

Daniel 11:2 – The 4 Kings of Persia

(Prophecies 7 & 14 & 15 & 52 years into the future)

Kings involved: These are future kings of Persia after Cyrus.

#1 – Cambyses II – 529-522BC– He was the son of Cyrus and the grandson of Cambyses I.

#2 – Bardiya aka Smerdis or Pseudo-Smerdis – 522-521BC – He was also said to be a son of Cyrus.

#3 – Darius I Hystaspes – 521-486BC– We see this Darius in Ezra 4-6. He was defeated at the battle of Marathon in 490BC.

#4 – Xerxes I – 486-465BC – He is the Ahasuerus of Esther. And, he was married to Esther.

Some commentators leave Bardiya off this list due to the brevity of his reign and add Artaxerxes I (mentioned in Ezra 7). But, Artaxerxes doesn't fit the description given here.

Daniel 11:3-4 – Alexander the Great

(Prophecy over 210 years into the future)

Alexander's kingdom was given to his 4 generals.

General #1 – Cassander – assumed rule over Macedonia and Greece.

General #2 – Lysimachus – assumed rule over Asia Minor and some other areas.

General #3 – Seleucus * – assumed rule over Syria and Israel and the lands to the east, including Babylon.

General #4 – Ptolemy * – assumed rule over Egypt, primarily.

Note #1: Alexander's sons did not receive his throne.

Note #2: * Our great focus in this chapter is on the 3rd & 4th General.
General #3 is the first of the “kings of the north”.
And, general #4 is the first of the “kings of the south”.

Daniel 11 - The Kings of the North and the Kings of the South

Chapter	North (Syria)	Reign (BC)	South (Egypt)	Reign (BC)
v.5	Seleucus I Nicator	311-281	Ptolemy I Soter	323-283
v.6	Antiochus I Soter	281-261	Ptolemy II Philadelphus	283-246
	Antiochus II Theos	261-246		
	Married Laodice & Berenice	Ber. 252	Berenice daughter of Ptolemy II	
vv.7-9	Seleucus II Callinicus	246-225	Ptolemy III Euergetes	246-221
	Seleucus III Ceraunus	225-223		
vv.10-19	Antiochus III the Great	223-187	Ptolemy IV Philopator	221-204
	Cleopatra I daughter of Antiochus III			
			Ptolemy V Epiphanes	204-181
			Married Cleopatra I	192
v.20	Seleucus IV Philopator	187-175	Ptolemy VI Philometer	181-145
vv.21-35	Antiochus IV Epiphanes	175-164		

NOTE: The "Cleopatra I" listed in this chart is not the well-known Cleopatra that typically comes to mind for people. The more famous one was Cleopatra VII Philopator. She lived from 69BC to 30BC and reigned with her father (Ptolemy XII Auletes) and brothers/husbands (Ptolemy XIII and Ptolemy XIV) and later her son (Ptolemy XV Caesarion). She also had a relationship with Gaius Julius Caesar and then Mark Antony (after Julius Caesar's death). She committed suicide in 30BC.

Daniel 11:5 – The 1st Kings of the North & South

(Prophecy over 225 years into the future)

King of the North: Seleucus I Nicator (reign: 311-281BC).

King of the South: Ptolemy I Soter (reign: 323-283BC).

History #1 – Seleucus had been a prince and general under the command of Ptolemy. So, they'd worked closely together.

History #2 – Ptolemy & Seleucus joined forces to fight against Antigonus, who was the king of Babylon.

History #3 – Over time, Seleucus became more powerful than Ptolemy. And, this verse described that change in power.

Daniel 11:6 – The Next Kings of the North & South

(Prophecy over 255 years into the future)

King of the North: **Antiochus I Soter** (reign: 281-261BC).
Antiochus II Theos (reign: 261-246BC).

King of the South: **Ptolemy II Philadelphus** (reign: 283-246BC).

History #1 – Ptolemy II gave his daughter Berenice to marry Antiochus II (252BC).

History #2 – But, Antiochus II was already married to Laodice.
So, he put her and her son away (Seleucus Callinicus).

History #3 – When Ptolemy II died in 246BC.

History #4 – So, Antiochus II felt no need to be loyal to Berenice and took his wife Laodice back. So, he then divorced and put away Berenice.

History #5 – Laodice was still angry and poisoned her husband Antiochus II and had Berenice killed.

Daniel 11:7-9 – The Next Kings of the North & South

(Prophecy over 290 years into the future)

King of the North: Seleucus II Callinicus (reign: 246-225BC).

King of the South: Ptolemy III Euergetes (reign: 246-221BC).

History #1 – v.7a – Ptolemy III was the brother of Berenice who was murdered by Laodice. So, he was angry.

History #2 – v.7b – Ptolemy III sent an army to Syria to attack the Seleucids for his sister's death.

History #3 – v.7c – Ptolemy III was victorious over Seleucus II and he killed Laodice.

History #4 – v.8a – And, Ptolemy III took away their gods (~2,500 idols) back to Egypt.

History #5 – v.8b – And, Ptolemy III took 4,000 talents of gold and 40,000 talents of silver.

History #6 – v.8c – Ptolemy outlived Seleucus II & even Seleucus III.

History #7 – v.9 – And, Seleucus mounted an unsuccessful attack on Egypt.

Daniel 11:10-19 – The Next Kings of the North & South

(Prophecy over 315 years into the future)

King of the North: Antiochus III the Great (reign: 223-187BC).

King of the South: Ptolemy IV Philopator (reign: 221-204BC).

Ptolemy V Epiphanes (reign: 204-181BC).

History #1 – v.10a – Seleucus III (226-223BC) & Antiochus III were sons of Seleucus II. Seleucus III died in a battle & Antiochus reigned.

History #2 – v.10b – Antiochus III passed through the land of Israel to fight.

History #3 – v.11 – Antiochus III was defeated by Ptolemy IV at Raphia in 217BC. He had brought a great army, but lost.

History #4 – v.12 – Ptolemy IV got so prideful that he attempted to enter the Holy of Holies in Jerusalem and was struck with paralysis. And, he had to be carried back to Egypt.

History #5 – vv.13-16 – Antiochus III mounted another attack on Egypt & overcame a Roman general as Rome was growing great at this time.

History #6 – v.17 – Antiochus wanted a diplomatic solution and married Ptolemy V Epiphanes' daughter Cleopatra.

History #7 – v.17b – She waited for him to grow and really loved him and was faithful to him.

History #8 – vv.18-19 – Antiochus started attacking areas in Greece, but was stopped by Roman forces.

History #9 – v.19b – Antiochus died when he tried to plunder the temple of Bel.

Daniel 11:21-35 – The Next Kings of the North & South

(Prophecy over 360 years into the future)

King of the North: Antiochus IV Epiphanes (reign: 175-164BC).

King of the South: Ptolemy VI Philometer (reign: 181-145BC).

History #1 – v.21a – Antiochus IV was a vile person. I covered much of what he did in Daniel 8. He was a type of the coming Antichrist.

History #2 – v.21b – Antiochus IV seized the kingdom by intrigue. The throne wasn't rightly his.

History #3 – v.22 – Antiochus IV killed the High Priest Onias III.

History #4 – v.23 – Antiochus IV was a master schemer and worked with other nation's leaders to form alliances.

History #5 – v.24 – Antiochus IV built great wealth & redistributed much of it.

History #6 – vv.25-27 – Antiochus IV used treachers to get to the king of Egypt.

History #7 – vv.29-30a – Antiochus IV again tried to attack Egypt.

History #8 – vv.30b-32 – Antiochus IV was very angry and vented on the Jewish people.

History #9 – vv.33-35 – The people of Israel knew God was strong (Maccabeus).