

#1587 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5k, Antiochus IV: Historically, Antiochus III the Great was compared to Alexander the Great

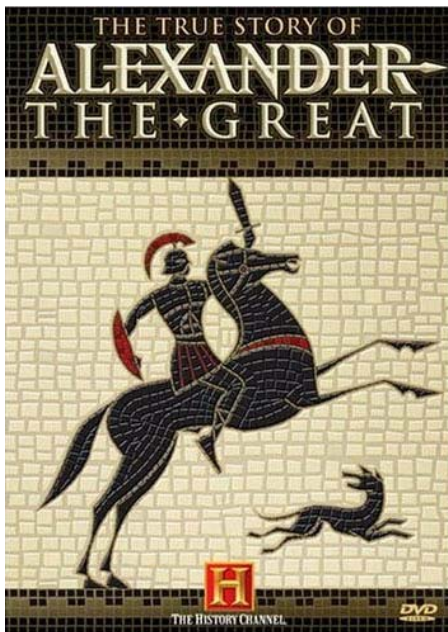
ALEXANDER THE GREAT AND ANTIOCHUS III THE GREAT

Alexander the Great of the Grecian (Macedonian) Empire waxes “very great” in Daniel 8:8, and Antiochus III the Great of the Syrian (Seleucid) Empire waxes “exceeding great” in Daniel 8:9.

Key Understanding: *Alexander the Great and Antiochus III the Great.* The subjects of Antiochus III the Great compared him to Alexander the Great. As concerns lands he conquered, he again followed in the footsteps of Alexander. Thus, historically and prophetically, Antiochus III the Great was/is compared to Alexander the Great.

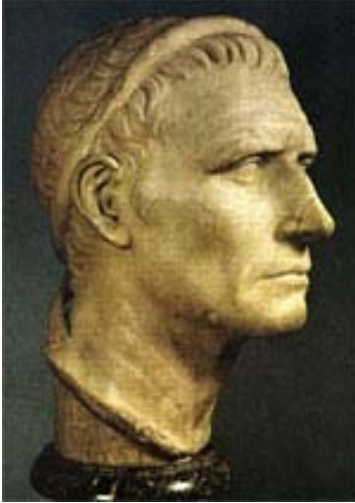
The following paragraph is taken from http://virtualreligion.net/iho/antiochus_3.html.

Antiochus III the Great. The younger son of Seleucus II succeeded his assassinated brother, Seleucus III, in 223 BCE. Though barely 19, he immediately set out to regain the territory that his father & brother had lost. By a show of force & skillful diplomacy he formed alliances with neighboring rulers from Pergamum to northern India, often allowing opponents to retain their thrones in exchange for tribute. By 205 BCE he had formed such an extensive system of vassal kingdoms to the East that he adopted the ancient Persian title of “the great king” & promoted a royal cult in which he was worshipped as a god. **His Greek subjects compared him to Alexander the Great.**



ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Daniel 8:8 (KJV) Therefore THE HE GOAT [Alexander the Great’s Grecian Empire] waxed VERY GREAT [reflected through the name Alexander the Great]: and when he was strong, THE GREAT HORN WAS BROKEN [Alexander the Great died young, on June 10, 323 B.C., having taken seriously ill with malaria at Babylon]; and for it [from it] came up FOUR NOTABLE ONES [the 4 (four) prominent kingdoms of Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cassander, and Lysimachus] TOWARD THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN. [Daniel 8:8 in the NIV says . . . The goat became very great, but at the height of his power his large horn was broken off, and in its place four prominent horns grew up toward the four winds of heaven.]



ANTIOCHUS III THE GREAT

Daniel 8:9 (KJV) And OUT OF ONE OF

THEM [the Syrian kingdom of Seleucus, or the Seleucid Empire] *CAME FORTH A LITTLE HORN, which waxed EXCEEDING GREAT, toward THE SOUTH, and toward THE EAST, and toward THE PLEASANT LAND* [Antiochus IV Epiphanes, but the verse should be viewed prophetically with his father, Antiochus III the Great, prominently and powerfully in the foreground, with the name Antiochus III the *Great* even reflecting the words “*waxed exceeding great*”].

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