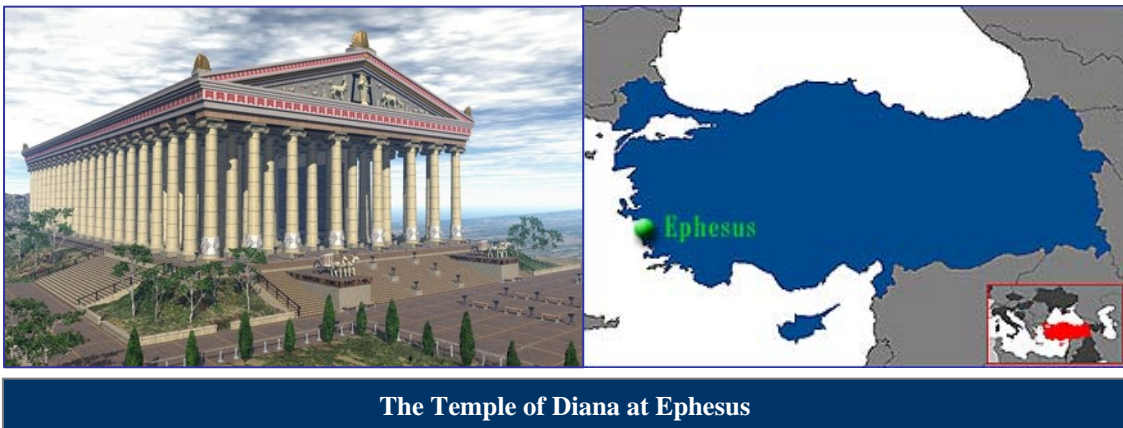


#1599 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5w, Antiochus IV: Alexander the Great and the destruction of the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, and Antiochus IV and the desecration of the Temple at Jerusalem

Key Understanding #1: *The destruction of the temple of Diana.* According to historical legend, the Temple of Artemis (Diana) at Ephesus was deliberately set aflame by Herostratus, who, setting fire to the wooden frame of the roof, was motivated by the hope of immortalizing his name. This was said to have occurred on the night of July 20-21, 356 B.C., the night that Alexander the Great was born.



Here is an account from just one of a multitude of sources repeating the story about the historical coincidence of the destruction of the Temple of Artemis (Diana) and the birth of Alexander the Great occurring the same night:

The temple of Artemis at Ephesus was destroyed on July 21, 356 B.C., in [an] act of arson committed by Herostratus. According to the story, his motivation was fame at any cost, thus the term *herostratic fame*. A man was found to plan the burning of the temple of Ephesian Diana so that through the destruction of this most beautiful building his name might be spread through the whole world. The Ephesians, outraged, announced that Herostratus’ name never be recorded. Strabo later noted the name, which is how we know [it] today. That very same night, Alexander the Great was born. Plutarch remarked that Artemis (Diana) was too preoccupied with Alexander’s delivery to save her burning temple. Alexander later offered to pay for the temple’s rebuilding, but the Ephesians refused. Eventually, the temple was restored after Alexander’s death in 323 B.C.

Key Understanding #2: *Alexander the Great and the temple of Diana; Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the temple at Jerusalem.* As a further confirmation of the link between Alexander the Great and Antiochus IV Epiphanes as a historical and prophetic successor, the Lord designed that Alexander the Great would be birthed in concert with the burning and destruction of the Temple of Diana, while a successor, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, would desecrate the Jewish Temple at Jerusalem and attempt to Hellenize Jerusalem and the Jews.



Alexander the Great

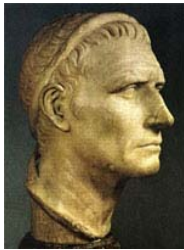
Alexander the Great fulfilled Daniel 8:8

*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.]



The birth of Alexander the Great is said to have occurred at the time of the destruction of the Temple of Diana



Antiochus III the Great

Antiochus III the Great and Antiochus IV Epiphanes fulfilled Daniel 8:9

*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”].*



Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Antiochus IV Epiphanes fulfilled Daniel 8:10-12

Daniel 8:10-12 (KJV) And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

*11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and **THE PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN.***



Antiochus IV desecrated the Temple at Jerusalem

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

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