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**Why study the
Maccabees?**

**Their history is in the
Bible like 70 A.D. and
Roman prince Titus.**

**Their history helps
save us from the
lies of futurism.**

**Their history was
honored by our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Their history was
honored by Paul
in the Hall of Faith.**

**We should want to do
exploits by knowing
our glorious God.**

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Each one of you should want to do exploits in your life.

Absolute value of an exploit is not the goal or measure.

Incremental progress in your life can be an exploit, if better than the past and kept up over time, like onesies.

Of course, just one onesie for one day is not an exploit!

Some people passionately know God and live for Him.

God blesses them with merciful providence or powerful success.

Exploit. An act or deed; a feat; in modern use, an achievement displaying a brilliant degree of bravery or skill.

**Do you know the
LORD God Jehovah?**

**Do you live for Him
in all your decisions?**

**Do you defend His
religion at all times?**

**How have you shown
unusual strength
for Him?**

**He challenged us by
Spirit and word from
I John 2:15-17.**

**What exploit will you
be known for in
August?**

**What exploits will we
recount for you at
your funeral?**

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the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:
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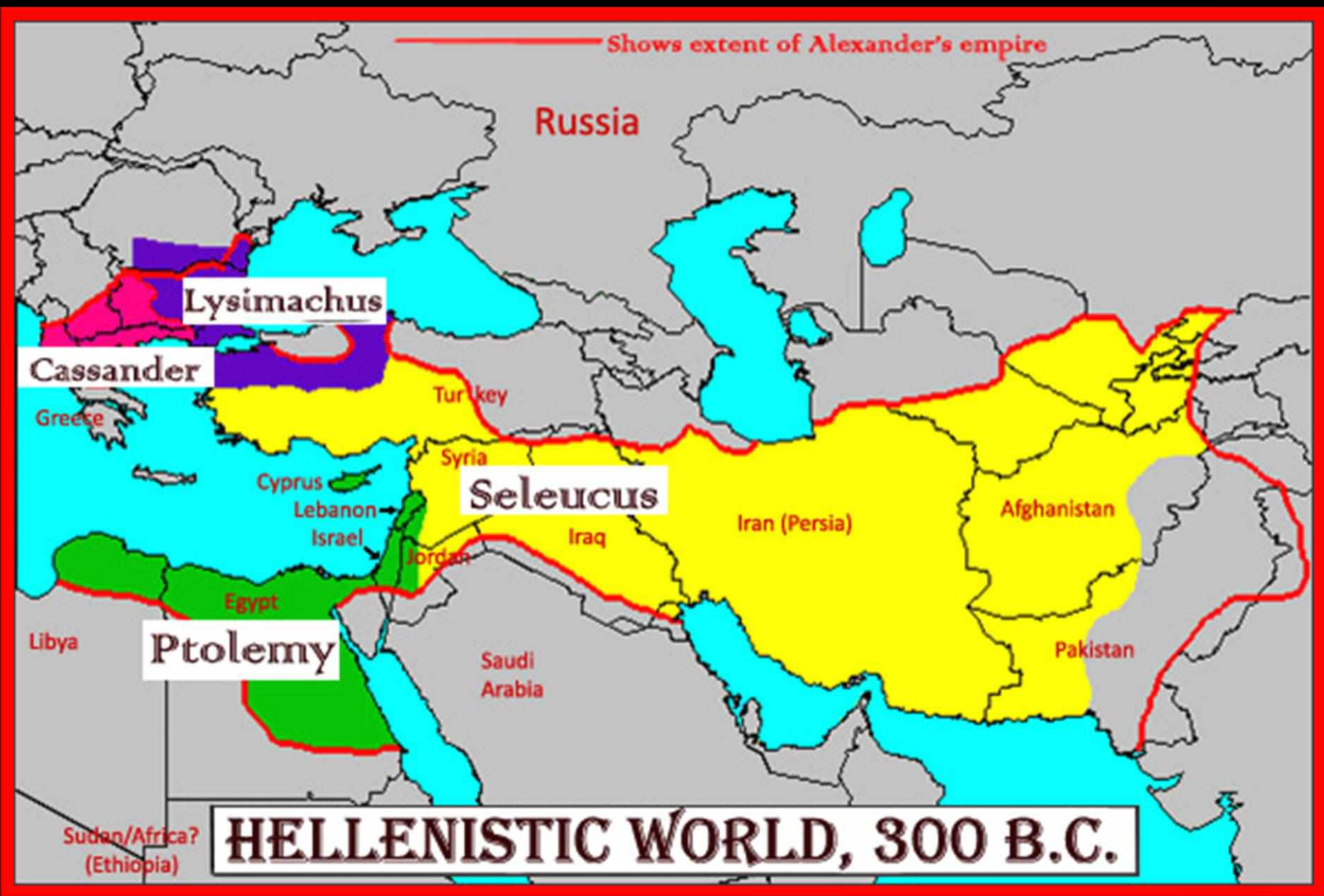
Judas the Hammer!

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**Let's go back and start
with prophecies of
Daniel.**

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37 Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory.

38 Thou art this head of gold.

39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.

40 And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things....

Daniel 2:37-40



And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel 2:44



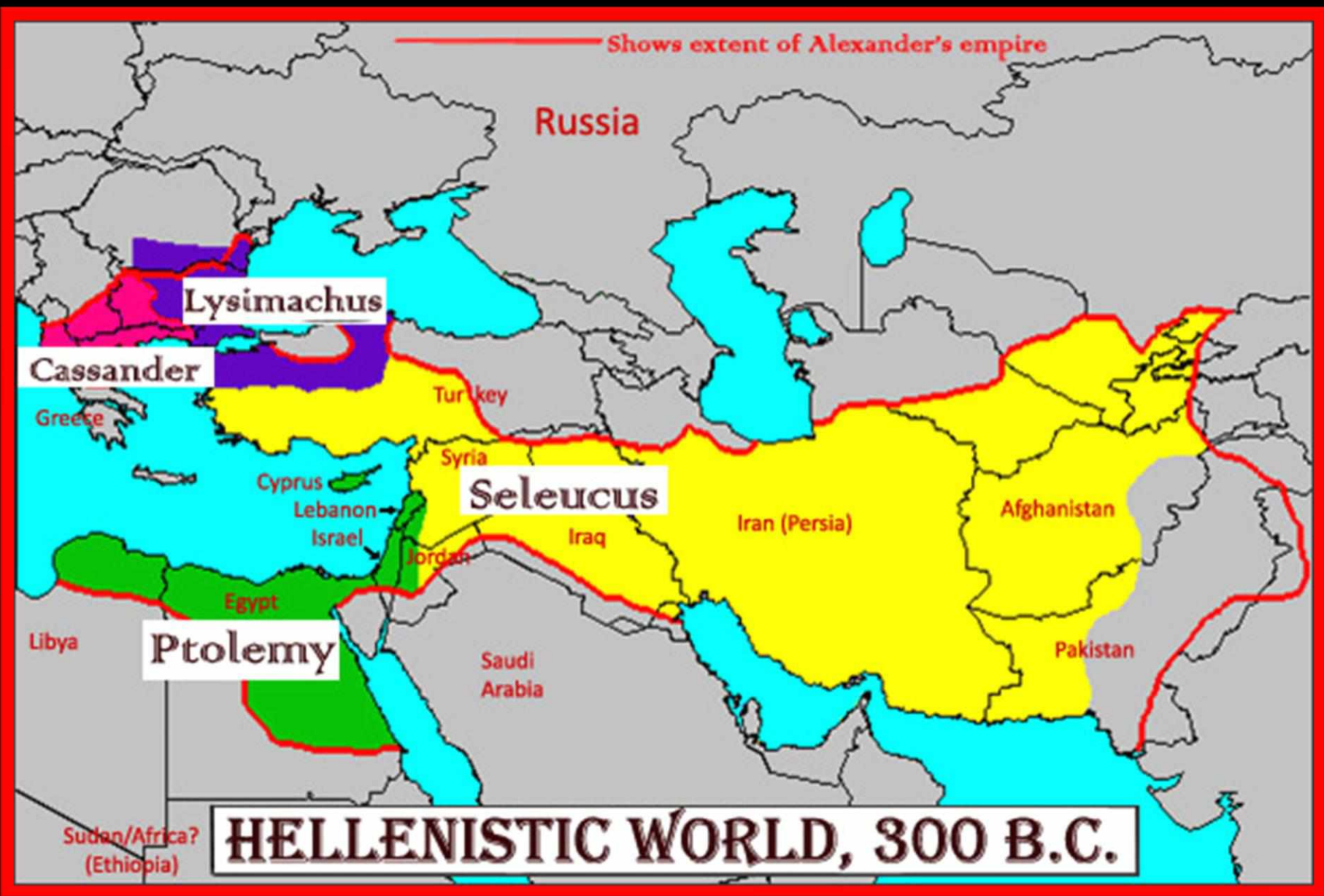
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After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it.

Daniel 7:6

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5 And as I was considering, behold, an he goat came from the west on the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no power in the ram to stand before him....

Daniel 8:5-7

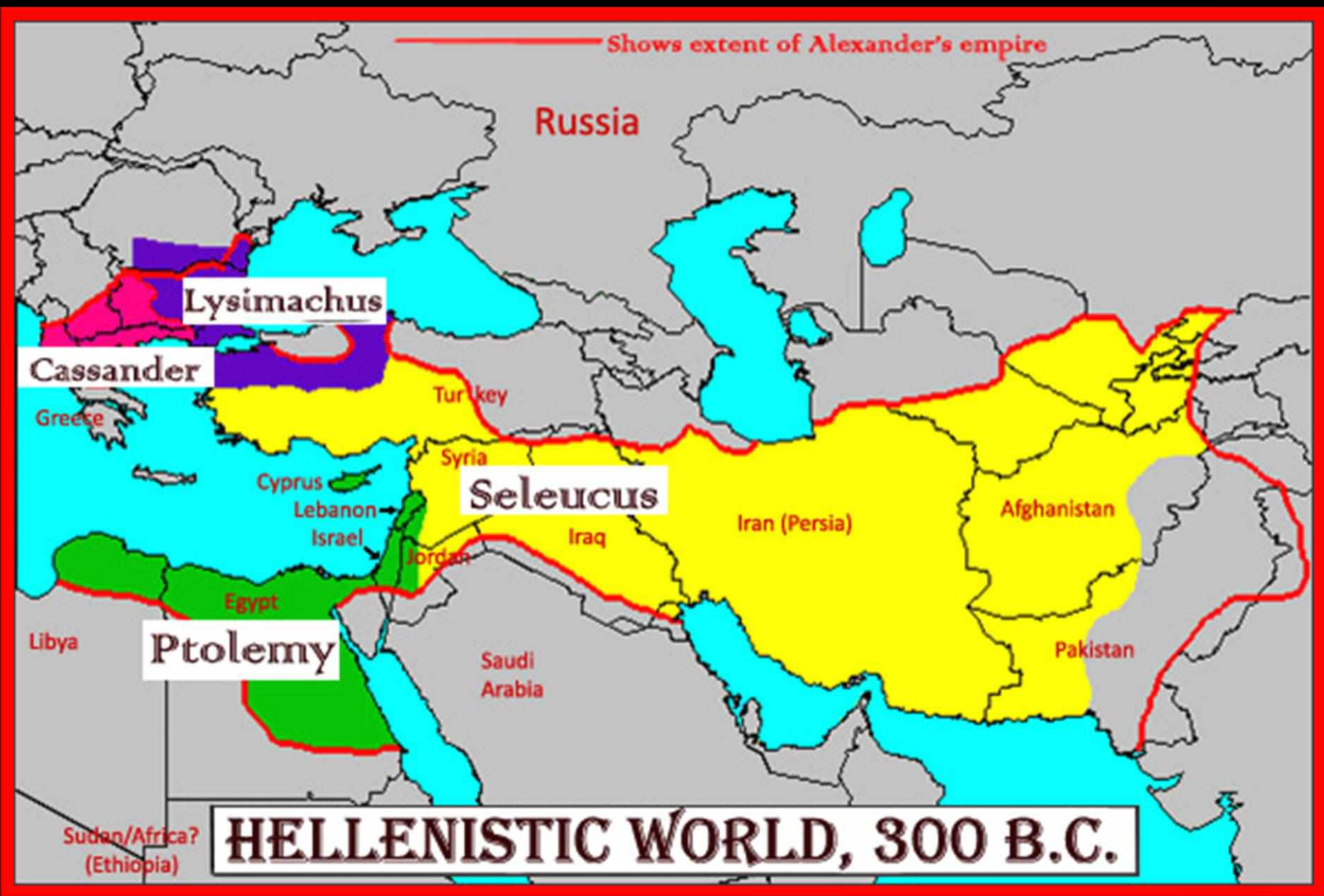






Therefore the he goat waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four winds of heaven.

Daniel 8:8



DANIEL 8:8-12

- Male goat magnified himself
- 4 conspicuous horns
- Small horn
- Grew up to the host of heaven



9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.

10 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.

Daniel 8:9-11

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Daniel 8

- The prophecy of ram (Persia) and the goat (Greece).
- These are two of the Empires from chapters 2 and 7.
- This prophecy is confined to latter Greek kings (20-22).
- A whole chapter about two empires before Rome (7).
- Chapter 7 is about popes; Chapter 9 about Messiah.
- Alexander the Great is the notable horn of the goat.
- The enemy is a king from one of the generals (8-9).
- He defiled temple worship and ended sacrifices (9-12).
- He defiled and dominated Israel for 2300 days (13-14).
- This is Antiochus Epiphanes, a vile latter Greek king.

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EPIPHANES



Antiochus IV Epiphanes



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Antiochus the IV (Epiphanes)

- Antiochus IV began reign over Seleucia in 175 B.C.
- Epiphanes = *the Illustrious ... or worse, God Manifest.*
- Epimanes = *the Madman ...* for eccentric behavior.
- He sold Jewish office of high priest as political office.
- He systematically tried to Hellenize (Greekify) Jews.
- He viewed the Jewish religion as a threat to Seleucia.
- His embarrassment by Rome in Egypt enraged him.
- On his way home he savagely attacked Jerusalem.
- He died suddenly by illness at age 51 in year 164 B.C.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

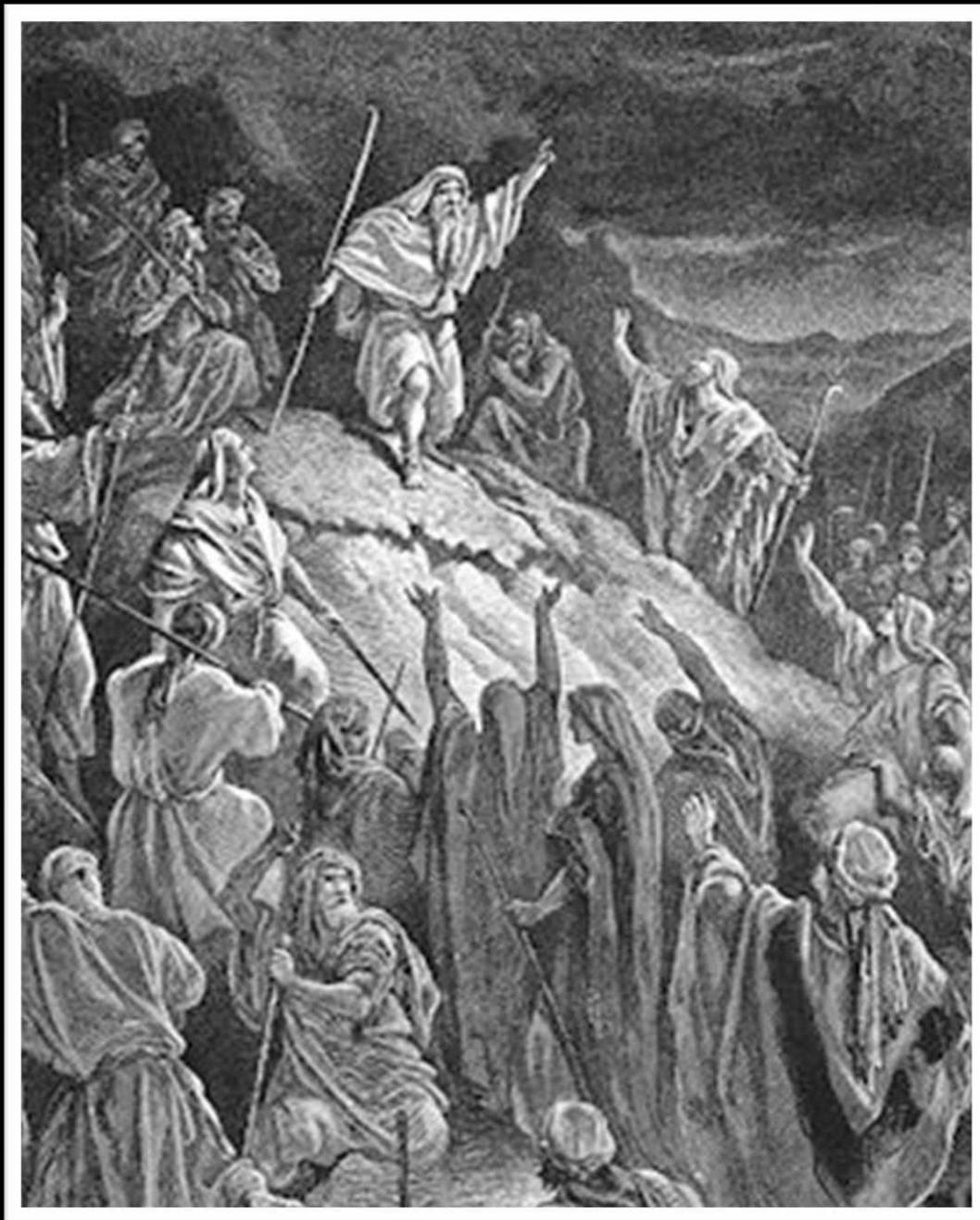
14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Daniel 8:13-14



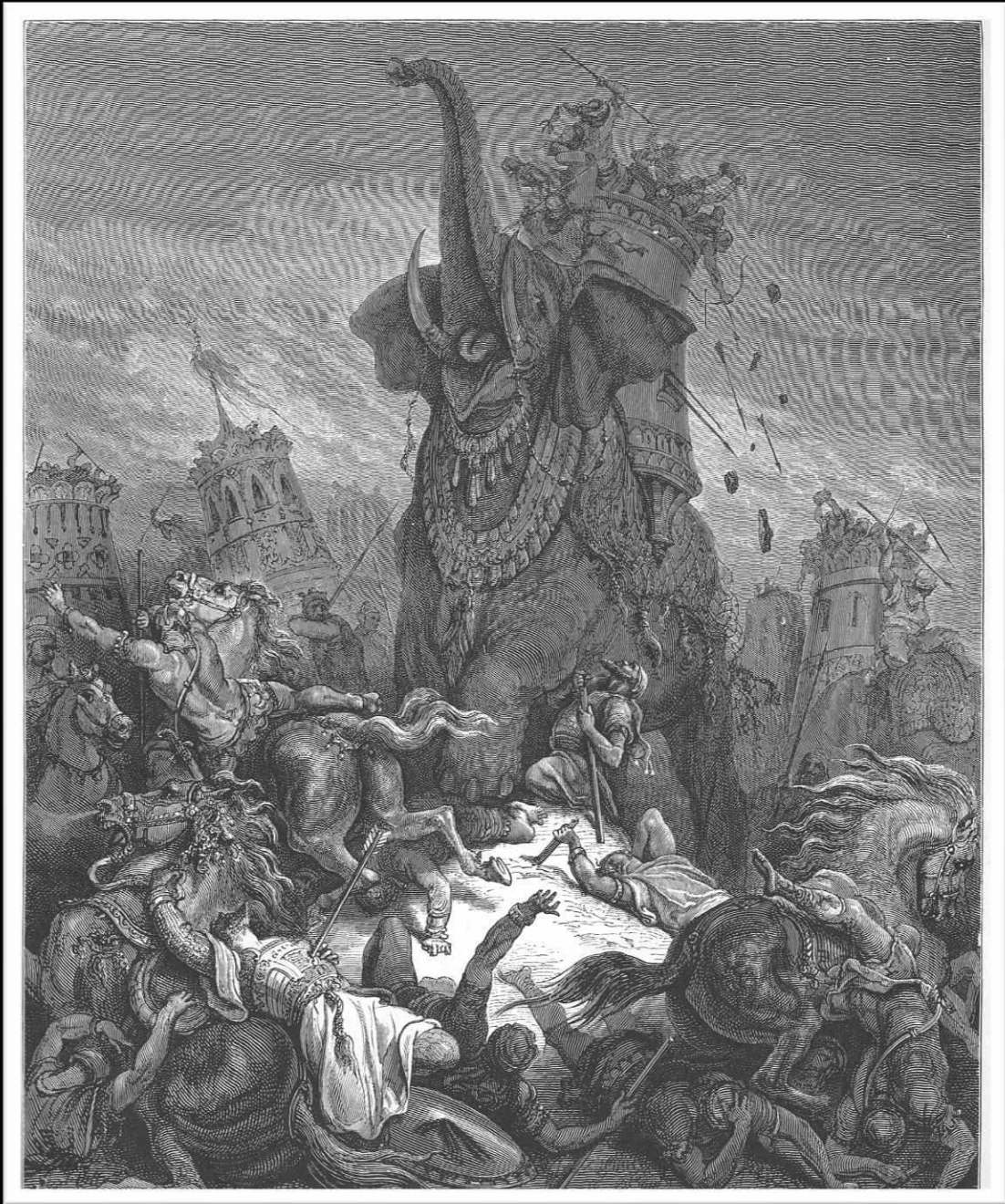
Who Are the Maccabees?

- Mattathias was a faithful priest in the village Modiin.
- He said in I Maccabees he descended from Phinehas.
- His lineage was from Hashman of Joarib (I Chron 24:7).
- His five sons – Judah, Eleazar, Simon, John, Jonathan.
- Mattathias killed a compromiser and a Seleucid officer.
- This ancient priest led the revolt one year before death.
- Judas replaced his father and led guerilla war over them.
- The name ... *the Hammer* ... was given to Judas ... not all.
- Judas drove the Greeks out and rededicated the temple.
- John Hyrcanus out of Simon; Hasmoneans until Herod.







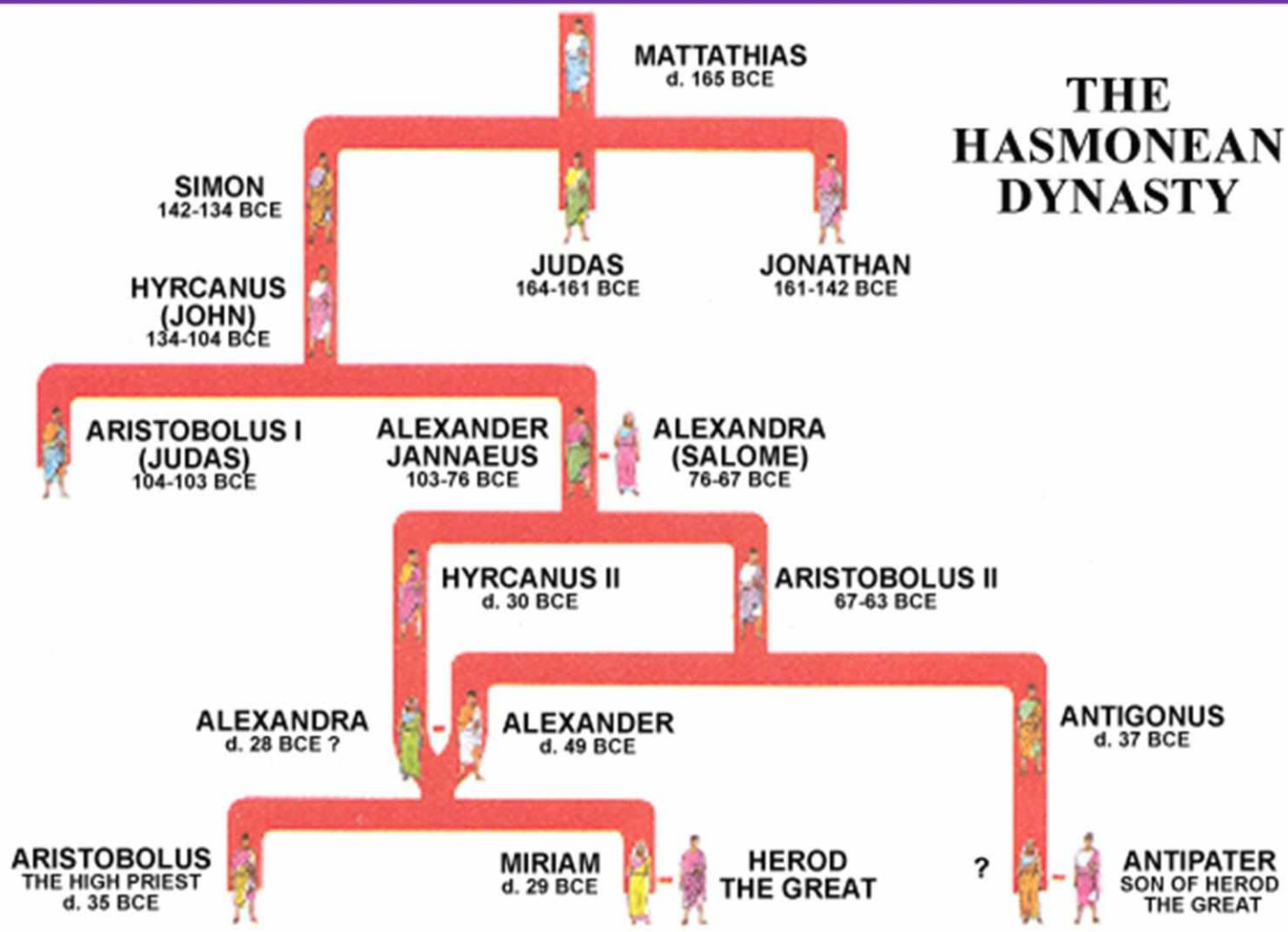




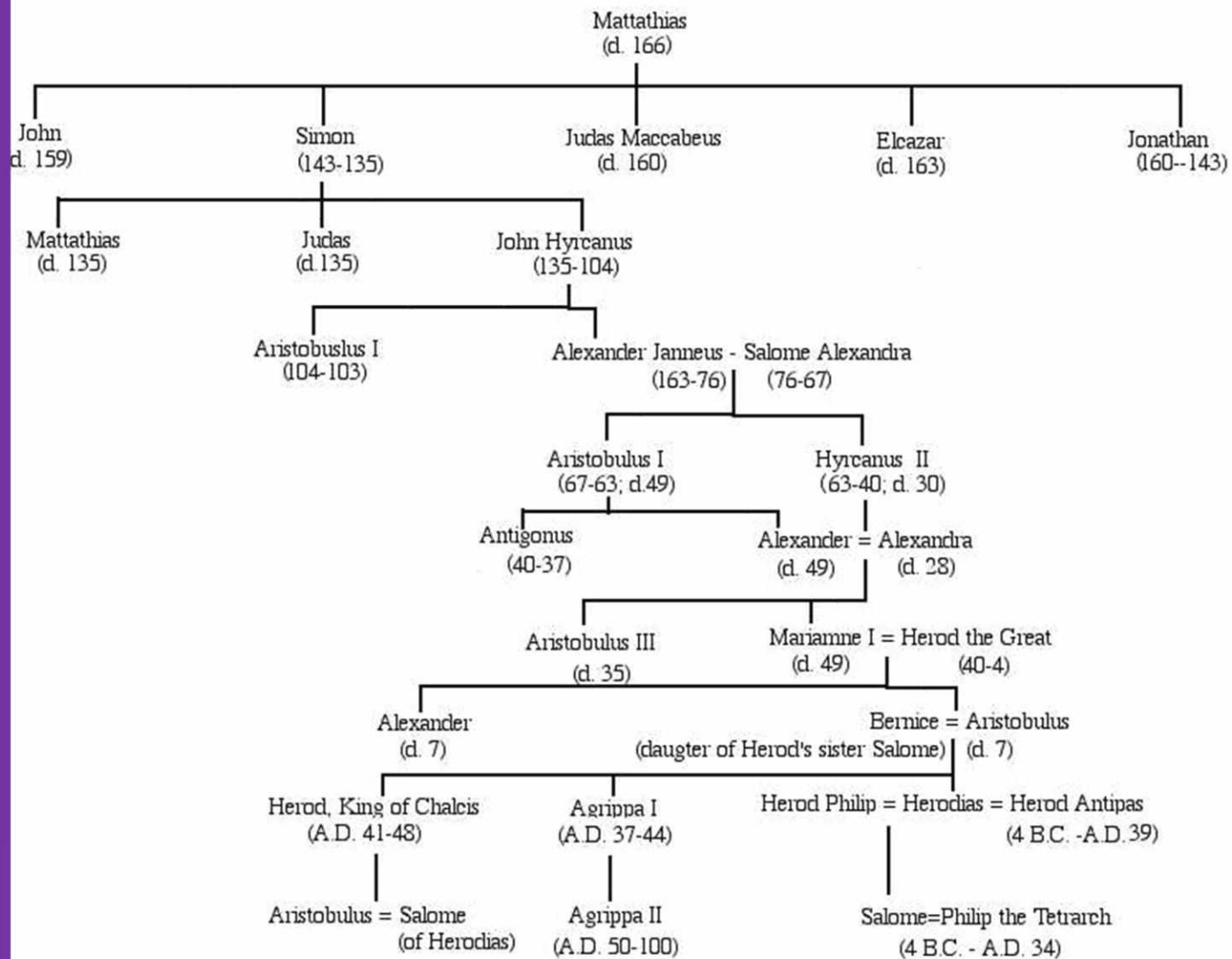




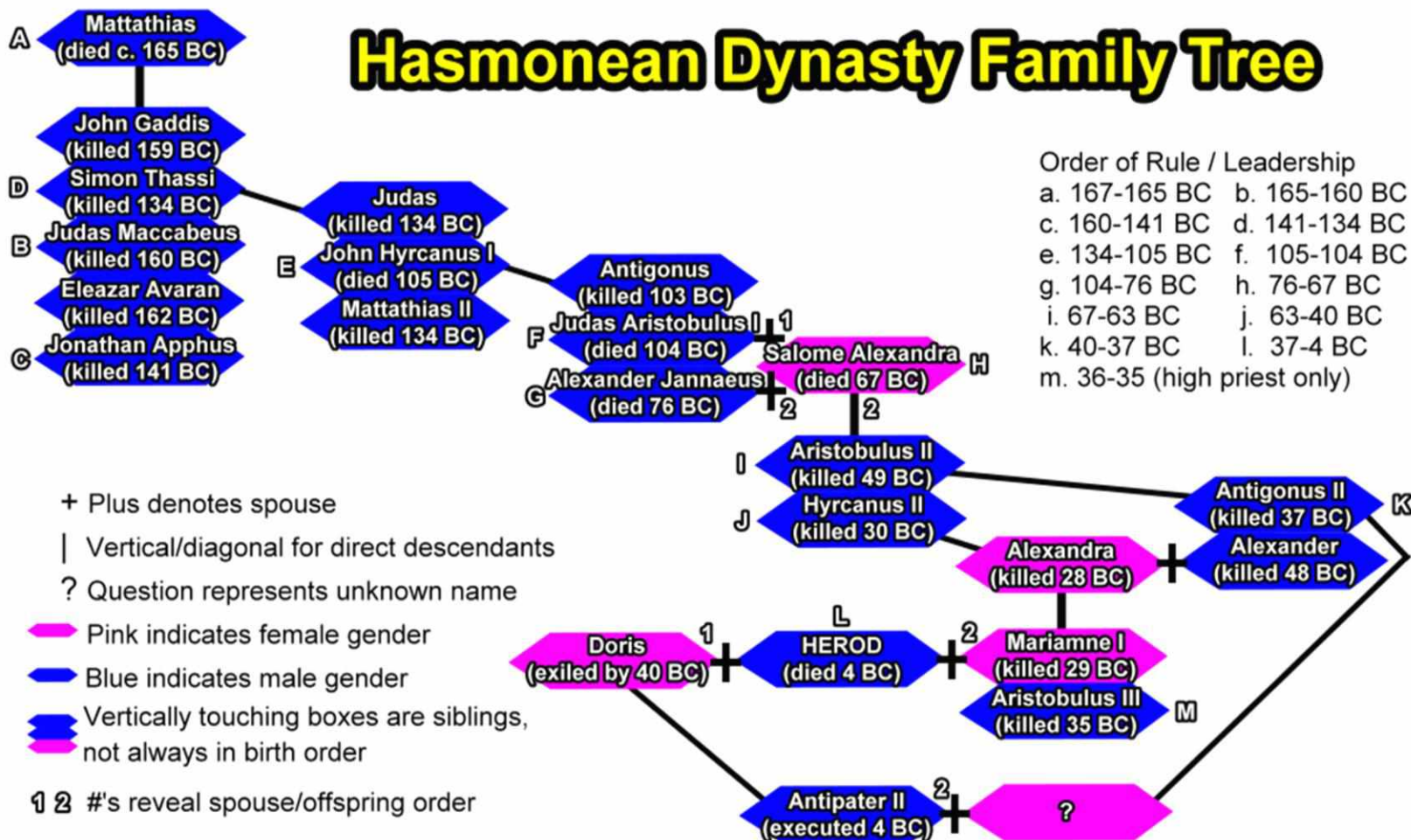
THE HASMONEAN DYNASTY



The Maccabees and the Hasmoneans (166 B.C. - A.D. 100)



Hasmonean Dynasty Family Tree

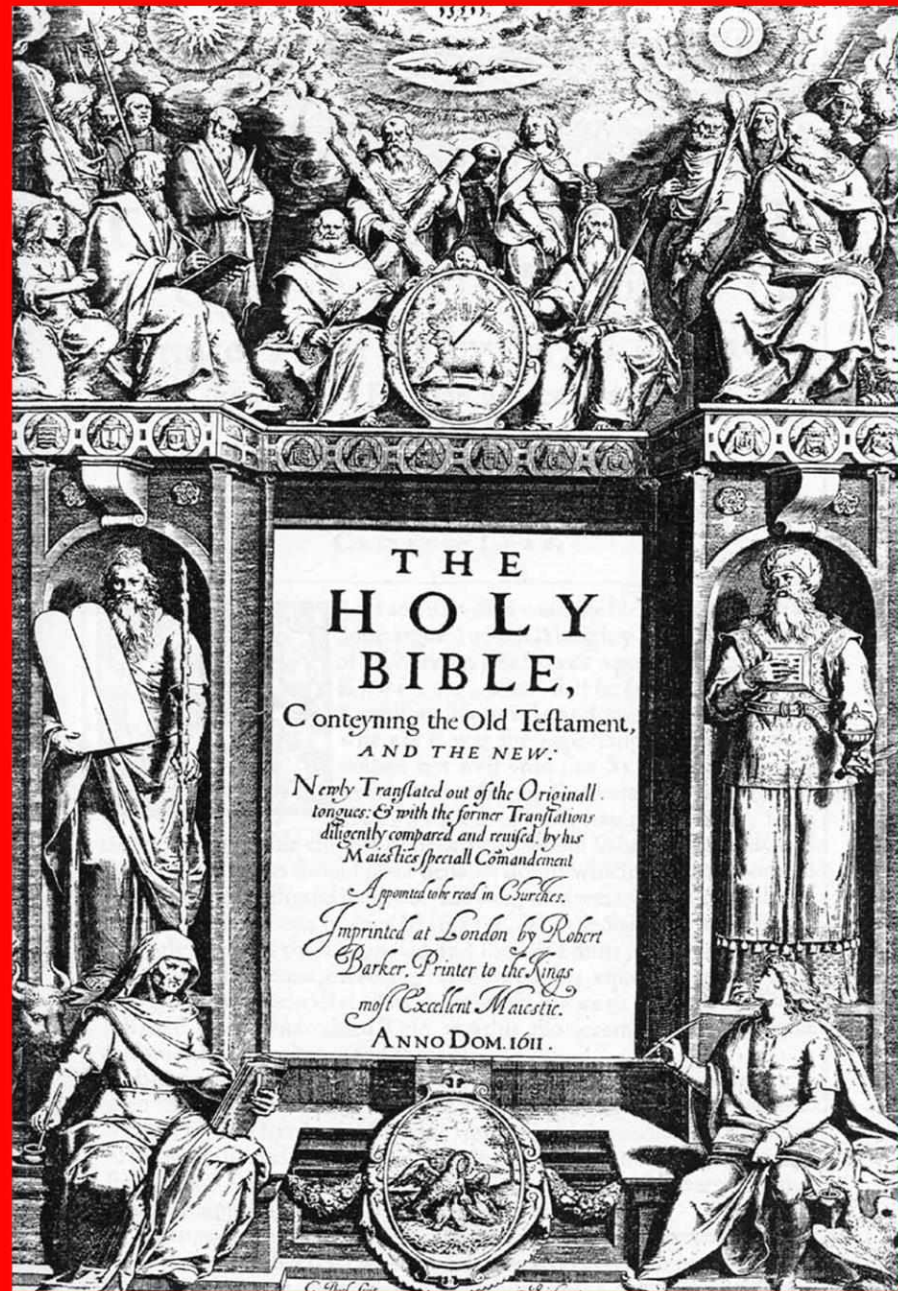


Note: Most wives are omitted from the chart as no names are known

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What About I and II Maccabees?

- They are two books in the Apocrypha of some Bibles.
- Apocrypha = Uninspired
- Apocrypha = Historical Reference
- Apocrypha = Works of Josephus
- These two books are included in the Catholic canon.
- They are in the King James as help, not as scripture.
- The KJV limits scripture to two testaments ... period!
- They are a history of the Hasmoneans ... up to Herod.
- A history of the Maccabean Revolt against Seleucia.
- Fools say the Hebrew Bible ignores the Maccabees.



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G enesi hath Chapters	50	Ecclesiastes hath Chapters	12
Exodus	40	The song of Solomon	8
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Numbers	36	Ieremiah	52
Deuteronomie	34	Lamentations	5
Ioshua	24	Ezekiel	48
Iudges	21	Daniel	12
Ruth	4	Hofea	14
1. Samuel	31	Ioel	3
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2. Kings	25	Ionah	4
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Ezrah	10	Habakkuk	3
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The Bookes called Apocrypha.

E sther hath Chapters	9	Baruch with the Epistle of Ieremiah	6
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Ecclesiasticus	51	2. Maccabees	25

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Luke	24	2. Timotheus	4
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Galatians	6	2. Peter	3
Ephesians	6	1. Iohn	5
Philippians	4	2. Iohn	1
Colosians	4	3. Iohn	1
1. Theffalonians	5	Iude	1
		Reuelation	22

18 Then shall ye returne and discern betwene the righteous and the wicked, berewe him that feareth God, and him that feareth him not.

CHAP. III.

1 Gods iudgement on the wicked, 2 and his blessing on the good. 4 Hee exhorteth to the studie of the Law, 5 and telleth of Eliahs comming, and Office.

Be beholde, the day cometh, that shall burne as an oven, and all the proud, yea and all that doe wickedly shall be stubbe: and the day that cometh, shall burne them vp, saith the LORD of hostes, that it shall leave them neither roote, nor branch.

2 But vnto you that feare my

name, shall the Sonne of righteousnesse arise with healing in his wings, and shall goe forth and grow up as calves of the stalle.

3 And ye shall treade downe the wicked: for they shall be as stubbe, the soles of your feet, in the day that I shall doe this, saith the LORD of hostes.

4 Remember ye the Law of Moses my seruant, which I commaunded vnto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and iudgements.

5 Behold, I will send you Elias the prophet, before the comming of the great and dreadfull day of the LORD.

6 And he shall turne the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

The end of the Prophets.



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APOCRYPHA.

I. ESDRAS.

CHAP. I.

1 Josias his charge to the Priests and Leuites. 7 A great Passouer is kept. 31 His death is much lamented. 34 His successors. 51 The Temple, City, and people are destroyed. 56 The rest are carried vnto Babylon.



And Josias helde the Feast of the Passouer in Ierusalem vnto his LORD, and offered the Passouer the fourteenth day of the first moneth:

2 hauing set the Priests according to their dayly courses, being arrayed in long garments, in the Temple of the LORD.

3 And he spake vnto the Leuites the holy ministers of Israel, that they should halloie themselves vnto the LORD, to let the holy Arke of the LORD, in the house that King Solomon the sonne of Dauid had built:

4 And said, Ye shall no more beare the Arke vpon your shoulders: now therefore serue the LORD your God, and minister vnto his people Israel, and prepare you after your families and houses.

5 According as Dauid the King of Israel prescribed, according to the maner of Solomon his sonne: a sauourie of the families of you the Leuites, who minister in the presence of your brethren the children of Israel.

6 Offer the Passouer in order, and make ready the sacrifices for your brethren, and keepe the Passouer according to the commaundement of the

LORD, which was giuen vnto Moyses. 7 And vnto the people that was found there, Josias gaue thirty thousand lambes, and kids, and three thousand calves: these things were giuen of the things of substance, according as he promised to the people, to the Priests, and to the Leuites.

8 And Helias, Zacharias, and Suelus the gouernours of the Temple, gaue to the Priests for the Passouer, two thousand and six hundred sheepe, and three hundred calves.

9 And Jechonias, and Samaias, and Nathanael his brother, and Abias, and Nehiel, and Jozan captaines ouer thousands, gaue to the Leuites for the Passouer six thousand sheepe, and seven hundred calves.

10 And when these things were done, the Priests and Leuites hauing the vntleavened bread, stood in very comely order according to the courses.

11 And according to the severall dignities of the fathers, before the people, to offer to the LORD, as it is written in the booke of Moyses: And thus did they in the morning.

12 And they roasted the Passouer with fire, as apperaineth: as for the sacrifices, they sodde them in brasse pots, and pannes, with a good sauiour.

13 And set them before all the people, and after that they prepared for themselves, and for the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

14 For the Priests offered the fat vntill night: and the Leuites prepared for themselves, and the Priests their brethren the sonnes of Aaron.

15 The holy singers also, the sonnes of Asaph, were in their order, according

10. which when he had set fire, they had burnt the houses in the fields of Asotus, and there were slain, etc.

9 At that time was Judas Johns brother wounded: But John still followed after them, vntill he came to Cedron which Cendebeus had built.

10 So they fled euen vnto the toylers in the fields of Asotus, wherefore hee burnt it with fire: So that there were slaine of them about two thousand men. Afterward hee returned into the land of Iudea in peace.

11 Moreover, in the plaine of Jericho was Ptolomeus the sonne of Abubus made captaine, and hee had abundance of siluer and golde.

12 For he was the hie Priests sonne in lawe.

13 Wherefore his heart being lifted vp, hee thought to get the countrey to himselfe, and thereupon consulted deceitfully against Simon and his sons, to destroy them.

14 Now Simon was visiting the cities that were in the countrey, and taking care for the good ordering of them, at which time hee came downe himselfe to Jericho with his sons, Mattathias and Judas, in the hundredth threescore and seuenth yeere, in the eleuenth moneth called Sabar.

15 Where the sonne of Abubus receiving them deceitfully into a little holde called Docus, which he had built, made them a great banquet: howbeit he had hidde men there.

16 So when Simon and his sonnes

had drunke largely, Ptolome and his men rose vp, and tooke their weapons, and came vpon Simon vnto the banketing place, and slew him and his two sonnes, and certaine of his seruants.

17 In which doing, he committed a great treachery, and recompensed euill for good.

18 Then Ptolome wrote these things, and sent to the king, that he should send him an hoste to aide him, and he would deliuer him the countrey and cities.

19 He sent others also to Gazara to kill John, & vnto the tribunes he sent letters to come vnto him, that he might giue them siluer, and golde, & rewards.

20 And others he sent to take Jerusalem, and the mountaine of the temple.

21 Now one had runne afore to Gazara, and tolde John that his father and brethren were slaine, and [quoth he] Ptolome hath sent to slay thee also.

22 Hereof when he heard, hee was sore astonished: So he laide hands on them that were come to destroy him, and slew them, for hee knew that they sought to make him away.

23 As concerning the rest of the actes of John, and his wars & worthy deeds which hee did, and the building of the walles which he made, and his doings,

24 Behold, these are written in the Chronicles of his Priesthood, from the time he was made hie Priest after his father.

19. cap. 1. name of the sonne.

The second booke of the Maccabees.

CHAP. I.

1 A letter of the Iewes from Ierusalem to them of Egypt, to thanke God for the death of Antiochus. 19 Of the fire that was hidde in the pit. 24 The prayer of Nehemias.

The brethren the Iewes that bee at Ierusalem, and in the lande of Iudea, wish vnto the brethren the Iewes that are throughout Egypt, health and peace.

2 God be gracious vnto you, and remember his Couenant that hee made with Abraham, Isaac, and Iacob, his faithfull seruants:

3 And giue you all an heart to serue him, and to doe his will, with a good courage, and a willing minde:

4 And open your hearts in his law and commandements, & send you peace:

5 And heare your prayers, and be at one with you, and neuer forsake you in time of trouble.

6 And now wee be here praying for you.

7 What time as Demetrius reigned, in the hundred threescore and ninth yeere, wee the Iewes wrote vnto you, in the extremitie of trouble, that came vpon vs in those yeeres, from the time that Jason and his company reuoluted from the holy land, and kingdome,

8 And burnt the porch, and shed innocent blood. Then we prayed vnto the Lord, and were heard: We offered also sacrifices, and fine sower, and lighted the lampes, and set forth the loaves.

9 And now see that ye keepe the feast

A Simple Timeline (B.C. dates)

- 175 Antiochus IV took the throne of Seleucid Empire.
- 175- Hellenization pressed on the Jews (gymnasium).
- 170 Priesthood sold and/or forced to do his bidding.
- 168 Temple profaned by Antiochus (angry after Rome).
- 167 Mattathias revolted – called to arms and killed.
- 166 Judah replaced his father as leader of the revolt.
- 164 Temple cleansed and dedicated – holiday started.
- 164 Antiochus IV dead at 51 while fighting Parthians.

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Antiochus IV Epiphanes



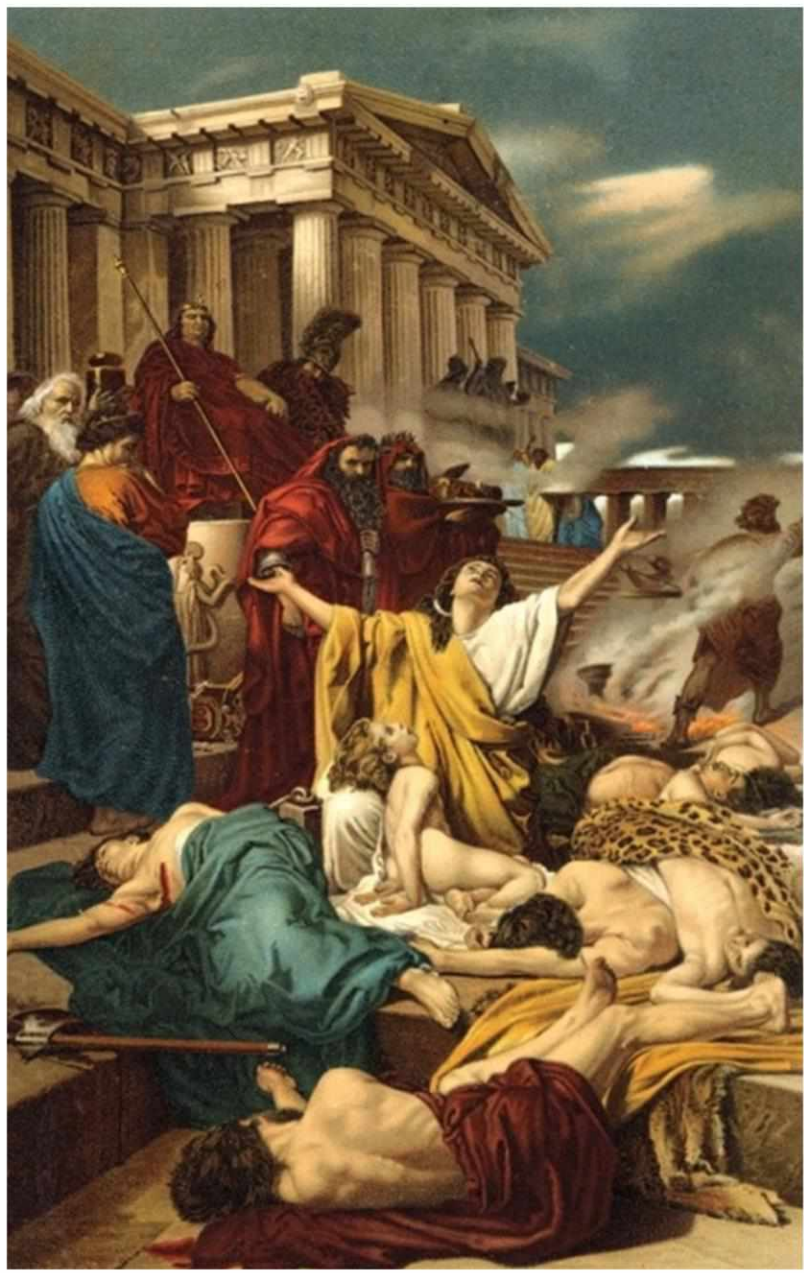
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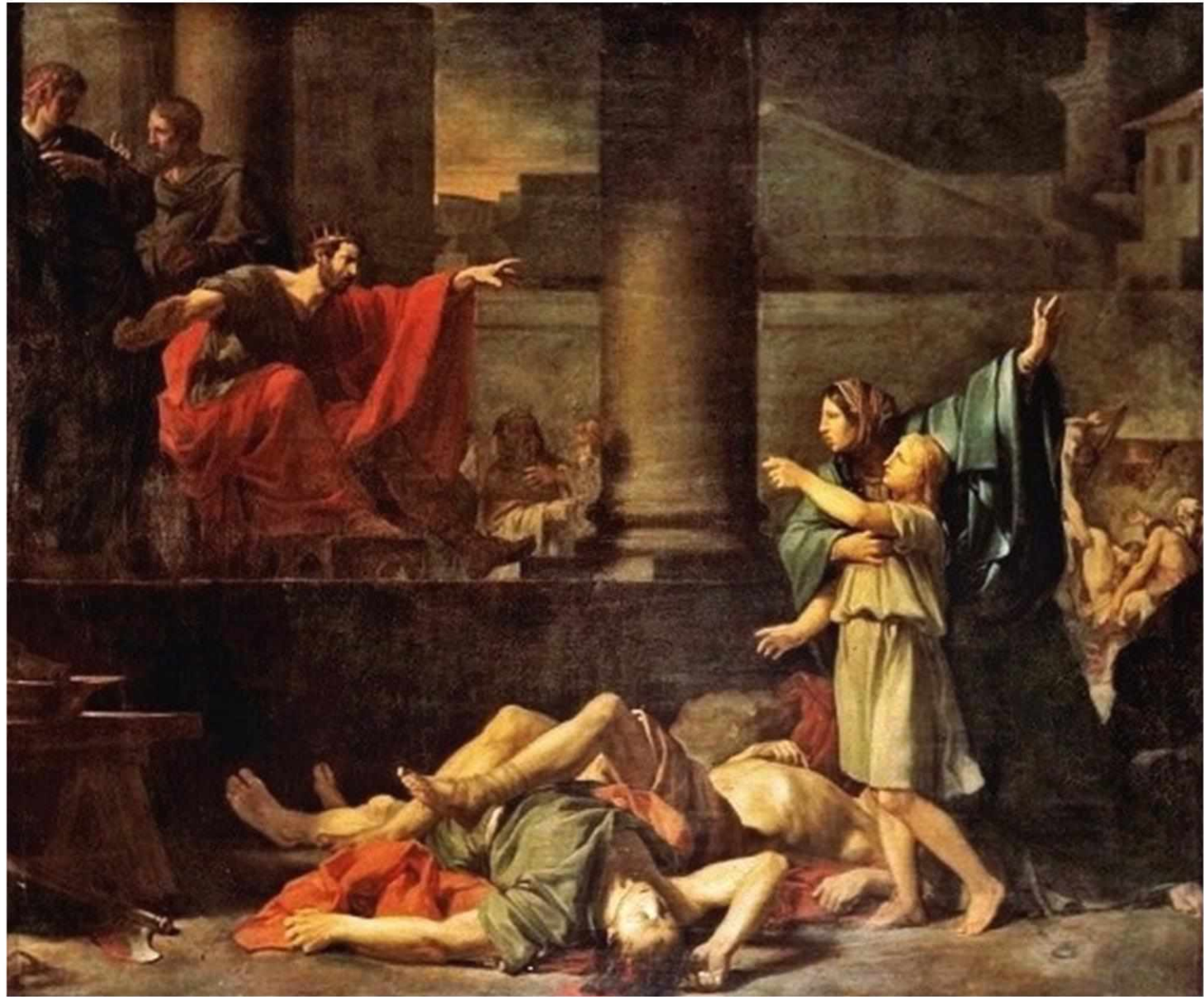


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- Slaughtered 80,000 Jews unwilling to submit.
- Destroyed the sacred scriptures he could find.
- Turned temple into brothel with prostitutes.
- Death for circumcision, etc. to destroy Jews' religion.
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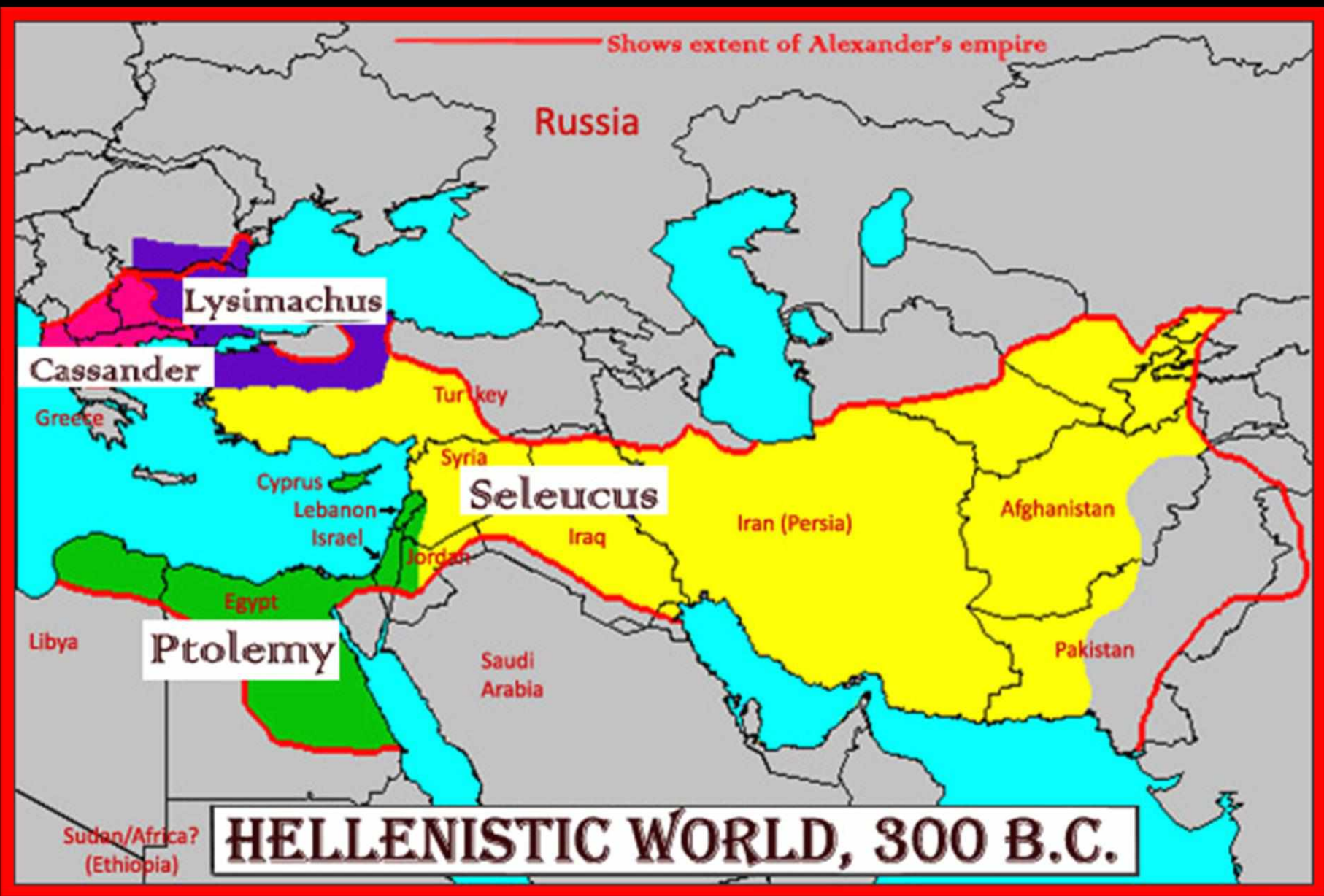






**Let's get back to the
Bible, from Daniel 8
over to Daniel 11.**

**Alexander the Great's
Greek Empire fell to
his four generals.**



**Israel was between
Seleucids in north and
Ptolemies in south!!**

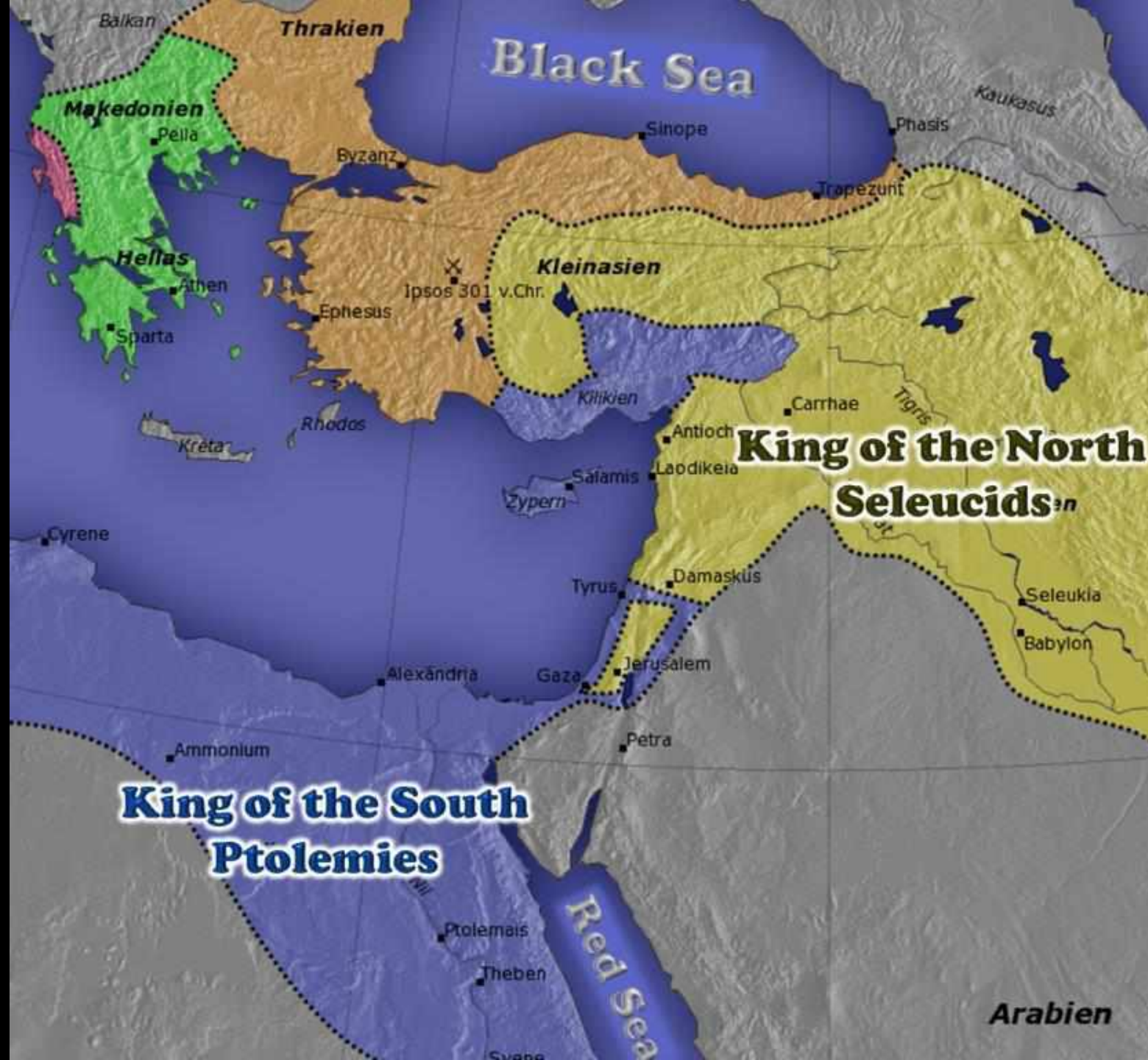
The Empire Divided

Daniel 11



**The two segments of
former Greek Empire
fought back and forth.**

**With God's nation
of Israel right in
the middle!**



**Daniel's great last
vision describes kings
of north and south.
EASY!**

**Seleucid kings against
Ptolemaic kings.
EASY!**

**Syria in the north and
Egypt in the south.
EASY!**

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**A king of the north is
described in detail for
violence against Israel.
(Daniel 11:21-31)**

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And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.

Daniel 11:21

He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

Daniel 11:24

Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do exploits, and return to his own land.

Daniel 11:28

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29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.

Daniel 11:29-30



KING OF THE
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Back off!

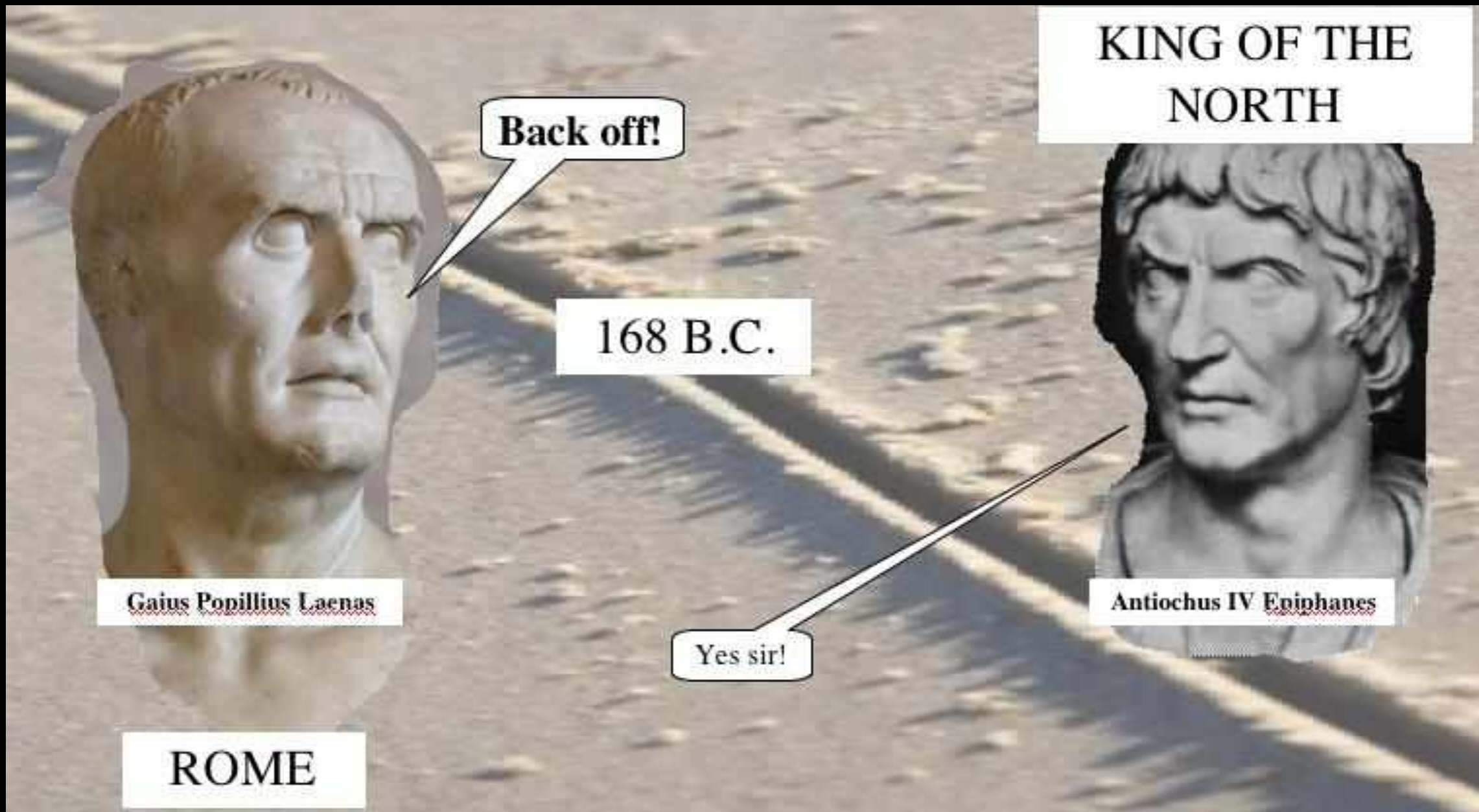
168 B.C.

Gaius Popillius Laenas

Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Yes sir!

ROME



And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

Daniel 11:31

**It is now as bad as it
can get in Jerusalem
by Antiochus IV.**

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Daniel 11

- Prophecy of Daniel's people – the Jews (10:14; 12:7).
- It clearly began with Darius and Persian Empire (11:2).
- It clearly ends with ruin of Israel in 70 A.D. (12:1,7).
- The *Kings of the North* = kings of Seleucid Empire.
- The *Kings of the South* = kings of Ptolemaic Empire.
- Syria is north of Egypt ... Israel lies between them.
- The prophecy has successive kings of both empires.
- Daniel 11:21-32 is about Antiochus IV Epiphanes.
- **Daniel 11:32-35 is about the Maccabees and revolt.**
- Daniel 11:36-45 is about Herod the Great and Caesar.

And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32

**Now it is time for
Mattathias the priest
and his sons to revolt!**



And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Daniel 11:32

Judah Maccabees and Revolt!

- Priest Mattathias killed a Seleucid and called to arms.
- His son Judah, strong and zealous, then took the lead.
- The Seleucids had a large trained army with weapons.
- The Jews were farmers with no army or weapons.
- Judah was a genius at guerilla warfare on his terms.
- The first battle wiped out a Greek force in a pass.
- Antiochus also had to fight the Parthians in the east.
- Judah defeated larger and larger Seleucid armies.
- He then gained control of Jerusalem to cleanse temple.
- Antiochus died fighting, so Lysias allowed a treaty.

13 Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot?

14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

Daniel 8:13-14

**What is
Hanukkah?**



What Is Hanukkah?

- Jewish holiday near Christmas (late Nov to late Dec).
- The name is Hebrew from the verb ... *to dedicate*.
- The feast lasts eight days starting on Kislev 25 (Heb).
- It has a candelabra or menorah with nine branches.
- Known as *Festival of Lights* or *Feast of Dedication*.
- What is it for? *To honor the Maccabees and temple.*
- It was started by Judah Maccabees in 164 B.C.
- Is it in the Bible? *It is in the gospel of John (10:22-23).*
- In origin, it is similar to Esther's holiday of Purim.

22 And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter.

23 And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

John 10:22-23

Is Hanukkah Really in the Bible?

- Moses commanded 3 feasts recorded in the Bible.
- Passover is in the spring (about March or April).
- Weeks, or Pentecost, is spring 7 weeks later (May-June).
- Tabernacles, or Booths, is in the fall (Sep/Oct).
- But the feast of John 10:22-23 was in the winter!
- But the feast of John 10:22-23 was for dedication!
- It was started 200 years before Jesus in John 10!
- This can only be Hanukkah to celebrate Maccabees!
- Jesus visited Jerusalem and the temple at this time!
- He confirmed Dan 11:32 and honored national days.

**Is there any other
mention of the
Maccabees
in the Bible?**

12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to day do I declare that I will render double unto thee;

13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mighty man

Zechariah 9:12-13

14 And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, and as the corners of the altar.

Zechariah 9:14-15

16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.

17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

Zechariah 9:16-17

Zechariah 9:12-17

- Zechariah (and Haggai) were for regathered Jews (Ezra 5:1).
- Zechariah was to encourage the small band that returned.
- He prophesied about 450-420 B.C., 100 before Alexander.
- Zech 9:1-8 was what Alexander would do to Israel's foes.
- Only Alexander defeated/destroyed island Tyre (Zec 9:2-4).
- Nebuchadnezzar had to be paid with Egypt (Ezek 29:18-19).
- Alexander crushed the region but did not touch Jerusalem.
- It extends to Jesus entering Jerusalem spiritually (Zec 9:9-11).
- It returns to Jews' only warfare against Greece (Zec 9:12-13).
- It describes guerilla warfare of Judas with slings (Zec 9:14-16).

**God continues to show
us more of His word as
we humbly ask.**

**Any other mentions
of the Maccabees
in the Bible?**

Hebrews 11:32-38

- Paul's *Hall of Faith* is generally chronological by date.
- Paul wrote 100 years after the Hasmonean dynasty.
- His use of "women" allows others than named (32,35).
- What of ... *out of weakness were made strong?*
- What of ... *waxed valiant in fight?*
- What of ... *turned to flight the armies of aliens?*
- What of ... *tortured, not accepting deliverance?*
- What of ... *cruel mockings and scourgings?*
- What of ... *sawn asunder?*
- What of ... *being destitute, afflicted, tormented?*

Daniel identified the Maccabees in Dan 11:32.

Jesus honored their celebration at the winter feast of dedication of Jehovah's temple.

These great heroes by God's electing grace had faith identified that set them apart from others.

The world and its heroes cannot be compared to these and other martyred saints of God.

What does God say of the Maccabees and others like them that served Him to death?

(Of whom the world was not worthy:)

Hebrews 11:38

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Daniel 11:32

Five Mentions +

Daniel 8

Daniel 11

Zechariah 9

John 10

Hebrews 11

**Will you be like Judas
Maccabee in your
life?**

Will you be like ...
***The Hammer* ...**
in your life?

**What in your life ...
do you need to bring
down with a hammer?**

Areas You Can Hammer

Marriage

Finances

Soul-winning

Reading

Child Training

Television

Speech

Alcohol

Friends

House

Grades

Savings

Giving

Career

Driving

Time

Inputs

Weight

More Areas You Can Hammer

Moods

Consistency

Initiative

Attitude

Weakness

Productivity

Praise

Pursuit

Priorities

Hospitality

Forgiveness

Love

Service

Relationships

Holiness

Zeal



**Some parts of your
life need finesse,
not force.**

**Do you know the
LORD God Jehovah?**

**Do you live for Him
in all your decisions?**

**Do you defend His
religion at all times?**

**How have you shown
unusual strength
for Him?**

**He challenged us by
Spirit and word from
I John 2:15-17.**

**What exploit will you
be known for in
August?**

**What exploits will we
recount for you at
your funeral?**



**What father-son
teams will defend our
once-delivered faith?**

For how great is his goodness,
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and new wine the maids.

Zechariah 9:17

For Further Study

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