

TODAY'S MESSAGE: "EMBRACE THE INEVITABILITY OF HUMAN FUTILITY"

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Text: Daniel 11:1-19

Summary of Daniel 7-12:

Vision #1: Four Beasts, the Ancient of Days, and the Son of Man (Daniel 7)

Vision #2: The Ram, the Goat, the Little Horn (Daniel 8)

Vision #3: Daniel's Prayer and the Seventy Weeks (Daniel 9)

Vision #4: Future Conflict and the End to Come (Daniel 10-12)

Introduction

The Setting (11:1-4)

Connection with Chapter 8

Connection with World History

Marriage Alliances and Military Campaigns Fail (11:5-19)

A Marriage Alliance (5-6)

A Military Campaign (7-9)

Another Military Campaign (10-13)

Another Marriage Alliance (14-19)

God's Sovereignty and Human Futility

Embrace the Inevitability of Human Futility

Comparison of Daniel 11 and 8

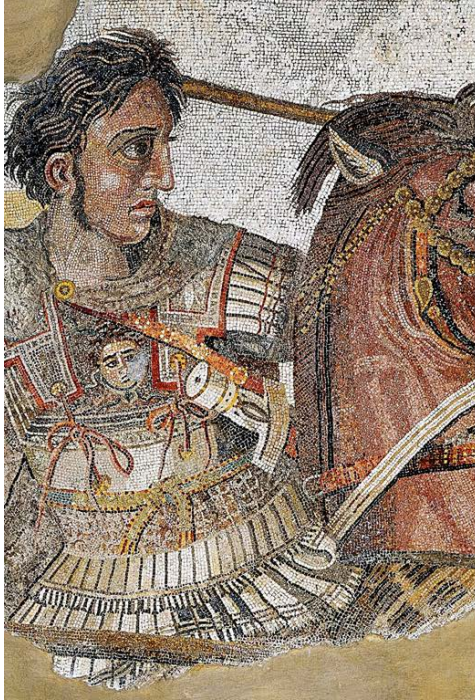
Daniel 11	Daniel 8
“as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken (11:4)	“when he was strong, the great horn was broken ” (8:8)
“and divided toward the four winds of heaven ” (11:4)	“there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven ” (8:8)
“ nor according to the authority with which he ruled” (11:4)	“four kingdoms shall arise from his nation, but not with his power ” (8:22)



Xerxes I the Great

- Reigned 486 - 465 BC
- Fourth king after Cyrus
- Richer than all the rest
- Attacked Greece
 - Battle of Thermopylae
 - Battle of Salamis

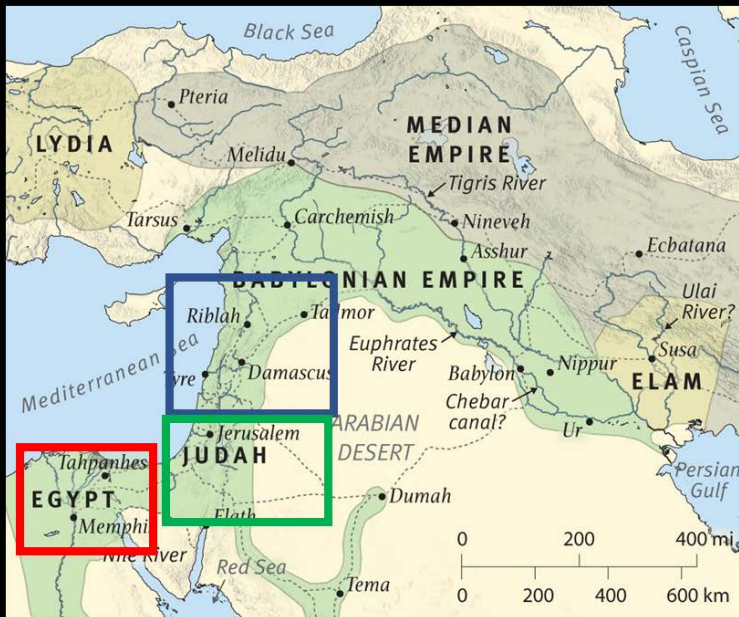
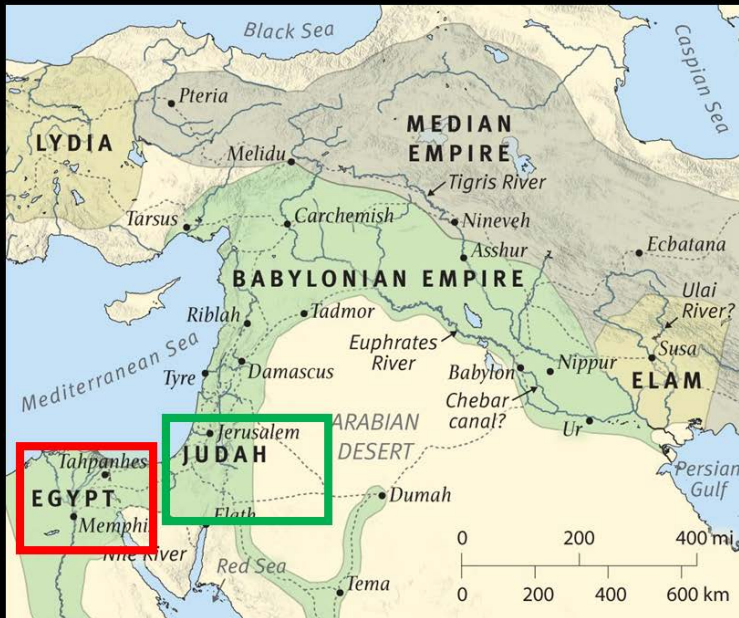




Alexander the Great

- Reigned 336 - 323 BC
- Ruled over the known world
- Died at the height of power
- Kingdom divided among his generals, not his children









Daniel 11:5 in World History

By 312 BC, Alexander's generals Ptolemy (at left) and Seleucus are settled as kings of Egypt and Syria, respectively

Daniel 11:6 in World History

In 250 BC, King Antiochus II (grandson of Seleucus I of Syria, at right) marries Berenice, daughter of King Ptolemy II (son of Ptolemy I of Egypt)



Daniel 11:6 in World History

After the death of Ptolemy II (at left) in 246 BC, Antiochus II's first wife poisons Berenice and Antiochus II, placing her own son, Seleucus II, on the throne of Syria



Daniel 11:7 in World History

In the same year (246 BC), King Ptolemy III of Egypt (at left), brother of Berenice, attacks Syria in retaliation

Daniel 11:8-9 in World History

- V.8: Ptolemy III recaptures treasures Egypt lost hundreds of years earlier
- V.9: King Seleucus II of Syria (at right) attempts to invade Egypt in 240 BC but fails



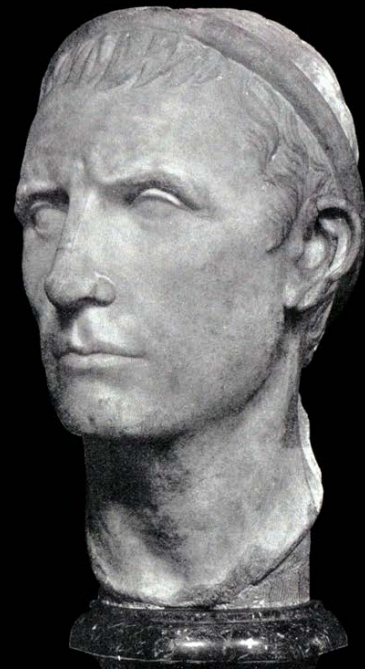


Daniel 11:10-12 in World History

- V.10: the sons of King Seleucus II of Syria, Seleucus III and Antiochus III, continue the war with Egypt
- V.11-12: in 217 BC, Ptolemy IV of Egypt (at left) defeats Antiochus III at Raphia but does not press his advantage

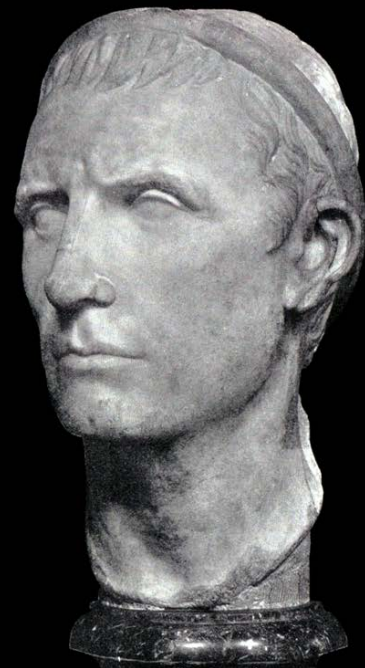
Daniel 11:13-14 in World History

- V.13: Antiochus III (at right) invades Egyptian territory after Ptolemy IV dies in 204 BC
- V.14: various group rebel against Egyptian rule, but are defeated by the Egyptian army



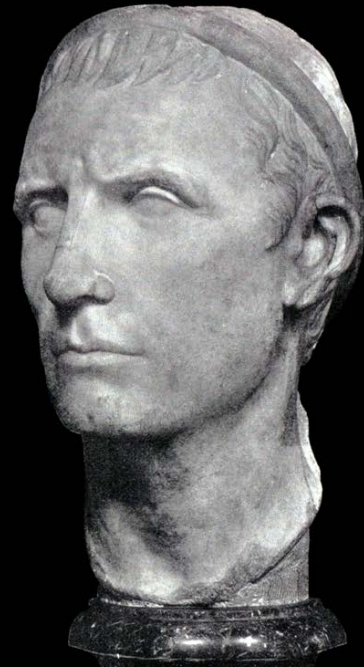
Daniel 11:15-17 in World History

- V.15-16: in 198 BC, Antiochus III defeats the Egyptian army at Panium
- V.17: Antiochus III gives Ptolemy V his daughter for a wife, but his daughter ends up supporting Ptolemy instead



Daniel 11:18-19 in World History

- V.18: in 190 BC,
Antiochus III decides to
invade Asia Minor
(modern day Turkey), but
is stopped by the Roman
general Scipio Asiaticus
- V.19: Antiochus III
returns home and is
killed by an angry mob
in 187 BC while looting
a temple



Daniel 2:20-21

Blessed be the name of God forever
and ever,
to whom belong wisdom and might.
He changes times and seasons;
he removes kings and sets up kings;

Daniel 4:17

The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, the decision by the word of the holy ones, to the end that the living may know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.⁷

Psalms 33:10-11

The LORD brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.