

TRUSTING
THE MOST HIGH GOD
IN PERILOUS TIMES

DANIEL 11:21-35



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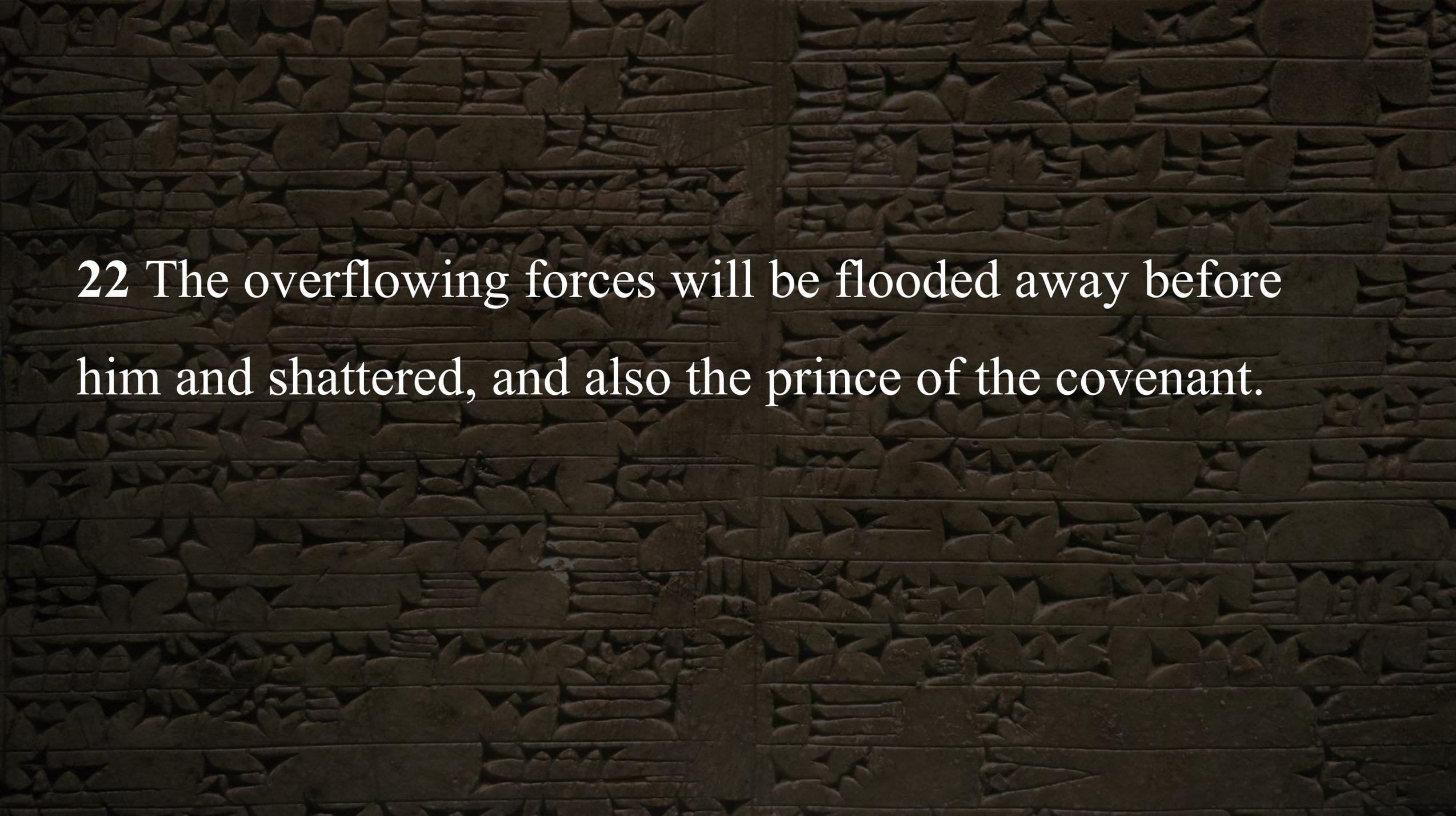
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“Seize by intrigue” - seized it through his crafty supplanting of Demetrius,

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He would find the richest (lit. fattest) of his land and take their possessions but not merely give to his political friends but to the poor that made up the greatest number of populace

No one had ever done that before!

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Antiochus was sent packing short of a complete victory, takes anchor out on Israel

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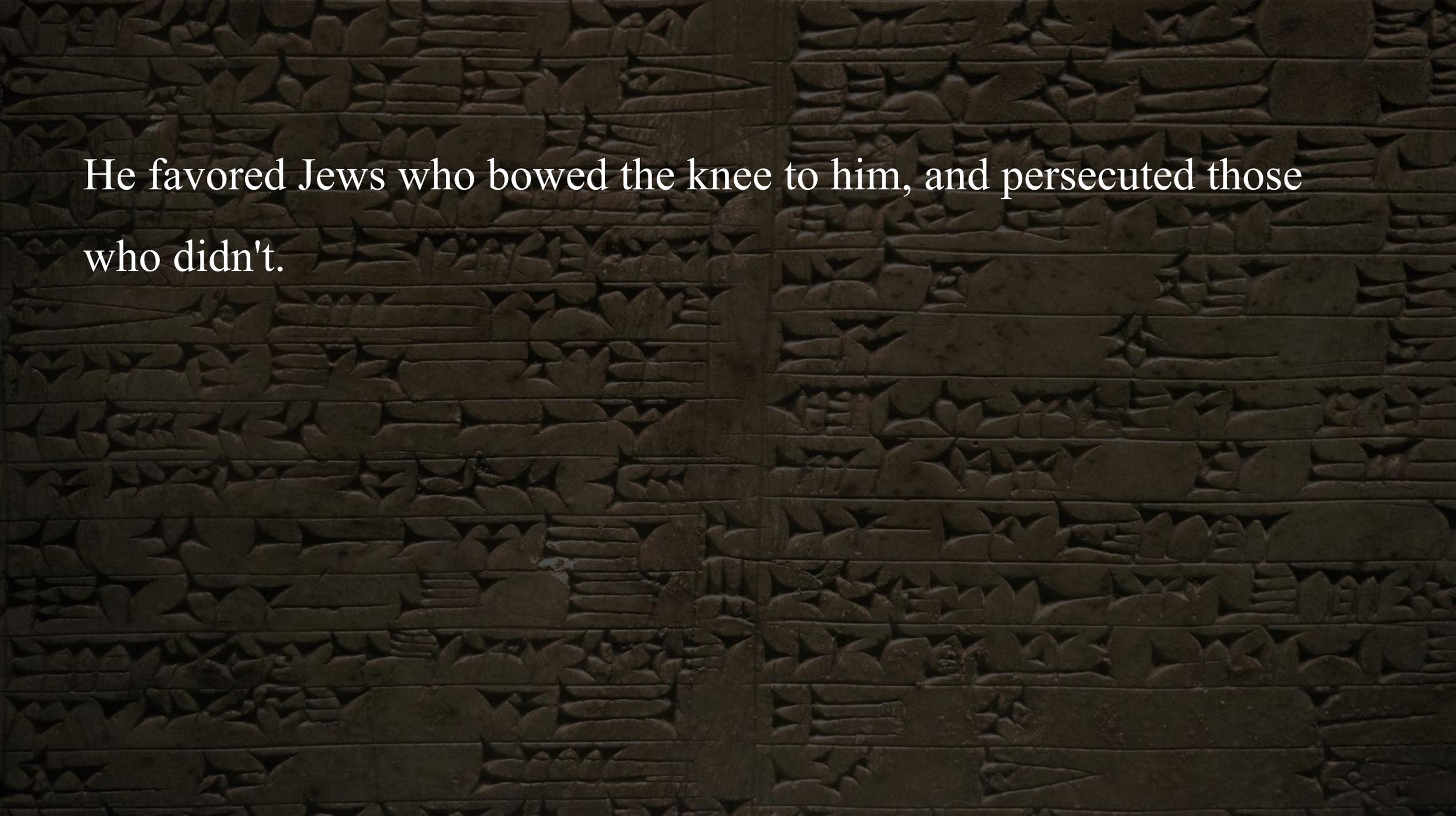
The Romans intervene; Popilius’ Mediterranean fleet met him and turned him back

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He desecrated the temple, stopped the jewish sacrifices, erected an altar to Zeus, and then sacrificed a pig in the temple!

32” By smooth *words* he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action. **33** Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder for *many* days. **34** Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy. **35** Some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge and make them pure until the end time; because *it is still to come* at the appointed time.”



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Those who informally taught others faithfully, were the ones in danger

