

#1577 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5a, Antiochus IV: The prophecy surrounding Antiochus IV Epiphanes in Daniel 8:9

Review: The Lord surrounds the prophetic history of the Abomination of Desolation of the Temple with the number 4 (four) because the roots of the topic are connected directly to what takes place in Genesis 4:4. A part of the prophetic history is the series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

Review: Below is a list of the series of 4’s (fours) in the history from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes that was/is for the purpose of revealing the overall prophetic story of the Abomination of Desolation:

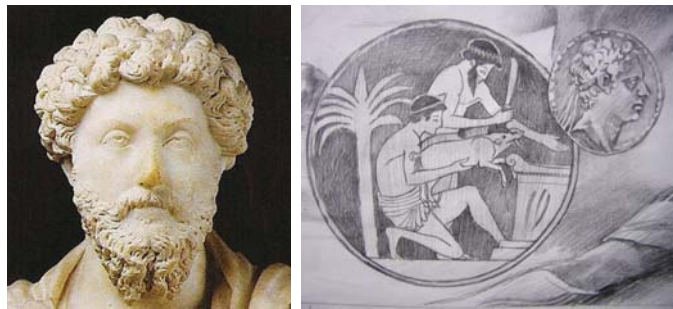
1. **The Fourth of the “Continuation Empires”** – Alexander the Great’s Grecian Empire was the fourth of a continuation of empires that included (i) Assyria, (ii) Babylon, (iii) Media-Persia, (iv) Alexander the Great’s Greece, and (v) the Seleucid Syrian Empire.
2. **The Four Diadoch Wars** – The *diadochi* were the generals of Alexander the Great who became his *successors*. *Diadoch* means *successor*. Historians recognize four Diadoch Wars following the death of Alexander the Great fought among his successors that resulted in Alexander’s Empire being parceled into four kingdoms.
3. **The Battle of Ipsus in 301 B.C., the last year of the 4th Century B.C.** – The four Diadoch Wars ended in the last year of the 4th century B.C., with the Battle of Ipsus.
4. **Divided into Four Kingdoms** – Alexander the Great’s Empire was divided into four kingdoms after his death, as a result of the four Diadoch Wars.
5. **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** – One of the four kingdoms, the Seleucid Syrian Empire, produced Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who became a chief historical antichrist figure through his desecration of Zerubbabel’s Temple in Jerusalem, which included a swine sacrifice.



Key Understanding: Antiochus IV. It is now time to concentrate *on the prophecy* surrounding part 5 of the list *above*, the Seleucid Empire – as one of the four kingdoms that came out of the empire of Alexander the Great – producing a major antichrist figure of its own, Antiochus IV Epiphanes.

*Daniel 8:8-9 (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.]**

9 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].



Antiochus IV Epiphanes

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