#1590 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4's (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5n, Antiochus IV: The Lord's prophetic purpose in placing Antiochus III the Great in the role as a second Alexander the Great

Review: 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.

Question: Antiochus III the Great would have desired to be compared to Alexander the Great for the obvious reason of enhancing his stature and grandeur while ruling over his empire, but *why did the Lord design* that Antiochus III the Great be historically compared to Alexander the Great? Exactly what is his prophetic role?

Key Understanding and Answer: The Lord's prophetic purpose in placing Antiochus III the Great in the role as a second Alexander the Great. In the transition from Daniel 8:8 to Daniel 8:9, Antiochus IV Epiphanes (Daniel 8:9) has historically been considered the prophetic successor to Alexander the Great (Daniel 8:8) because of Antiochus IV's desecration of the Temple in Jerusalem during the time of his reign, which matches up well with what is seen in Daniel 8:10-12 (which we are about to address). The fact that Antiochus IV Epiphanes was "out of" Alexander the Great (through the Seleucid Empire) is further enhanced and confirmed by the fact that he was the son of a second Alexander the Great, Antiochus III the Great, who literally secured the pleasant land (Palestine) for the Seleucid Empire.



ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Daniel 8:8 (KJV) Therefore <u>THE HE GOAT</u> [Alexander

the Great's Grecian Empire] <u>waxed VERY GREAT</u> [reflected through the name Alexander the *Great*]: and when he was strong, <u>THE GREAT HORN WAS BROKEN</u> [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 <u>FOUR NOTABLE ONES</u> [the 4 (four) prominent kingdoms of Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cassander, and Lysimachus] *TOWARD THE FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN*.

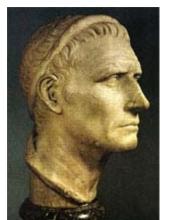
[Daniel 8:8 in the NIV says . .

. 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 IV Epiphanes



ANTIOCHUS III THE GREAT

Daniel 8:9 (KJV) And OUT OF ONE OF THEM [the

Syrian kingdom of Seleucus, or the Seleucid Empire] <u>CAME FORTH</u>
<u>A LITTLE HORN, which waxed EXCEEDING GREAT, toward</u>
<u>THE SOUTH, and toward THE EAST, and toward THE PLEASANT</u>

<u>LAND</u> [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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