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The Kings of the North and South

(Vision 4 Part 2 of 3)

(Daniel 11:2-35)

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Four Persian Kings

²“Now then, I tell you the truth: Three more kings will arise in Persia, and then a fourth, who will be far richer than all the others. When he has gained power by his wealth, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece.

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Alexander the Great

³Then a mighty king will arise, who will rule
with great power and do as he pleases.

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The Diadochi

⁴After he has arisen, his empire will be broken up and parceled out toward the four winds of heaven. It will not go to his descendants, nor will it have the power he exercised, because his empire will be uprooted and given to others.

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The South

Kings of the North = Syria
Kings of the South = Egypt

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Seleucus I Nicator (Syria)
Ptolemy I Soter (Egypt)

⁵“The king of the South will become strong,
but one of his commanders will become even
stronger than he and will rule his own
kingdom with great power. ⁶After some years,
they will become allies.

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Antiochus II Theos (Syria) Ptolemy II Philadelphus (Egypt)

The daughter of the king of the South will go to the king of the North to make an alliance, but she will not retain her power, and he and his power will not last. In those days she will be betrayed, together with her royal escort and her father and the one who supported her.

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Seleucus II Callinicus (Syria)
Ptolemy III Euergetes (Egypt)

⁷“One from her family line will arise to take her place. He will attack the forces of the king of the North and enter his fortress; he will fight against them and be victorious. ⁸He will also seize their gods, their metal images and their valuable articles of silver and gold and carry them off to Egypt.

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Seleucus II Callinicus (Syria)
Ptolemy III Euergetes (Egypt)

For some years he will leave the king of the North alone. ⁹Then the king of the North will invade the realm of the king of the South but will retreat to his own country.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria) Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

¹⁰His sons will prepare for war and assemble a great army, which will sweep on like an irresistible flood and carry the battle as far as his fortress. ¹¹“Then the king of the South will march out in a rage and fight against the king of the North, who will raise a large army, but it will be defeated.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria)
Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

¹²When the army is carried off, the king of the South will be filled with pride and will slaughter many thousands, yet he will not remain triumphant. ¹³For the king of the North will muster another army, larger than the first; and after several years, he will advance with a huge army fully equipped.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria)
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¹⁴“In those times many will rise against the king of the South. Those who are violent among your own people will rebel in fulfillment of the vision, but without success.

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Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

¹⁵Then the king of the North will come and build up siege ramps and will capture a fortified city. The forces of the South will be powerless to resist; even their best troops will not have the strength to stand. ¹⁶The invader will do as he pleases; no one will be able to stand against him.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria)
Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

He will establish himself in the Beautiful
Land and will have the power to destroy it.

¹⁷He will determine to come with the might of
his entire kingdom and will make an alliance
with the king of the South.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria)
Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

And he will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom, but his plans will not succeed or help him. ¹⁸Then he will turn his attention to the coastlands and will take many of them, but a commander will put an end to his insolence and will turn his insolence back on him.

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Antiochus III the Great (Syria)
Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

¹⁹After this, he will turn back toward the
fortresses of his own country but will
stumble and fall, to be seen no more.

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Seleucus IV Philopator (Syria)
Ptolemy IV Philopater (Egypt)

²⁰“His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. In a few years, however, he will be destroyed, yet not in anger or in battle.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²¹“He will be succeeded by a contemptible person who has not been given the honor of royalty. He will invade the kingdom when its people feel secure, and he will seize it through intrigue.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²²Then an overwhelming army will be swept away before him; both it and a prince of the covenant will be destroyed. ²³After coming to an agreement with him, he will act deceitfully, and with only a few people he will rise to power.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²⁴When the richest provinces feel secure, he will invade them and will achieve what neither his fathers nor his forefathers did. He will distribute plunder, loot and wealth among his followers. He will plot the overthrow of fortresses—but only for a time.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²⁵“With a large army he will stir up his strength and courage against the king of the South. The king of the South will wage war with a large and very powerful army, but he will not be able to stand because of the plots devised against him.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²⁶Those who eat from the king's provisions will try to destroy him; his army will be swept away, and many will fall in battle. ²⁷The two kings, with their hearts bent on evil, will sit at the same table and lie to each other, but to no avail, because an end will still come at the appointed time.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²⁸The king of the North will return to his own country with great wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

²⁹“At the appointed time he will invade the South again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before. ³⁰Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him, and he will lose heart.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria)
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Then he will turn back and vent his fury
against the holy covenant. He will return and
show favor to those who forsake the holy
covenant.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

³¹“His armed forces will rise up to desecrate the temple fortress and will abolish the daily sacrifice. Then they will set up the abomination that causes desolation.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

³²With flattery he will corrupt those who have violated the covenant, but the people who know their God will firmly resist him.

³³“Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered.

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Antiochus Epiphanes (Syria) (various/none) (Egypt)

³⁴When they fall, they will receive a little help,
and many who are not sincere will join them.

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Until the
Time of the End

³⁵Some of the wise will stumble, so that they
may be refined, purified and made spotless
until the time of the end, for it will still come
at the appointed time.

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