

#1594 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5r, Antiochus IV: The prophetic reason why Rome is so closely attached to Antiochus III and Antiochus IV is because *Rome would become a double of Syria*, waxing great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (Palestine)

The understanding of *how* and *why* the Lord designed Rome (the Roman Empire) to become a *double* of the Syrian Seleucid Empire is very significant.

Key Understanding #1: The prophetic reason why Rome is so closely attached to Antiochus III and Antiochus IV is because *Rome would become a double of Syria*, waxing great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (Palestine). Therefore, it can be said that *Rome* is to be seen in the shadows of Daniel 8:9. Moreover . . .



Key Understanding #2: Rome would begin its trek toward the south, toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (Palestine) with its defeat of none other than Antiochus III the Great, which resulted in Antiochus IV being taken to Rome as a political hostage. The Lord ordained that *Rome* defeat Antiochus III the Great to begin its waxing great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (Palestine), because it was Antiochus III the Great who had been chiefly responsible for *Syria* waxing great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the pleasant land (Palestine). Simply, Rome was historically on the heels of Syria, though it took years to complete the mission. That mission included the eventual domination of Palestine by Rome, just as Syria had been the power in the region.

Another way of making the same point as that *above* is that *two* followed Antiochus III the Great toward (and against) the pleasant land (Palestine), (i) Antiochus IV Epiphanes, his son, who *deseccrated* the Temple, and (ii) the Romans, who in 70 A.D. *destroyed* the Temple.

Key Understanding #3: The ultimate explanation of *how* and the reason *why* the Lord designed *Rome to become the double of the Syrian Seleucid Empire* surrounds the Second Temple in Jerusalem. The Seleucid dominion of Palestine led to the *desecration* and *partial destruction* of the Second (Zerubbabel's) Temple by Antiochus IV, but not the *total destruction* of the Temple. The *total destruction* of the Second (Herod's) Temple came at the hands of the Romans in 70 A.D.

The Lord thus links together the *desecration* of the Second Temple (as Zerubbabel's Temple) . . .

. . . with the *total destruction* of the Second Temple (as Herod's Temple) through the *Syria-Rome double*.



A 1690 copper engraving of Antiochus IV Epiphanes's destruction of Jerusalem and ransacking of the Temple in 167 B.C.



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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