

#1600 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5x, Antiochus IV: The birth of Alexander the Great and the simultaneous destruction of the Temple of Diana at Ephesus point to the antichrist role of Antiochus IV and the desecration of the Jewish Temple at Jerusalem

Key Understanding: *The birth of Alexander the Great and the simultaneous destruction of the Temple of Diana at Ephesus point to the antichrist role of Antiochus IV and the desecration of the Jewish Temple at Jerusalem. The Lord ordained the birth of Alexander the Great and the simultaneous destruction of the Temple of Diana at Ephesus (in either fact or legend) to point to the antichrist role of Alexander’s successor, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, in the desecration of the Jewish Temple at Jerusalem, and, more expansively, to point to the fact that the enormous historical/prophetic story that begins with Alexander the Great and passes through Antiochus IV Epiphanes surrounds the theme of the desecration and destruction of the Temple(s) of the Lord (though the Temple of Diana was clearly *not* a Temple of the Lord). It is a foreshadowing of future events.*



Alexander the Great

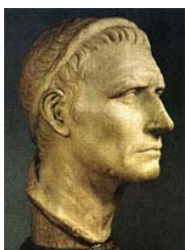
Alexander the Great fulfilled Daniel 8:8

*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** [the Lord's] **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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