

The Troubles to Come, The Kings to Arise, and The Last of All

So, the four kingdoms of Nebuchadnezzar's dream are still in view

1. Babylon
2. Medo-Persia
3. Greece
4. Rome

How We Should Understand This Chapter Today

- **Verses 1-35:** events that occurred within the first 69 weeks of years
 - Future for Daniel, but past for us
- **Verses 36 - 46:** events that will occur in the 70th week of Daniel
 - The time of the great tribulation
 - Future for Daniel and future for us

Three Layers to The Abomination of Desolation in The Holy Place

1. Antiochus Epiphanies in 167 BC - During the third Kingdom of the Grecians
2. General Titus in 70 AD - Jesus said to get out of Judea and “flee to the mountains!”
(**Matthew 24:15 - 16**)
3. The Lawless One (Anti-Christ) to come – “whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth” (**2 Thessalonians 2:8**)

Verse 2: Four Persian Kings to Come

1. Cambyses, Son of Cyrus
2. Pseudo-Smerdis (he was an imposter)
3. Darius I Hystaspes
4. Xerxes (Ahasuerus)
 - a. The very wealthy king from the Book of Esther
 - b. He massed the largest army in the ancient world, with his ships crossing over the Hellespont (known today as the Strait of Gallipoli), and at the Battle of Thermopylae, waged war against the Grecian Empire.
 - c. 150 years later, Greece took revenge under Alexander the Great

Verse 4: Alexander’s Kingdom was Divided by his Top Four Generals

- Cassander took Macedonia and Greece
- Lysimachus took Asia Minor and Thrace
- Seleucus took Syria and Mesopotamia
- Ptolemy took Egypt, North Africa, and Arabia

Verses 5 – 35: The Kings of the North and the Kings of the South

- **North** - The dynasty of the Seleucids - Seleucid empire - Syrian Regions
- **South** - The dynasty of the Ptolemys - Ptolemaic empire - Egyptian Regions



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The Dynasties of the Seleucids and the Ptolemies

- **The Seleucids** – The Kings "of the North," Syria
 - **Seleucus I Nicator** (312-281 BC), **verse 5**
 - **Antiochus I Soter** (281-262 BC), **verse 5**
 - **Antiochus II Theos** (262-227 BC), **verse 6**
 - **Seleucus II Callinicus** (246-227 BC), **verses 7-9**
 - **Seleucus III Soter** (227-223 BC), **verse 10**
 - **Antiochus III the Great** (223-187 BC), **verses 10-11, 13, and 15-19**
 - **Seleucus IV Philopator** (187-176 BC), **verse 20**
 - **Antiochus IV Epiphanes** (175-163 BC), **verses 21-32**

- **The Ptolemies** - The Kings "of the South", Egypt
 - **Ptolemy I Soter** (323-285 BC), **verse 5**
 - **Ptolemy II Philadelphus** (285-246 BC), **verse 6**
 - **Ptolemy III Euergetes** (246-221 BC), **verses 7-8**
 - **Ptolemy IV Philopator** (221-204 BC), **verses 11-12 and 14-15**
 - **Ptolemy V Epiphanes** (204-181 BC), **verse 17**
 - **Ptolemy VI Philometor** (181-145 BC), **verse 25**

*Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.*

Isaiah 9:7

