The Northwest Ordinance prohibited slavery northwest of the Ohio River, in the Northwest Territory. The text of the ordinance read “there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the said territory, otherwise than in the punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted.” At the time of the charter, slavery existed in the United States to the south of the Northwest Territory and even to the east. New York and New Jersey permitted slavery at that time. Thus . . .

Key Understanding: The prohibiting of slavery expanded from the Northwest Territory to the south and to the east. The Lord ordained the prohibiting of slavery in the United States to expand from the Northwest Territory toward the south and toward the east, where slavery existed. This is a part of the picture of the theme of freedom that is associated with the rise of the United States as the Little Horn of Daniel 8:9, growing toward the south and toward the east. Freedom is its strength.

Daniel 8:9 (KJV) And OUT OF ONE OF THEM [the second Syria, the United States, located in the northwest part of the world] CAME FORTH A LITTLE HORN, which waxed EXCEEDING GREAT [prohibiting slavery in the Northwest Territory, with abolition eventually expanding] toward THE SOUTH [of the U.S., where slavery was permitted], and toward THE EAST [of the U.S., where slavery was permitted], and toward THE PLEASANT LAND.
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the South and toward the East as a second Syria/Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 12, The Northwest Ordinance and Freedom:
The prohibiting of slavery eventually spread from the Northwest Territory toward regions in the U.S. that permitted slavery,
the south and the east