THE BOOK OF DANIEL



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DANIEL 10-12 THE FINAL VISION



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- A. Historically (v. 1)
 - 1. Cyrus of Persia
 - 2. Third year of Cyrus
- B. Personally (v. 2-3)







Succession of Gentile Rulers

- 1-4: Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- 5: Belshazzar of Babylon
- 6: Darius of Media Persia
- 7-8: Belshazzar of Babylon
- 9: Darius of Media Persia
- 10-12: Cyrus of Media Persia

CHAPTER AND VERSE IN DANIEL	CHRONOLOGICAL DATE	BIBLICAL DATE	
1:1	605	3 rd year of Jehoiakim	
2:1	603	2 nd year of Nebuchadnezzar	
5	Sat. night 10/12/539 (Hoehner)		
7:1	553	1 st year of Belshazzar	
8:1	551	3 rd year of Belshazzar	
9:1	538	1 st year of Darius	
<u>10:1</u>	<u>536</u>	3 rd year of Cyrus	

Daniel's Age

CHAPTER	EVENTS	AGE
1	Taken to Babylonian captivity	15
2	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 1st dream (huge image)	17
3	Daniel's 3 friends cast into the fiery furnace	19 or 20
4	Interpreting Nebuchadnezzar's 2nd dream (huge tree)	45-50
5	Interpreting handwriting of the wall at Belshazzar's feast	Early 80's
6	Delivered from the den of lions	c.83
7-8	Daniel's visions and dreams	Mid-60's
9	Daniel's seventy "sevens" prophecy	Early-80's
<u>10-12</u>	Final dreams and visions	<u>Mid-80's</u>

Three Returns

	Date	Duration	Persian king	Jewish leader	Scripture	Purpose	Number of returnees
1 st return	538–515 B.C.	23 years	Cyrus (Isa 44:28–45:1)	Zerubbabel	Ezra 1–6; Isaiah 44:28	Rebuilding the temple	50,000
2 nd return	458–457 B.C.	2 years	Artaxerxes	Ezra	Ezra 7–10	Adorning of the temple and reforming the people	2,000
3 rd return	444–432 B.C.	8 years	Artaxerxes	Nehemiah	Nehemiah	Rebuilding the wall	

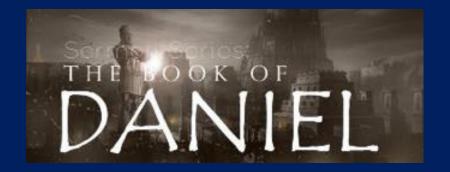
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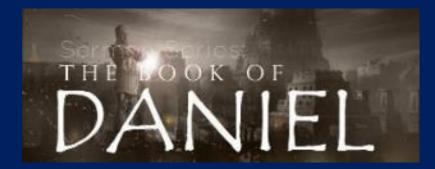


III. Explanation of the Heavenly Messenger (10:10–11:1)

- A. Explanation of His Delay (10:10-13)
- B. Explanation of His Visit (10:14–11:1)
 - 1. Purpose of his visit (10:14)



3. Continuing spiritual warfare (10:20–11:1)





Biblical Reality of the Angelic World

- Job 1:12
- **2** Kings 6:15-17
- 1 Chron. 21:1
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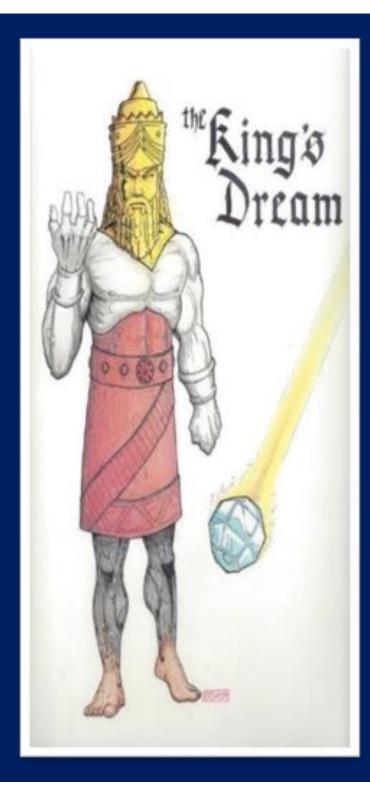
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Daniel Interprets the Handwriting on the Wall (Daniel 5)



6 Empires

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- 2. Media-Persia (2:39a; 7:5) 539-331 BC
- 3. Greece (2:39b; 7:6) 331-63 BC
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- 6. Kingdom (2:44-45; 7:9-14) After 2nd Coming



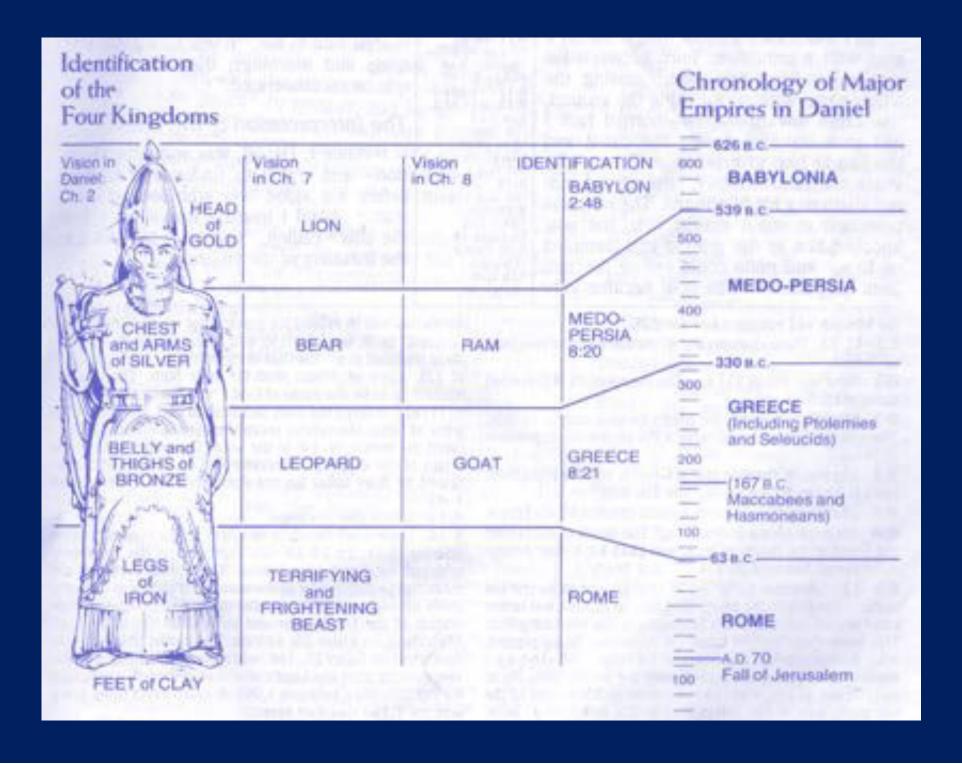
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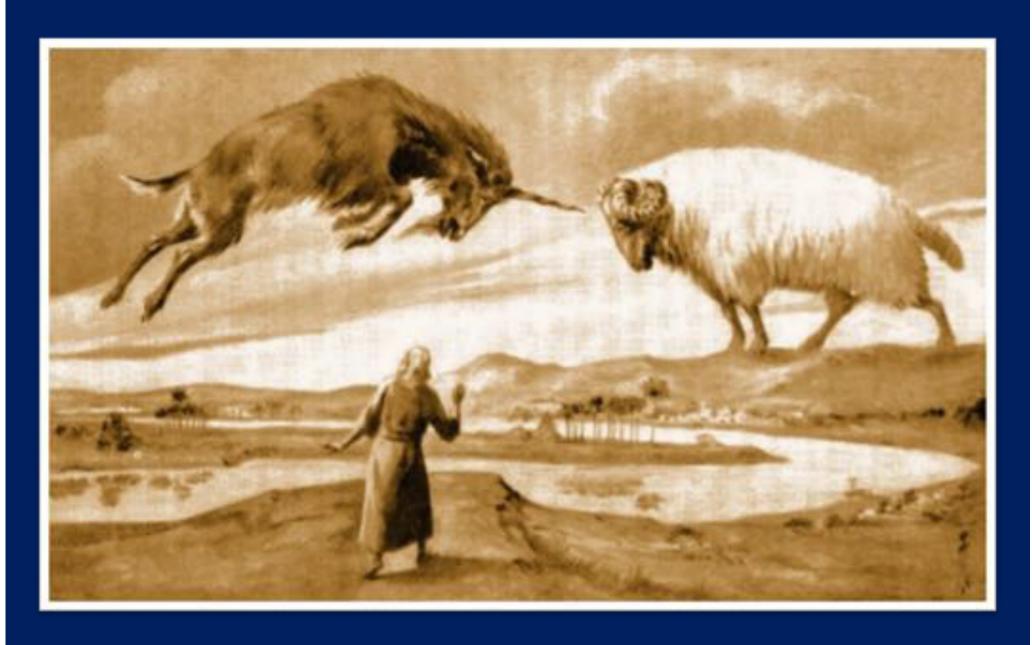
Description of 4 Beasts

- 2nd Beast (V.5)
 - Bear
 - Media-Persia
 - Chest & Arms of Silver
 - 5:28; 8:20
 - 539-331 BC
 - Raised on One Side
 - Three Ribs
 - Arise and Devour





CHAPTER 8



Daniel 8:20-21 (NASB)

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²¹ The shaggy goat *represents* the kingdom of Greece, and the large horn that is between his eyes is the first king."



PERSIA 11:2

- A. Cambyses 530-523 BC
- B. Pseudo-Smerdis 522 BC
- C. Darius I Hystaspes 521-486 BC



Aka. "Ahasuerus" in Esther





Xerxes Against Greece

"In his great campaign against Greece from 481 to 479 BC, with an army of probably 200,000 men and a navy of many hundreds of ships gathered from all over his vast empire, Xerxes desperately sought to avenge the humiliating defeat suffered by his father, Darius I, at the battle of Marathon (490 BC). But his army was defeated north of Athens at Plataea (479 BC) just after his Navy was smashed at Salamis, to the west of Athens."

John C. Whitcomb, *Daniel*, Everyman's Bible Commentary (Chicago, IL: Moody, 1985), 146.

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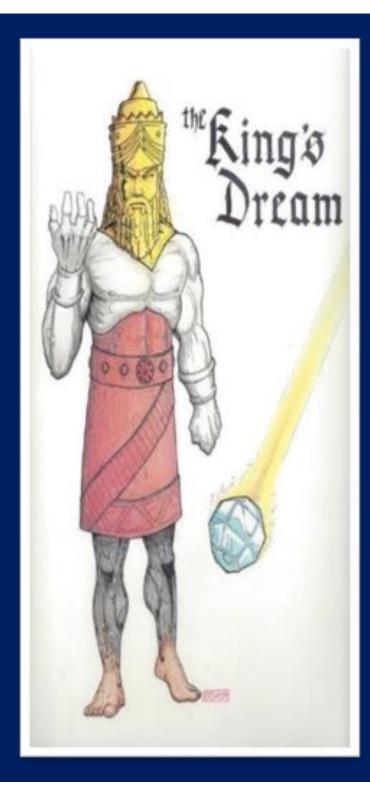
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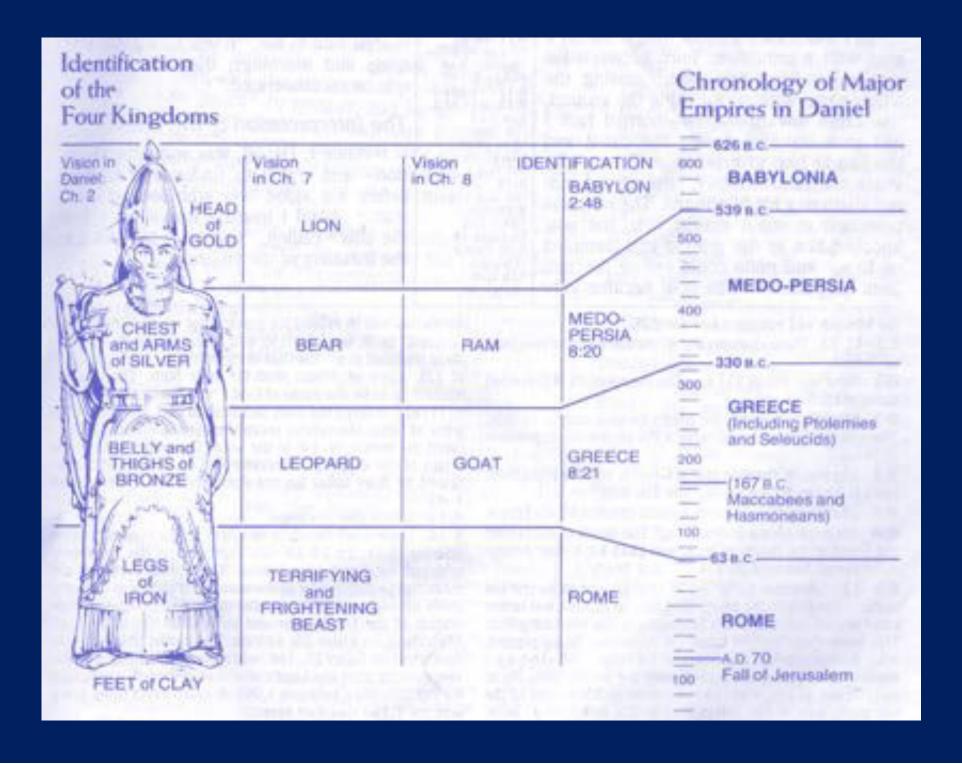
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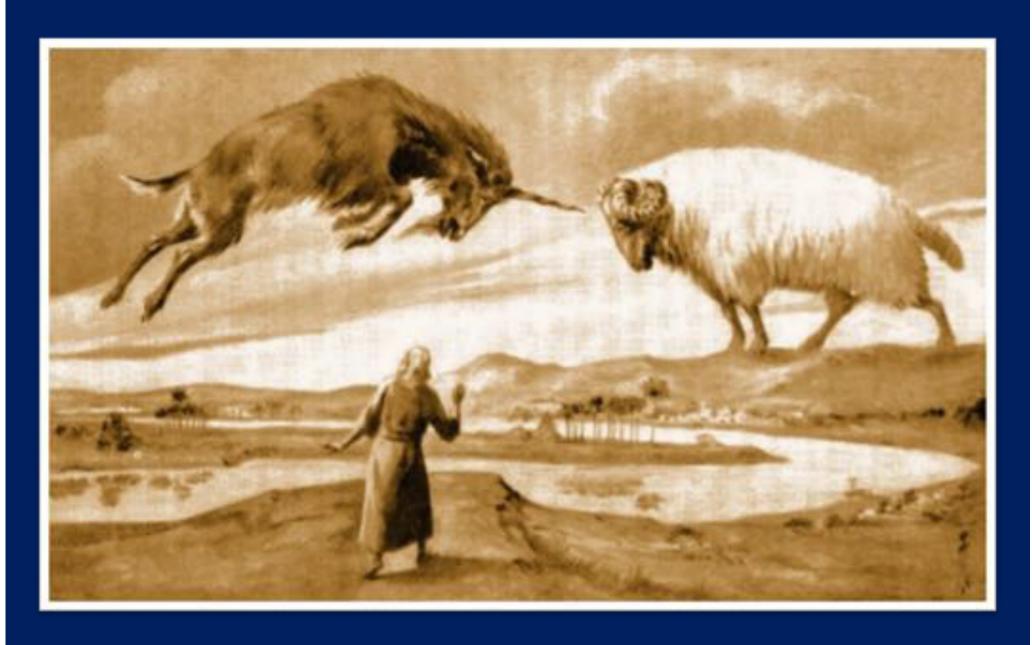
Description of 4 Beasts

- 3rd Beast (V. 6)
 - Leopard
 - Greece
 - Belly & Thighs of Bronze
 - **8:21**
 - 331-63 BC
 - Rapid Conquest (Wings & Leopard)
 - Four Generals (Wings & Heads)





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Hall of the Humbled (Prov. 16:18; 1 Peter 5:5)

- Satan (Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17; 1 Tim. 3:6)
- Uzziah (2 Chron 26:16)
- Herod (Acts 12:20-23)
- Paul (2 Cor 12:1-10)

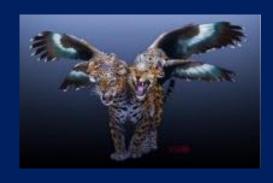


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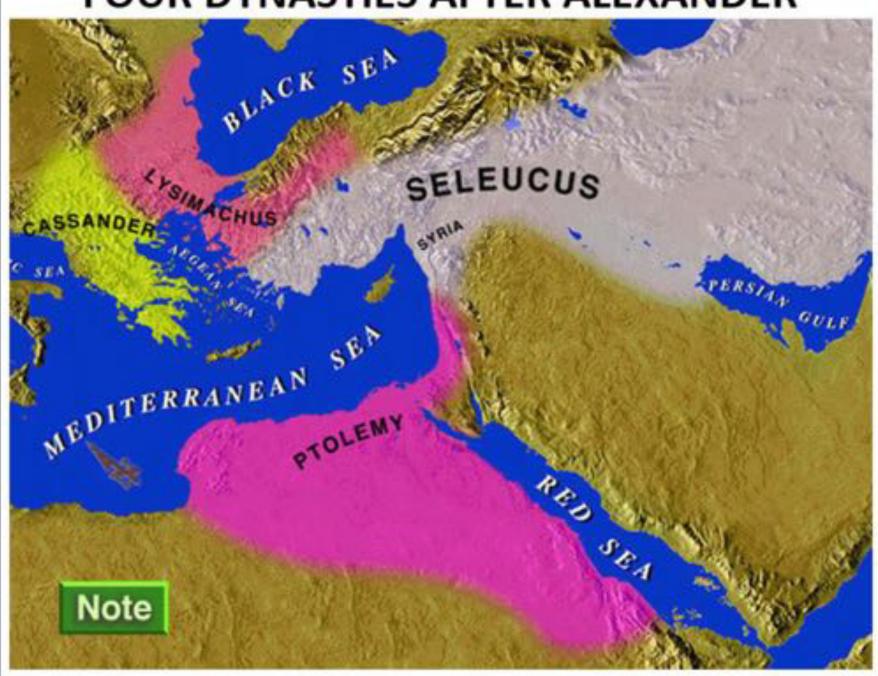
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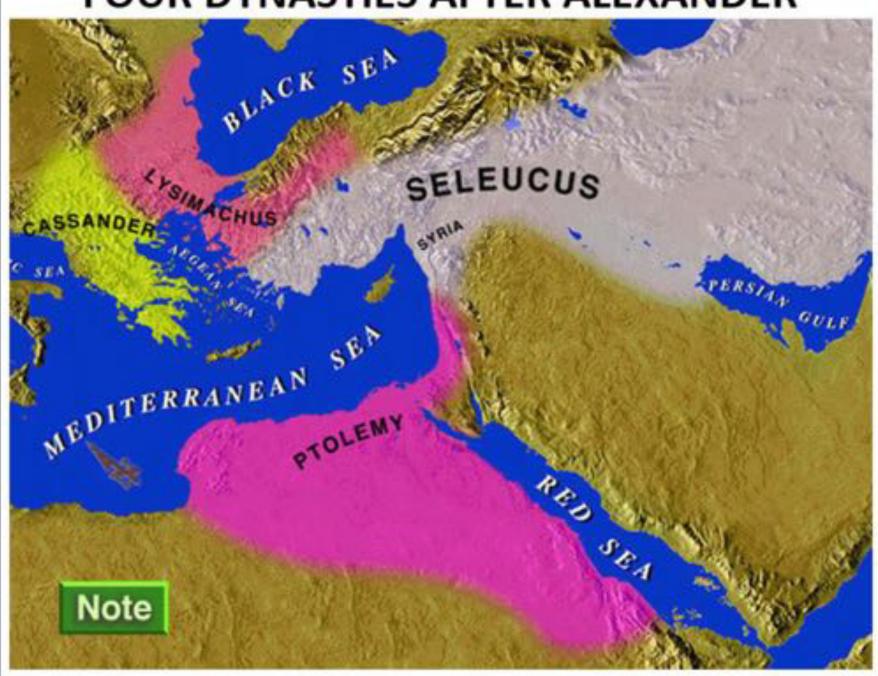
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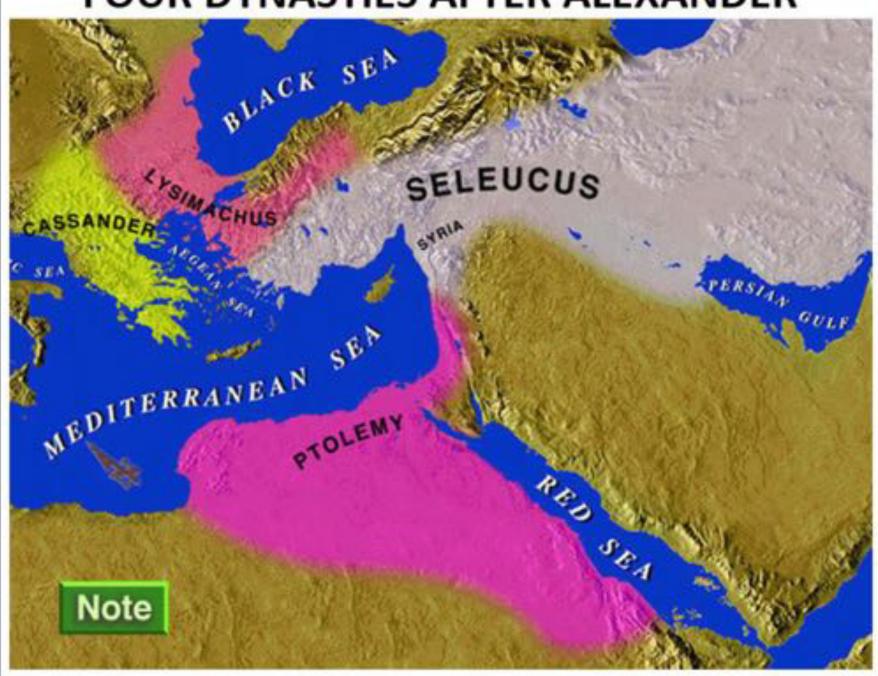
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Ptolemy I (Soter) 323–285	Seleucus I (Nicator) 312–281
Ptolemy II (Philadelphus) 285–247	Antiochus I (Soter) 281–261
Ptolemy III (Euregetus) 247–221	Antiochus Theos 261–246
Ptolemy IV (Philopater) 221–220	Seleucus Callinicus 246–226
Ptolemy V (Epiphanes) 203–182	Seleucus III 226–223
	Antiochus III (Great) 223–187
	Seleucus IV (Philopater) 186–175
	Antiochus IV (Epiphanes) 175–164
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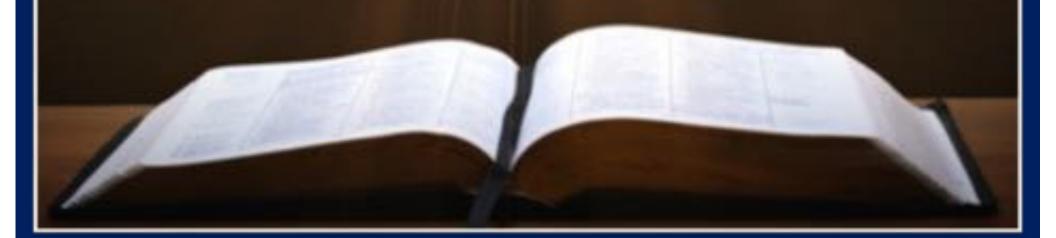
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Ezekiel 5:5

"Thus says the Lord God, 'This is Jerusalem; I have set her at the center of the nations, with lands around her."

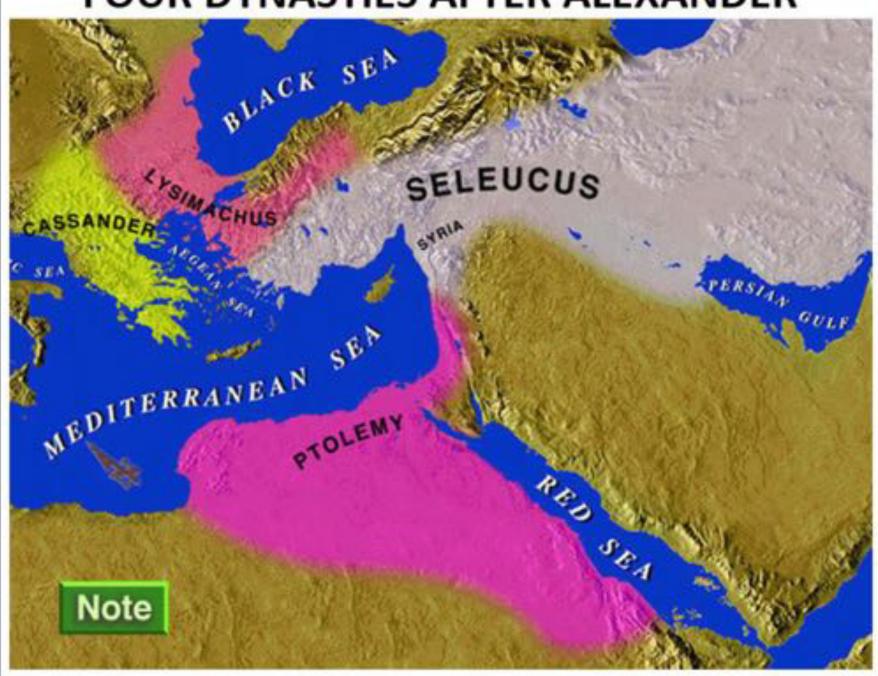


Ezekiel 38:12

"to capture spoil and to seize plunder, to turn your hand against the waste places which are *now* inhabited, and against the people who are gathered from the nations, who have acquired cattle and goods, who live at the center of the world."

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Intertestamental Chronology (Dates BC)

SELEUCIDS

Seleucus I 312-281

Antiochus I

281-261

Antiochus II

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Seleucus II

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Seleucus III

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Antiochus III

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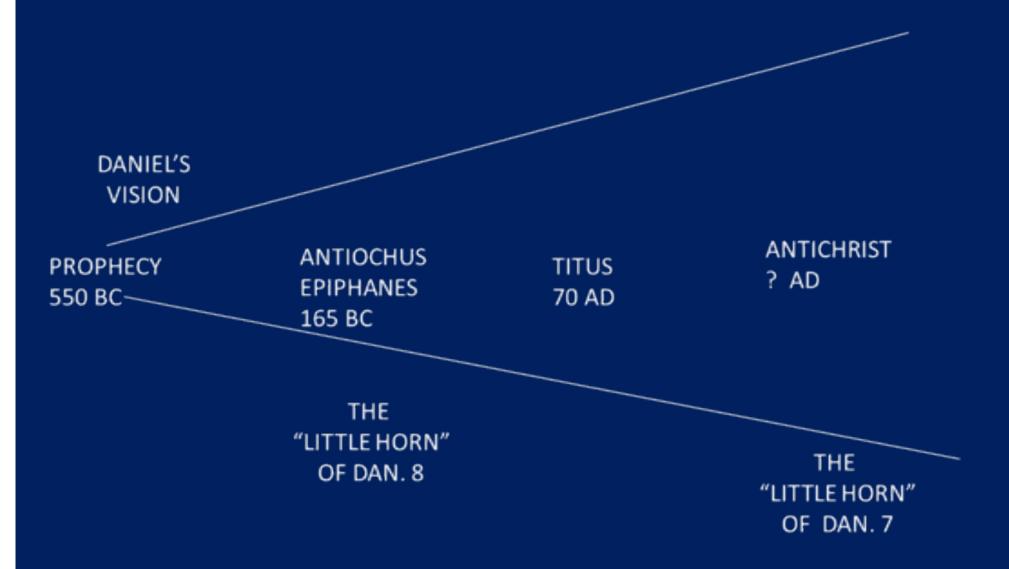
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Alexander and Predecessors

This amazing chapter contains no less than thirty-eight fulfilled prophecies. Some are as follows:

The rule of four Persian kings (v. 2)

The war of the fourth with Greece

The rise and fall of Alexander (v. 3, 4)

The fourfold division of his empire (v. 4)

The eventual alliance of two of these two kingdoms (v. 6)

The Egyptian plunder of Syria (v. 8)

The unsuccessful retaliation of Syria (v. 9)

The civil war in Egypt (v. 14)

The Syrian occupation of Palestine (v. 16)

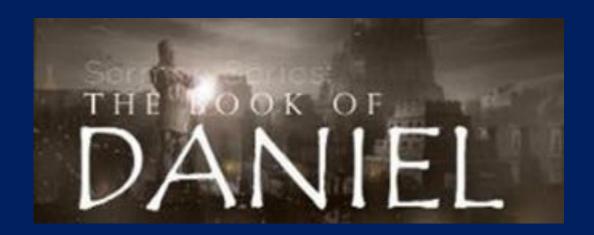
The Temple desecration by a Syrian king (vs. 31, 32)

The Maccabean revolt (v. 32)

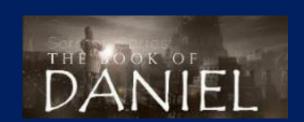
The eventual defeat of the Maccabeans (v. 33)

H.C. Leupold's Homiletical (Preaching) Suggestions on Daniel 11

"This chapter might be treated in Bible classes. We do not see how it could be used for a sermon or for sermons."



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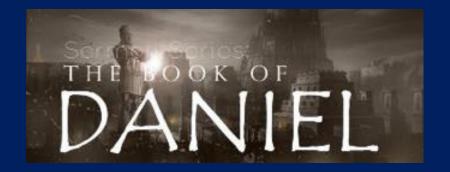


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To encourage Judah by emphasizing the sovereignty of God during the Babylonian captivity and to teach Judah how to live while outside the land







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