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Journey
Through
The Book
of Daniel

Week 25

Christ's Sacrificial Death, in His Own Words

Told by God through the
Prophet Isaiah Over 700 years
before His death!



Daniel 11: 2(NASB)

And now I will tell you the truth. Behold, three more kings are going to arise in Persia. Then a fourth will gain far more riches than all of them; as soon as he becomes strong through his riches, he will arouse the whole empire against the realm of Greece.

King #1

The first king of the four was a man named Cambyses who was the son of Cyrus who was king at this time.

King #2

The second, history tells us, is a man named pseudo-Smerdis. He was an impostor who looked so much like Cambyses that he claimed to be Cambyses and through all kinds of deception he got himself into the throne.

King #3

The third king was a man named Darius Hystaspes.

King #4

History tells us the fourth king was named Xerxes, but he was also known by another name, Ahasuerus. He is the king mentioned in the book of Esther. He was one of the greatest Oriental rulers of all time.

He had fabulous wealth. he commanded the largest army in the Ancient World. In fact, he commanded the largest army that we know about in ancient history.

And he decided that he wanted to attack Greece, just as the angel described to Daniel.

Daniel 11: 2(NLT)

“Now then, I will reveal the truth to you. Three more Persian kings will reign, to be succeeded by a fourth, far richer than the others. He will use his wealth to stir up everyone to fight against the kingdom of Greece.”

After this, 150 years went by and several other Persian kings came and went but Greece never forgot the attack against them by the Persians and their anger continued to grow as the years passed.

And then came a mighty
king in Greece named
Alexander the Great who led
the Greek army in an attack
against the Persians.

Alexander is the king
described by the angel to
Daniel in verse 3.

Daniel 11: 3(NASB)

*And a mighty king will arise,
and he will rule with great
authority and do as he
pleases.*

Daniel 11: 4(NLT)

But at the height of his power, his kingdom will be broken apart and divided into four parts. It will not be ruled by the king's descendants, nor will the kingdom hold the authority it once had. For his empire will be uprooted and given to others.

Daniel 8: 7-8(NASB)

I saw him come beside the ram, and he was enraged at him; and he struck the ram and shattered his two horns, and the ram had no strength to withstand him. So he hurled him to the ground and trampled on him, and there was none to rescue the ram from his power.

Daniel 8: 7-8(NASB)

Then the male goat magnified himself exceedingly. But as soon as he was mighty, the large horn was broken; and in its place there came up four conspicuous horns toward the four winds of heaven.

Daniel 11: 4(NLT)

But at the height of his power, his kingdom will be broken apart and divided into four parts. It will not be ruled by the king's descendants, nor will the kingdom hold the authority it once had. For his empire will be uprooted and given to others.

When Alexander the Great reached the peak of his power he returned to the city of Babylon to rest and to plan his next conquest.

On May 29, 323 BC he attended a dinner given by a close friend.

Alexander joined in the heavy drinking during the day-long event.

Complaining that he did not feel well, he went to bed. Alexander's health steadily deteriorated as fever wracked his body.

Finally, too weak to leave his bed, the conqueror of the world died ten days later.

The great horn was broken, he died at the height of his power.

The exact cause of Alexander's death is unknown. Historians have debated the issue for centuries, attributing it to poison, malaria, typhoid fever or other maladies.

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History tells us that after Alexander the Great's death in early June 323 BC, his empire was then divided up under his four generals as rulers.

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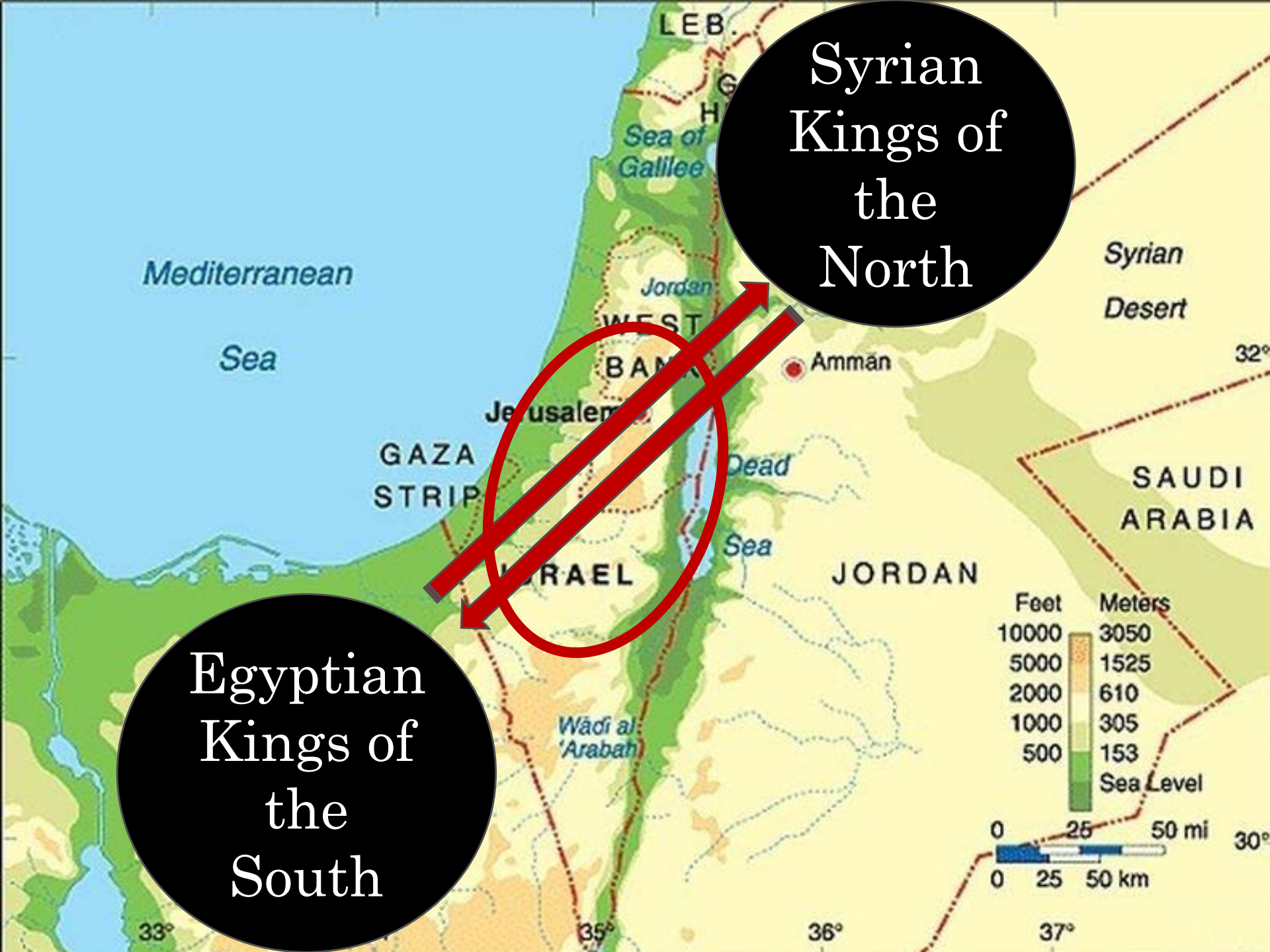
Interesting fact:

Alexander had a half-brother, an illegitimate son and the mother of his only son was pregnant when he died so his only legitimate son was born after his death. All three were murdered and left him with no descendants to rule.

Because everything is geographically referenced to Jerusalem south would be the Ptolemies in Egypt and North would be the Seleucus kings in Syria. Remember this because you will see for many verses now, the king of the south fighting with the king of the north.

Syrian
Kings of
the
North

Egyptian
Kings of
the
South



Daniel 11: 5(NLT)

The king of the south will increase in power, but one of his own officials will become more powerful than he and will rule his kingdom with great strength.

Daniel 11: 6(NLT)

Some years later an alliance will be formed between the king of the north and the king of the south. The daughter of the king of the south will be given in marriage to the king of the north to secure the alliance,

Daniel 11: 6(NLT)

but she will lose her influence over him, and so will her father. She will be abandoned along with her supporters.

History tells us that Antiochus Theos, who was the third king of Syria, needed to make a treaty with the king of Egypt, Ptolemy Philadelphus, so he decided to marry the daughter of the king of Egypt, Berenice.

But the northern king had a big problem, he was already married to a woman named Laodice.

Because he valued his kingdom more than his marriage he divorced Laodice and married Bernice, the daughter of the Egyptian king.

How do you think the king's
ex-wife felt about being
divorced and losing her seat
beside the king to some
foreign royal beauty?

Ladies, what would you like to
do if you were in this
situation?

In her anger his ex-wife
had his new wife,
Berenice, and all her
attendants murdered. She
then poisoned the king to
death and appointed her
son, Callinicus, as king in
the North.

How do you think the brothers of the young woman of royalty from the southern kingdom of Egypt felt about their sister being killed by the jealous ex-wife?

Men-what would you like to do in that situation?

Daniel 11: 7(NLT)

But when one of her relatives becomes king of the south, he will raise an army and enter the fortress of the king of the north and defeat him.

Daniel 11: 8(NLT)

When he returns to Egypt, he will carry back their idols with him, along with priceless articles of gold and silver. For some years afterward he will leave the king of the north alone.

History tells us that Berenice's brother, a man named Ptolemy Euergetes, became king of Egypt and built up an army that attacked Syria and killed Laodice. He then took 40 thousand talents of silver, 2,500 idol statues, and much more back to Egypt with him.

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Daniel 11: 8(KJV)

And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue more years than the king of the north

About a year after this
attack Callinicus died
because he fell off his
horse and the king in the
south outlived him!

Daniel 11: 9-10(NLT)

Later the king of the north will invade the realm of the king of the south but will soon return to his own land. However, the sons of the king of the north will assemble a mighty army that will advance like a flood and carry the battle as far as the enemy's fortress.

Callinicus had two sons, one died and the other one, Antiochus the Great, became the king of the north. History tells us he had 75,000 soldiers. And he marched right through Israel to the border of Egypt.

Daniel 11: 11(NLT)

“Then, in a rage, the king of the south will rally against the vast forces assembled by the king of the north and will defeat them.

Would you be enraged if
your enemy arrived at your
border with 75,000 soldiers?

Daniel 11: 12(NLT)

After the enemy army is swept away, the king of the south will be filled with pride and will execute many thousands of his enemies. But his success will be short lived.

History tells us the king of the south killed 10,000 footmen, 300 cavalry, and five of their elephants. This we know from the historian Polybius. But this didn't really strengthen the king of the south, it just made the king of the north angry.

Daniel 11: 13(NLT)

A few years later the king of the north will return with a fully equipped army far greater than before.

Daniel 11: 14(NLT)

At that time there will be a general uprising against the king of the south.

*Violent men among **your own people** will join them in fulfillment of this vision, but they will not succeed.*

History tells us that thirteen years later the king of the north returned to get his revenge with some strong-apostate Jews who are like mercenary soldiers who joined the cause of the king of the north.

Most historians felt the Jews who joined the fight wanted Judean independence. They thought that if they could join with Antiochus the Great and defeat Egypt, maybe Antiochus would give them freedom for their assistance.

Did they succeed?

Daniel 11: 14(NLT)

At that time there will be a general uprising against the king of the south.

Violent men among your own people will join them in fulfillment of this vision,

**but they will not
succeed.**

Daniel 11: 15(NLT)

Then the king of the north will come and lay siege to a fortified city and capture it. The best troops of the south will not be able to stand in the face of the onslaught.

Daniel 11: 16(NLT)

The king of the north will march onward unopposed; none will be able to stop him. He will pause in the glorious land of Israel, intent on destroying it.

Daniel 11: 17(NLT)

He will make plans to come with the might of his entire kingdom and will form an alliance with the king of the south. He will give him a daughter in marriage in order to overthrow the kingdom from within, but his plan will fail.

History tells us the Egyptian king gives the king of the north his daughter, Cleopatra, as a spy in the palace. However she loved her husband more than her father and his plan failed.

After Antiochus the Great had conquered that part of the world, he decided to go to the coastlands which meant the Mediterranean Islands and the borders of Greece which was under the control of Rome at that time. History tells us that Rome in 190 B.C. he was routed by the Roman soldiers.

Daniel 11: 19(NLT)

He will take refuge in his own fortresses but will stumble and fall and be seen no more.

Antiochus was so embarrassed
that he went back to his own
land and in a fit he tried to
plunder the temple in his own
land and steal all the treasures
from the temple and the people
got so mad they murdered him
on the spot.

He was seen no more!

Daniel 11: 20(NLT)

His successor will send out a tax collector to maintain the royal splendor. But after a very brief reign, he will die, though not from anger or in battle.

Daniel 11: 21(NLT)

The next to come to power will be a despicable man who is not in line for royal succession. He will slip in when least expected and take over the kingdom by flattery and intrigue.



"Theos Antiochus Theos Epiphenes," which means Antiochus, god manifest.

Daniel 11: 22-23(NLT)

Before him great armies will be swept away, including a covenant prince. With deceitful promises, he will make various alliances. He will become strong despite having only a handful of followers.

Daniel 11: 24(NLT)

Without warning he will enter the richest areas of the land. Then he will distribute among his followers the plunder and wealth of the rich

Daniel 11: 24(NLT)

his predecessors had never done. He will plot the overthrow of strongholds, but this will last for only a short while.

Daniel 11: 25(NLT)

Then he will stir up his courage and raise a great army against the king of the south. The king of the south will go to battle with a mighty army, but to no avail, for there will be plots against him.

Daniel 11: 27(NLT)

*His own household will
cause his downfall. His
army will be swept away,
and many will be killed.*

History tells us that Egypt lost because the counselors of the Egyptian king betrayed him. His trusted counselors, the members of his own household, had plotted to turn against him.