



English Standard Version

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⁴ And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided toward the four winds of heaven, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

⁵ “Then the king of the south shall be strong, but one of his princes shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority. ⁶ After some years they shall make

With Historical Details

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⁴ And as soon as ***Alexander the Great*** has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and divided ***between his four generals: Casander, Lysimachus, Seleucus, and Ptolemy***, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled ***in 323 BC***, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

⁵ Then ***Ptolemy I Soter*** shall be strong, but one of ***Alexander’s*** princes, ***Seleucus I Nictator***, shall be stronger than ***Ptolemy*** and shall rule ***by 312 BC***, and his authority shall be a great

an alliance, and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement.

But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he and his arm shall not endure, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times.

⁷ “And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail.

authority. ⁶ After some years ***the Ptolemeis and the Seleucids*** shall make an alliance, and ***Bernice, the daughter of Ptolemy II Philadelphus***, shall come to ***Antiochus II Theos*** to make an agreement ***in 246 BC***.

But she shall not retain the strength of her arm, and ***Antiochus II*** and his arm shall not endure ***because he will be murdered by Laodice, the jealous former wife of Antiochus***, but she shall be given up, and her attendants, he who fathered her, and he who supported her in those times ***including her son and her entourage***.

⁷ And from a branch from her roots, ***Ptolemy II Euergetes, a descendent of Bernice***, shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army ***of the Seleucids*** and enter ***their major cities, Seleucia and Antioch***, and he

⁸ He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north.

⁹ Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land.

¹⁰ “His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress.

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⁸ ***Ptolemy II Euergetes*** shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking ***the Seleucids***.

⁹ Then ***Seleucus II Callinicus (the son of Laodice)*** shall come into the realm of ***Egypt*** but shall return to his own land.

¹⁰ ***The sons of Seleucus II, Seleucus III and especially Antiochus II the Great***, shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through ***the Holy Land (known as Palestine today, including the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, western Jordan, and modern-day Israel) in 219-217 BC***, and again shall carry

¹¹ Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand.

¹² And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.

¹³ For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

¹⁴ “In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in

the war as far as his fortress ***in Egypt.***

¹¹ Then ***Ptolemy IV Philopator***, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against ***Antiochus the Great in 217 BC.*** And he shall raise a great multitude ***of 70,000***, but it shall be given into his hand ***by Ptolemy IV.***

¹² And when the multitude is taken away, ***the heart of Antiochus the Great*** shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands ***(about 17,000 people)***, but he shall not prevail.

¹³ For ***Antiochus the Great*** shall again raise a multitude ***in 201 BC***, greater than the first. And after some years he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

¹⁴ In those times many shall rise ***in alliance with Antiochus the Great*** against ***Ptolemy V Epiphanes***, and the violent among your own

order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.

¹⁵ Then the king of the north shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.

¹⁶ But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, with destruction in his hand.

¹⁷ He shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him the daughter of women to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.

people (*the Jews?*) shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail.

¹⁵ Then ***Antiochus the Great*** shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a well-fortified city, ***Gaza***. And the forces of ***the Ptolemies*** shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand.

¹⁶ But ***Antiochus the Great*** shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, ***the Holy Land***, with destruction in his hand.

¹⁷ ***Antiochus the Great*** shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom ***in an effort to expand into the western parts of the Greek empire (and in anticipation of future conflict with Rome)***, and he shall bring terms of an agreement ***with Ptolemy***

¹⁸ Afterward he shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him.

¹⁹ Then he shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

V and perform them. He shall give him ***his daughter, Cleopatra***, to destroy the kingdom ***by strengthening his own position***, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage ***because Cleopatra will take sides with her own husband, Ptolemy V, instead.***

¹⁸ Afterward ***Antiochus the Great*** shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but ***the Roman commander, Cornelius Scipio***, shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him ***in two major battles: Thermopolae in 191 bc and Magnesia in 190 bc.***

¹⁹ Then ***Antiochus the Great*** shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall ***into historical obscurity***, and shall not be found.

²⁰ “Then shall arise in his place one who shall send an exactor of tribute for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.

²¹ In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

²² Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant.

²⁰ Then shall arise in his place ***Seleucus IV Phiopater*** who shall send an exactor of tribute — ***his Prime Minister, Heliodorus*** — for the glory of the kingdom ***by going to the Holy Land in an effort to rob the Temple treasury***. But within a few days ***Seleucus IV*** shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle, ***but by intrigue and murder***.

²¹ In his place shall arise a contemptible person ***named Antiochus IV Epiphanes*** to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

²² Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant, ***the Jewish High Priest, Onias III, whose murder will be overseen by Antiochus in 171 BC***.

²³ And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people.

²⁴ Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.

²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he

²³ And from the time that an alliance is made with him ***Antiochus Epiphanes*** shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with ***a small group of pivotal individuals who he will manipulate through all sorts of secret agreements which he has no intention of keeping.***

²⁴ Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.

²⁵ And he shall stir up his power and his heart against ***Egypt in the first Egyptian War of 169 BC*** with a great army. And ***Ptolemy V Philometer*** shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but he

shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him.

²⁶ Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

²⁷ And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.

²⁸ And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he

shall not stand, for plots shall be devised against him ***as he will be misled by his advisors.***

²⁶ Even those who eat his food, ***Ptolemy V's counselors, Linaeus and Eulaeus,*** shall break ***Ptolemy V.*** His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.

²⁷ And as for the two kings, ***Ptolemy V (who will be captured by Antiochus) and Antiochus Epiphanes,*** their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall speak lies at the same table ***as they scheme to take revenge against Ptolemy's usurping younger brother,*** but to no avail ***largely because of double-crossing each other,*** for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.

²⁸ And ***Antiochus Epiphanes*** shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against

shall work his will and return to his own land.

²⁹ “At the time appointed he shall return and come into the south, but it shall not be this time as it was before.

³⁰ For ships of Kittim shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

³¹ Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and

the holy covenant ***and the Jewish people as foretold in the other dreams and visions reported in the Old Testament book of Daniel.*** And he shall work his will and return to his own land.

²⁹ At the time appointed he shall return and ***invade Egypt in the second Egyptian War of 168 BC,*** but it shall not be this time as it was before.

³⁰ For ships of Kittim ***under the command of Roman Consul Gaius Popilius Laenes*** shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and take action against the holy covenant ***and the Jews.*** He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.

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³² He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate ***by slaughtering a pig on the altar in the Temple in Jerusalem in 168 BC, sprinkling its unclean blood throughout the Temple, erecting blasphemous shrines throughout the city, and establishing the worship of the pagan god Zeus and the demon Baal Shomem in the holy city.***

³² ***Antiochus Epiphanes*** shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.

³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.

³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

³⁶ “And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.

³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help ***in the form of Judas Maccabeus who will lead the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire from 167-160 BC, giving rise the Jewish holiday of Hanukah with restoration of the Temple in 164 BC.*** And many shall join themselves to them with flattery, ³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.

³⁶ And the king, ***Antiochus Epiphanes,*** shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done.