

Rev. 13:1, "And I stood on the sand of the sea. Then I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns were ten diadems, and on his heads were blasphemous names.

13:2, "And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like those of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority."



Middle East Today



The Persian Empire

- Limits of the Persian empire ca. 500 B.C.
- Persian royal road
- Royal residences
- - - Red Sea-Nile canal built by Darius I

0 100 200 300 400 500 Miles
 0 200 400 600 800 Kms

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- 1. Ptolemy: Egypt, Israel**
- 2. Seleucas: Syria, Babylon**
- 3. Cassander: Macedonia, Greece**
- 4. Lysimachus: Thrace, Turkey**

Dan. 8:23, “And in the latter period of their rule, when the transgressors have run their course, a king will arise insolent and skilled in intrigue.”

Ptolemies: 323–198 BC over Jerusalem

Seleucids: 198–167 BC

History of the Ptolemaic Dynasty

Ptolemy I Soter 323–285

Ptolemy II Philadelphus 285–247

Ptolemy III Evergetes 247–221

Ptolemy IV Philopater 221–204

Ptolemy V Euphron 204–180

History of the Seleucid Rulers

- **Antiochus III, the Great, 223–187 BC**
- **Seleucus IV Philopator, his son, 187–175 BC**
- **Antiochus IV Epiphanes, his brother, 175–164 BC**
- **Antiochus V Eupator, his son, 164/3–162 BC**



SCYTHIANS

Black Sea

Caspian Sea

MACEDONIA
Pella 334

EPHUS
Ephesus

HELAS
Sparta

CRETE
Crete

CYRENAICA
Cyrene

LIBYA
Libyan Desert

EGYPT
Thebes, Syene

ETHIOPIA (CUSH)

BITHYMA
Sinope

ASIA MINORI
Tarsus

CYPRUS
Sidon, Tyre

ARABIA
Jerusalem

MEMPHIS
Memphis

EGYPT
Thebes, Syene

ETHIOPIA (CUSH)

ARMENIA

Rival Powers ca. 192 B.C.

- Major Hellenistic states
- Lesser Hellenistic states
- Roman domain
- Carthaginian realm



Dan. 8:9, “And out of one of them came forth a rather small horn which grew exceedingly great toward the south, toward the east, and toward the Beautiful Land.”

Dan. 8:10, “And it grew up to the host of heaven and caused some of the host and some of the stars to fall to the earth, and it trampled them down.”

“According to history, Antiochus Epiphanes set himself up as God, thus disregarding “the starry host” (v. 10) or the powers of heaven. He set himself up as the “Prince of the host” (v. 11) in the sense of making himself great. Antiochus took away and stopped the daily sacrifices offered by the Jews in the temple and desecrated their sanctuary (v. 13), turning it into a pagan temple. He fulfilled the requirements of throwing truth to the ground (v. 12). History has recorded that Antiochus, by taking the name Epiphanes, which means glorious one, assumed that he was God, much as the little horn of Daniel 7 will do in the future Great Tribulation. His role is similar to the future role of the coming world dictator.”

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Dan. 8:24, “And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power, and he will destroy to an extraordinary degree and prosper and perform his will; he will destroy mighty men and the holy people.”

Dan. 8:11, “It even magnified itself to be equal with the commander of the host; and it removed the regular sacrifice from Him, and the place of His sanctuary was thrown down.”

Dan. 8:12, “And on account of transgression the host will be given over to the horn along with the regular sacrifice; and it will fling truth to the ground and perform its will and prosper.”

Dan. 8:13, “Then I heard a holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that particular one who was speaking, ‘How long will the vision about the regular sacrifice apply, while the transgression causes horror, so as to allow both the holy place and the host to be trampled?’”

Dan. 8:14, “And he said to me, ‘For 2,300 evenings and mornings; then the holy place will be properly restored.’”

Dan. 8:15, “And it came about when I, Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and behold, standing before me was one who looked like a man.”

Dan. 8:16, “And I heard the voice of a man between the banks of Ulai, and he called out and said, ‘Gabriel, give this man an understanding of the vision.’”

Dan. 8:17, “So he came near to where I was standing, and when he came I was frightened and fell on my face; but he said to me, ‘Son of man, understand that the vision pertains to the time of the end.’”