



**DON'T
PANIC!**

DANIEL 11:3 - 35

A close-up shot of a man in a military uniform, wearing a green garrison cap and glasses. He has a surprised or excited expression with his mouth open. The background is dark and out of focus.

Lance Corporal Jones
Dad's Army



DANIEL 11:3 - 35

- Secular Scholars = ~ 165 BC as history (after the fact)
- Biblical Scholars = ~ 536 - 530 BC as prophecy
- Called "The Truth" by God.

DANIEL 11:3 - 35

- We are not in power
- We are caught between opposing forces
- We cannot "fix" the world

No matter what..... God is in Control!



DANIEL 11:3

Then a mighty king shall arise, who shall rule with great dominion and do as he wills.

Alexander the Great



DANIEL 11:4

And as soon as he has arisen, his kingdom shall be broken and **divided toward the four winds of heaven**, but not to his posterity, nor according to the authority with which he ruled, for his kingdom shall be plucked up and go to others besides these.

DANIEL 11:5

Then the king of the south [Ptolemy I] shall be strong, but one of his princes [Seleucus I] shall be stronger than he and shall rule, and his authority shall be a great authority.



Ptolemy I



Seleucus I

ALEXANDER'S KINGDOM

DIVIDED AMONG HIS GENERALS



Ptolemy I



Seleucus I



Ptolemy I



Seleucus I

DANIEL 11:6A

After some years they shall make an alliance,
and the daughter [Berenice] of the king of the
south [Ptolemy II] shall come to the king of the
north [Antiochus II] to make an agreement.



Ptolemy II



Antiochus II

DANIEL 11:6B

But she [Berenice] shall not retain the strength of her arm, and he [Antiochus II] and his arm shall not endure, but **she shall be given up**, and her attendants, he who fathered her [Ptolemy II], and he who supported her in those times.



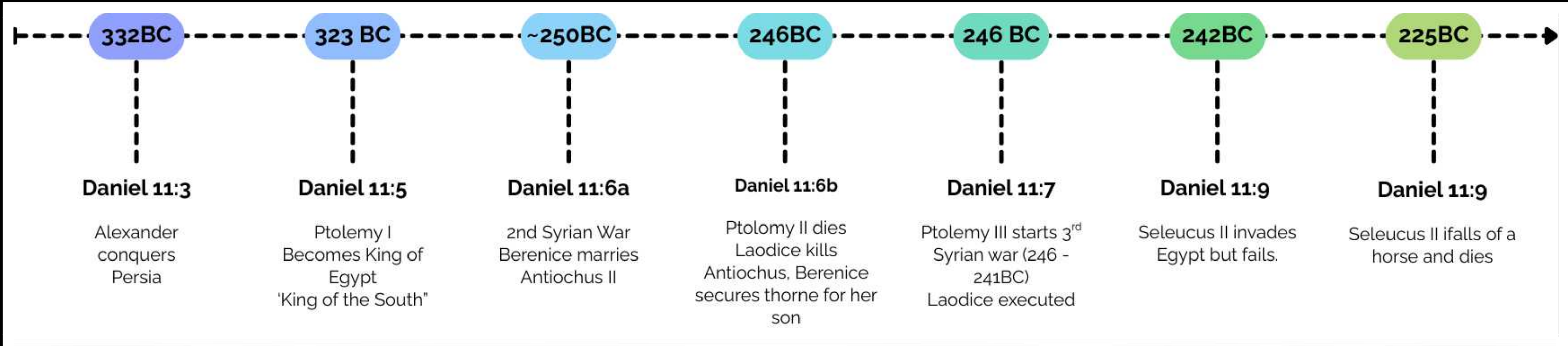
Ptolemy II



Antiochus II

DANIEL 11:7 - 9

"And from a branch from her roots one shall arise in his place. He shall come against the army and enter the fortress of the king of the north, and he shall deal with them and shall prevail. He shall also carry off to Egypt their gods with their metal images and their precious vessels of silver and gold, and for some years he shall refrain from attacking the king of the north. Then the latter shall come into the realm of the king of the south but shall return to his own land. A branch from her roots shall arise ... he shall prevail."



DANIEL 11:10 - 12

"His sons shall wage war and assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall keep coming and overflow and pass through, and again shall carry the war as far as his fortress. ¹¹Then the king of the south, moved with rage, shall come out and fight against the king of the north. And he shall raise a great multitude, but it shall be given into his hand. ¹²And when the multitude is taken away, his heart shall be exalted, and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. ¹³For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years, he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies."

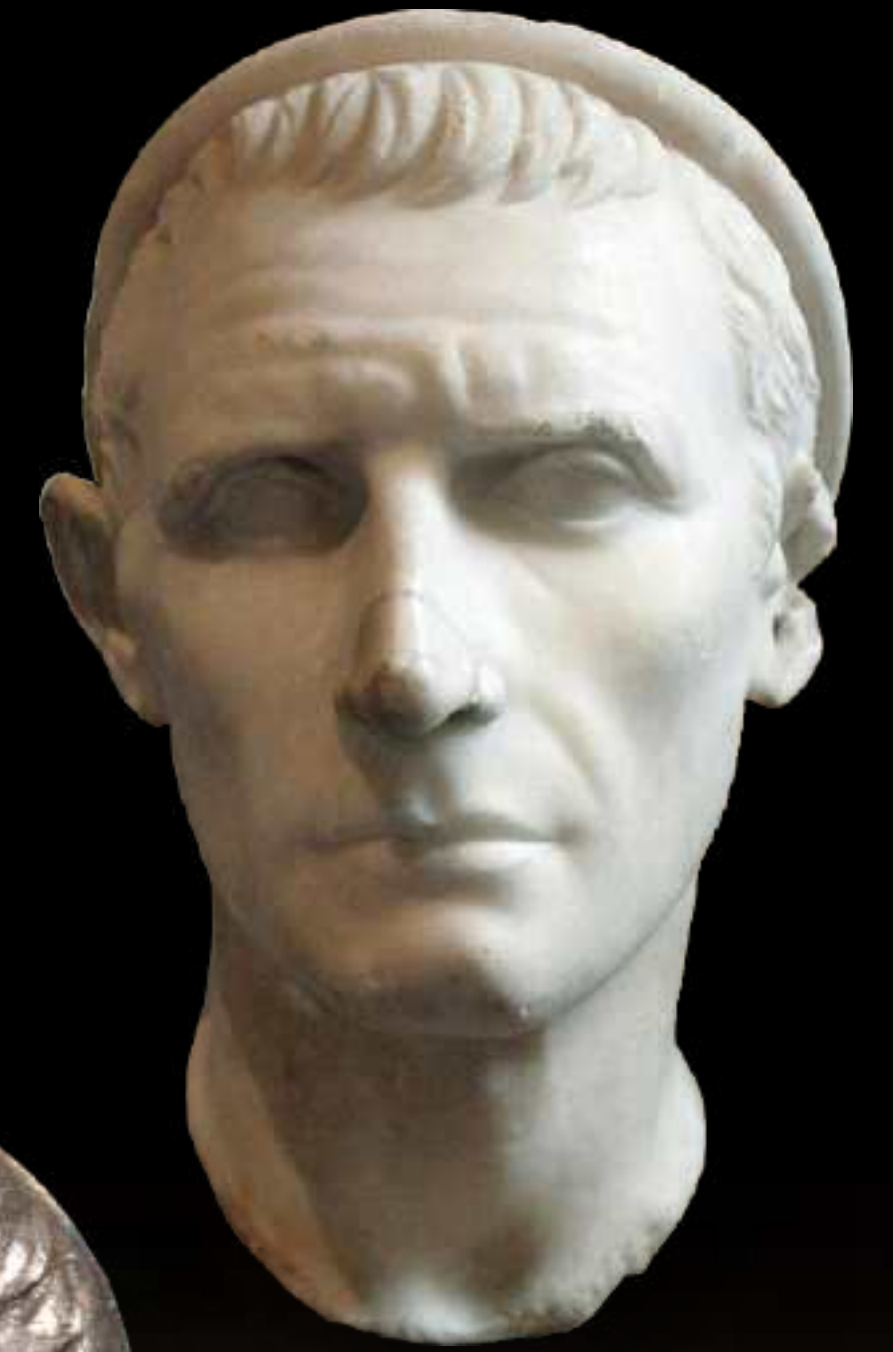
DANIEL 11:13 - 14

13 For the king of the north shall again raise a multitude, greater than the first. And after some years, he shall come on with a great army and abundant supplies.

14 "In those times many shall rise against the king of the south, and the violent among your own people shall lift themselves up in order to fulfill the vision, but they shall fail. ¹⁵

DANIEL 11:15–16

Then the king of the north [Antiochus III] shall come and throw up siegeworks and take a **well-fortified city**. And the forces of the south shall not stand, or even his best troops, for there shall be no strength to stand. But he who comes against him shall do as he wills, and none shall stand before him. And **he shall stand in the glorious land**, with destruction in his hand.



Antiochus III



Ptolemy V

DANIEL 11:17

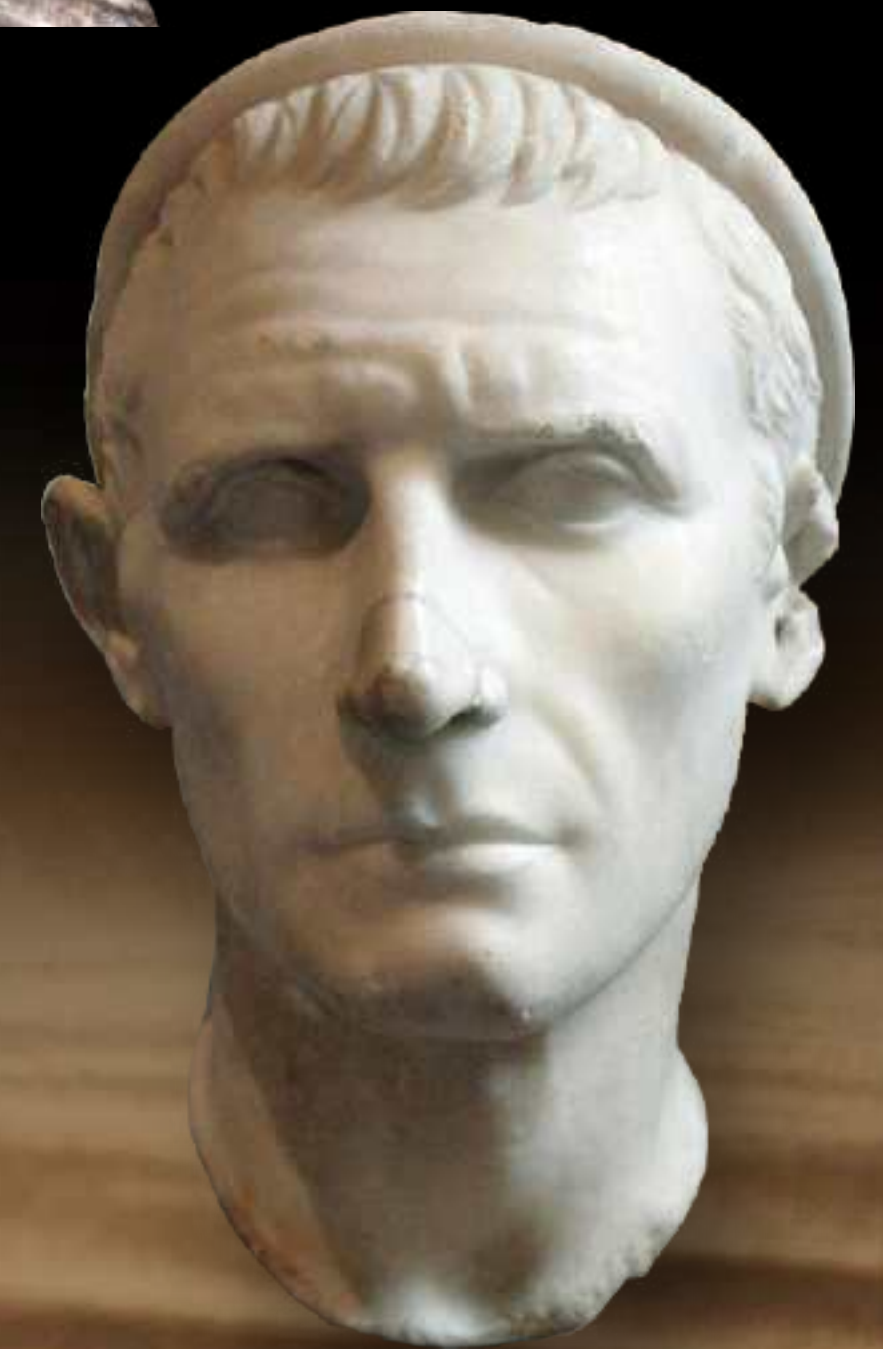
He [Antiochus III] shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and he shall bring terms of an agreement and perform them. He shall give him [Ptolemy V] the daughter of women [Cleopatra I] to destroy the kingdom, but it shall not stand or be to his advantage.



Ptolemy V



Cleopatra I



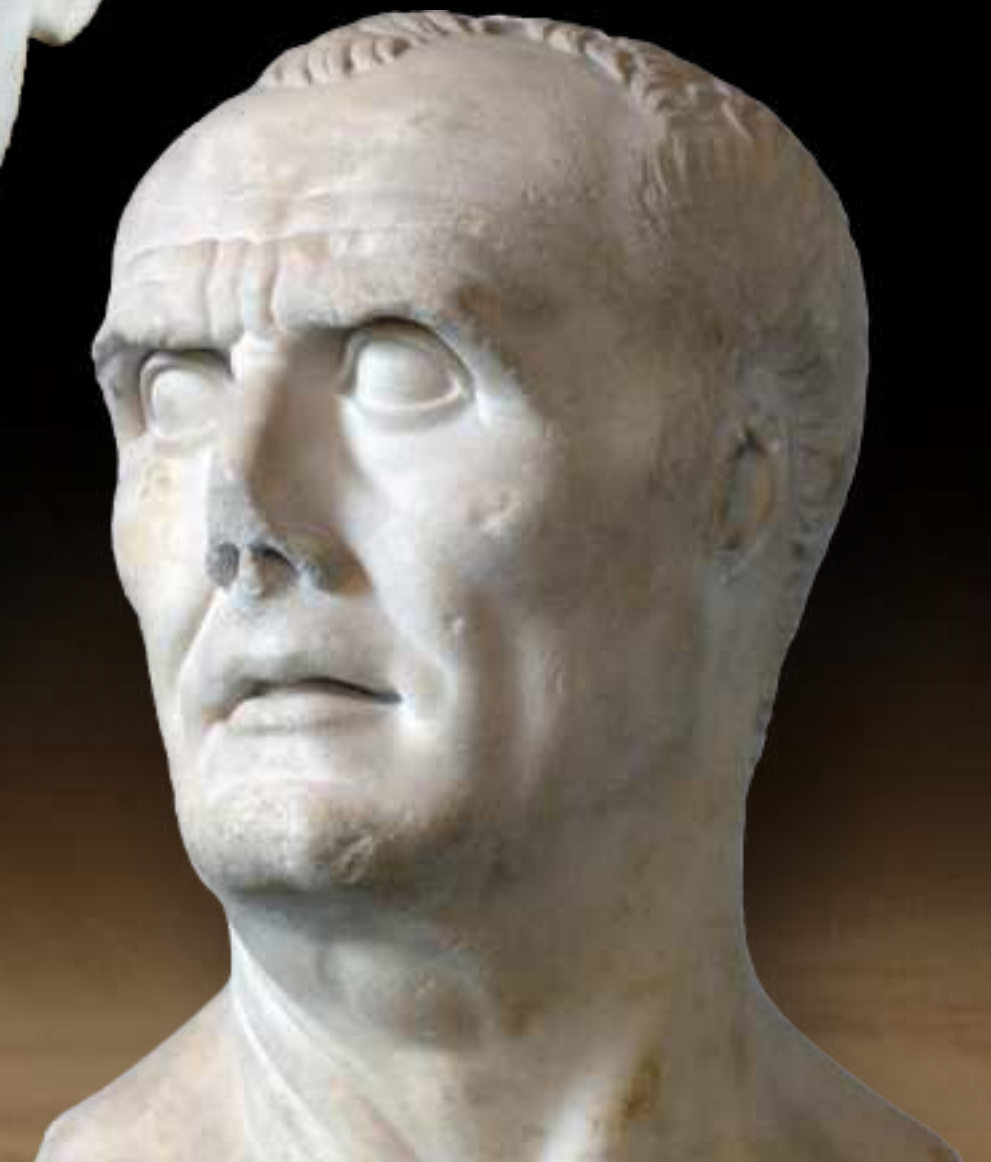
Antiochus III

DANIEL 11:18–19

Afterward he [Antiochus III] shall turn his face to the coastlands and shall capture many of them, but a commander [Scipio] shall put an end to his insolence. Indeed, he shall turn his insolence back upon him. Then he [Antiochus III] shall turn his face back toward the fortresses of his own land, but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.



Antiochus III



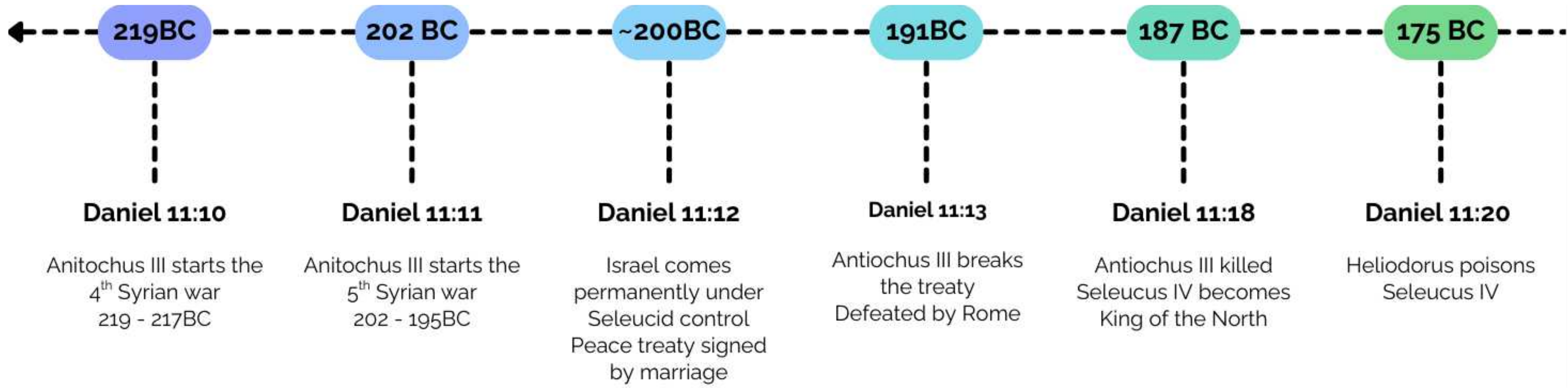
Scipio Asiaticus



Seleucus IV

DANIEL 11:20

Then shall arise in his place one [Seleucus IV] who shall send an exactor of tribute [Heliodorus] for the glory of the kingdom. But within a few days he shall be broken, neither in anger nor in battle.



DANIEL 11:21

In his place shall arise a contemptible person to whom royal majesty has not been given. He shall come in without warning and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.



Antiochus IV

DANIEL 11:22 - 24

²²Armies shall be utterly swept away before him and broken, even the prince of the covenant. ²³And from the time that an alliance is made with him he shall act deceitfully, and he shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴Without warning he shall come into the richest parts of the province, and he shall do what neither his fathers nor his fathers' fathers have done, scattering among them plunder, spoil, and goods. He shall devise plans against strongholds, but only for a time.

DANIEL 11:25 - 26

And he [Antiochus IV] shall stir up his power and his heart against the king of the south [Ptolemy VI] with a great army. And the king of the south shall wage war with an exceedingly great and mighty army, but **he shall not stand**, for plots shall be devised against him.

²⁶ Even those who eat his food shall break him. His army shall be swept away, and many shall fall down slain.



Antiochus IV



Ptolemy VI

DANIEL 11:27

And as for the two kings, their hearts shall be bent on doing evil. They shall **spea**k lies at the **same table**, but to no avail, for the end is yet to be at the time appointed.



Antiochus IV



Ptolemy VI

DANIEL 11:28

And he shall return to his land with great wealth, but his heart shall be set against the holy covenant. And he shall work his will and return to his own land.



Antiochus IV

DANIEL 11:29 - 30

At the time appointed he shall return and **come into the south**, but it shall not be this time as it was before. For **ships of Kittim** shall come against him, and he shall be afraid and withdraw, and shall turn back and be enraged and **take action against the holy covenant**. He shall turn back and pay attention to those who forsake the holy covenant.



Antiochus IV

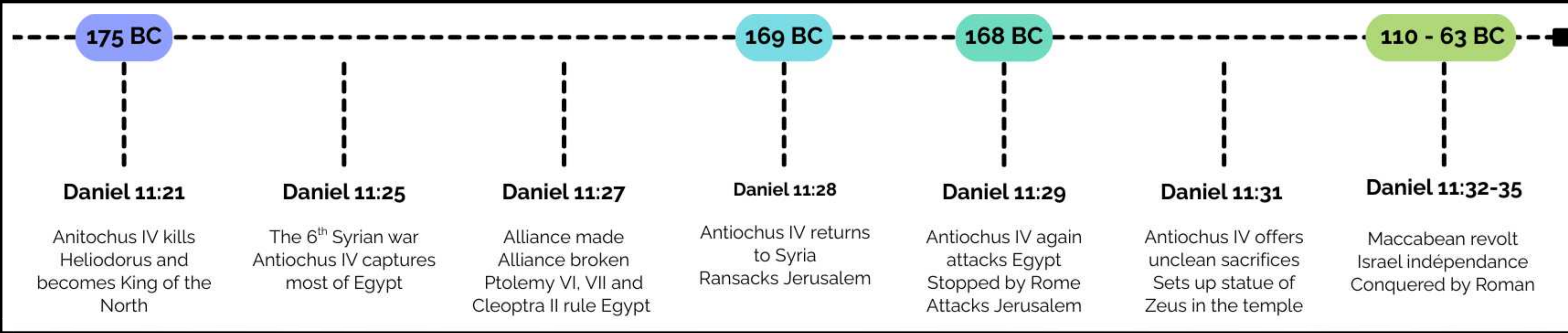
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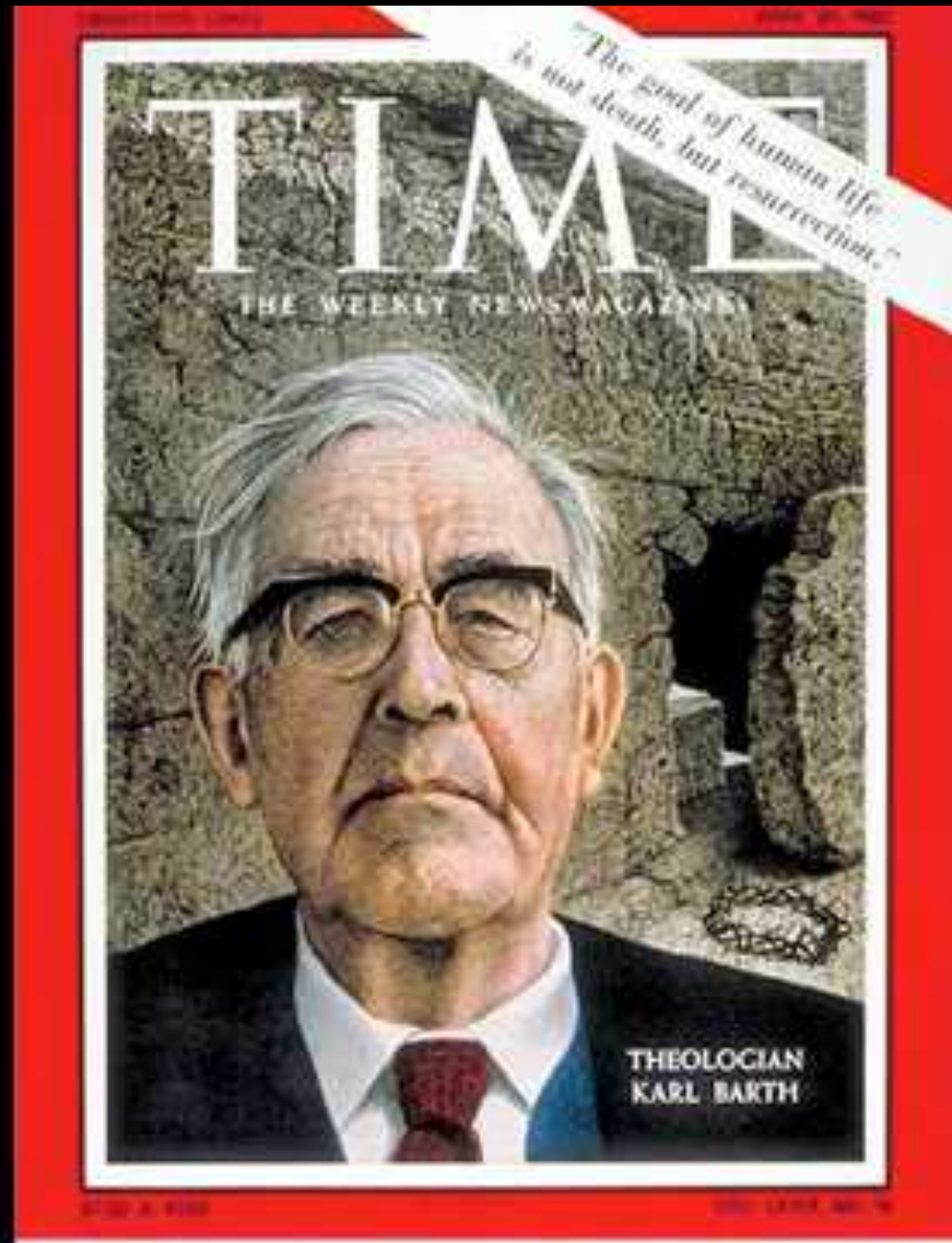
Forces from him shall appear and profane the temple and fortress, and shall take away the regular burnt offering. And they shall set up the abomination that makes desolate.



DANIEL 11:32 - 35

He shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action.³³ And the wise among the people shall make many understand, though for some days they shall stumble by sword and flame, by captivity and plunder.³⁴ When they stumble, they shall receive a little help. And many shall join themselves to them with flattery,³⁵ and some of the wise shall stumble, so that they may be refined, purified, and made white, until the time of the end, for it still awaits the appointed time.





"TAKE YOUR BIBLE AND TAKE YOUR NEWSPAPER, AND READ BOTH. BUT INTERPRET NEWSPAPERS FROM YOUR BIBLE."

Karl Bath - Time Magazine 1966

SUMMARY

- God is sovereign over History
- God's people often live "between empires"

JOHN 16:33

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation (trouble). But take heart; I have overcome the world."

SUMMARY

- God is sovereign over History
- God's people often live "between empires"
- Compromise with Power is always tempting - and dangerous
- God sees tyrants and limits them
- Faithfulness matters - even when outcomes are hidden
- God's revelation is to produce wisdom not speculation
- History is moving towards God's kingdom - not away from it

CONCLUSION

- **Stay Grounded**
- **Stay discerning**
- **Stay courageous**
- **Stay hopeful**

We do not live by fear.

We do not live by compromise.

We live by faith.