause in the OG, the variants do not affect the identification of the anaphoric references. As for the additional clause in the OG due to the addition of the verb \(\eta \xi \xi \varepsilon\), this addition is not reflected in Theod or the Syriac, which follow the clause divisions of the MT. Thus, this study provisionally follows the MT.```


[^0]:    1 "Anaphoric Accessibility in Biblical Hebrew Narrative: Global and Local Participant Tracking across Clause Boundaries," pages 63-78 in Ancient Texts and Modern Readers: Studies in Ancient Hebrew Linguistics and Bible Translation. edited by Gideon R. Kotzé, Christian S. Locatell, and John A. Messarra, Studia Semitica Neerlandica 71 (Leiden: Brill, 2019).

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Instances of Ketiv/Qere follow the traditional convention of the MT, that is, the text consists of the consonants of the Ketiv with the vowels of the Qere.
    ${ }^{3}$ Linguistic Coherence in Biblical Hebrew Texts: Arrangement of Information, Participant Reference Devices, Verb Forms, and Their Contribution to Textual Segmentation and Coherence (Piscataway: Gorgias Press, 2019).

[^2]:    ${ }^{4}$ Oliver Glanz prefers to understand the referent here and in the rest of v. 19 as the "commander" of v .18.

