GOD AND THE HISTORY OF WAR
Daniel 11:1-35

I. KINGS OF MEDO - PERSIA (vv.2-3)
4th - Xerxes

II. ALEXANDER THE GREAT (vv.3-4)

III. ALEXANDER'S DIVIDED EMPIRE (vv.5-6)
North -_____ South - _____
In the middle - _____

5 "The king of the South **(Ptolemy)** *will become strong, but one of his commanders* **(Seleucus)** *will become even stronger than he and will rule his own kingdom* **(Babylon)** *with great power.6 After some years* **(54)**, *they will become allies. The daughter of the king of the South* **(Bernice)** *will go to the king of the North* **(Antiochus)** *to make an alliance, but she will not retain her power, and he* **(Antiochus)** *and his power will not last* **(He was poisoned)** *. In those days she* **(Bernice)** *will be handed over* **(murdered)**, *together with her royal escort and her father* **(who has already died)** *and the one who supported her.*

IV. ONGOING CONFLICT BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH (vv.7-13)
One from her **(this is referring to Bernice who has been killed by Laodice, who poisoned her husband)** *family -* **(in fact it's her brother, Ptolemy III)** *will arise to take her place* **(or literally to take up her cause - to get revenge)**. *He will attack the forces of the King of the North and enter his fortress* **(The capital)**; *he will fight against them and be victorious* **(he has Laodice executed).**
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V. EXPLOITS OF ANTIOCHUS THE GREAT (vv.14-19)
1. Gaining Control of Palestine (vv.14-16)

2. Exploits with Egypt (vv.17-20)
He will determine to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will make an alliance with the king of the South. And he will give him a daughter in marriage **(Cleopatra)** *in order to overthrow the kingdom, but his plans will not succeed or help him. ... After this,* he **(Antiochus the Great)** *will turn back toward the fortresses of his own country but will stumble and fall, to be seen no more* **(he dies)** *(vv.17 & 19)*

VI. ANTIOCHUS EPIPHANES (vv.21-35)

His Rise to Power (vv.21-24)

His Battles (vv.25-29)

His Vengeance against Palestine (vv. 30-35)
Then the King (Antiochus Epiphanies) issued a proclamation to his whole kingdom that all were to become a single people, each renouncing his particular customs. All the pagans conformed to the king's decree, and many Israelites chose to accept his religion, sacrificing to idols and profaning the Sabbath. The king also sent instructions by messenger to Jerusalem and the towns of Judah directing them to adopt customs foreign to the country, banning holocausts, sacrifices and libations from the sanctuary, profaning Sabbaths and feasts, defiling the sanctuary and the sacred ministers, building altars, precincts and shrines for idols, sacrificing pigs and unclean beasts, leaving their sons uncircumcised, and prostituting themselves to all kinds of impurity and abomination, so that they would forget the Law and revoke all observance of it... Many of the people - that is, every apostate from the Law - rallied to them, and so committed evil in the country, forcing Israel into hiding in all their places of refuge. On the fifteenth day of Chislev in the year one hundred and forty-five the king (Antiochus Epiphanies) erected the abomination of desolation above the altar
1 Maccabees 1:41-57