

# Diadochi Wars- "Successors"

## 2nd Diadochi War 319-315BC

Antipater, Cassander's father dies. Polyperchon rules supported by Eumenes & Olympias, mother of Alexander. Antigonus & Cassander are victorious against Polyperchon. Cassander now rules Macedon, Greece. Antigonus has much power now. Ptolemy has Egypt, Cyrene & Cyprus. Olympias, Alexander's mother is killed. **Alexander's brother Arridaeus Philip III & his wife are killed 317BC.**

## 3rd Diadochi War 314BC

Cassander, Lysimachus, **Ptolemy I with Seleucus I serving under him** against **Antigonus**.

Rulers demand Antigonus cede lands and share treasures. Antigonus chooses war.

Seleucid I flees to Ptolemy I. Antigonus invades Syria & Phoenicia under Ptolemy's control.

Antigonus besieges Tyre. He leaves his son Demetrius to defend against Ptolemy I.

Ptolemy I & Seleucus I advance from Egypt, defeat Demetrius who has 43 elephants at **battle of Gaza 312BC.**

Seleucus I goes East to secure Babylon. 5 rule. **Antigonus**- Syria, Asian Minor, Phoenicia.

Ptolemy I	Demetrius I
18,000 infantry	12,500 infantry
4,000 cavalry	4,400 cavalry
	43 elephants

**Cassander**- Macedon, **Lysimachus**- Thrace, **Ptolemy I**- Egypt, Cyprus, **Seleucus I**- Babylon.

Cassander has young **son of Alexander the Great killed** & Roxanne his mother.

## Babylonian War 311-309BC

Seleucus deploys anti-elephant devices, chains with spikes, & targets drivers.

(History from Plutarch & Diodorus)

## 4th Diadochi War 307-301BC

Antigonus & son Demetrius Vs. Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus I & son Ant. I.

**Battle of Ipsus, Phrygia (Turkey) 301BC. Antigonus defeated & dies.**

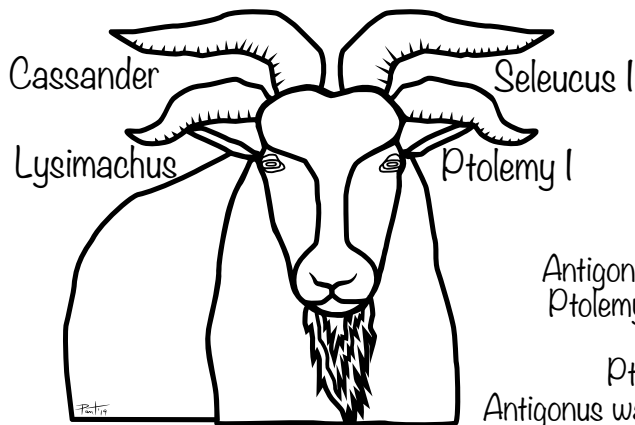
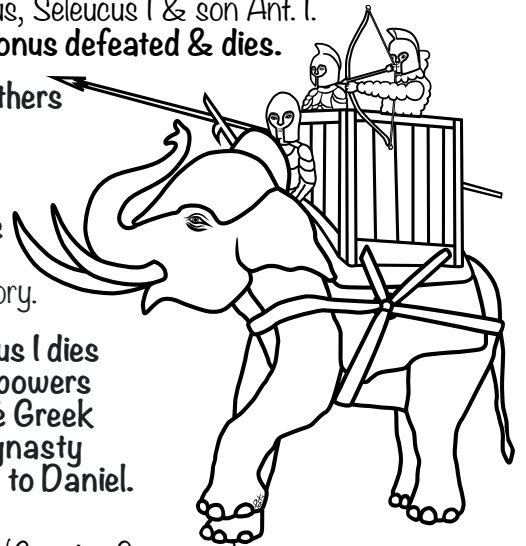
**Antigonus I & son Demetrius**

70,000 infantry  
10,000 cavalry  
75 elephants.

**Seleucus I, his son Ant. I & others**

64,000 infantry  
15,000 cavalry  
400 elephants  
120 scythed chariots

**Demetrius** escapes with 5,000 infantry & 4,000 cavalry. Seleucus's command of 400 elephants were a major asset to victory.



After Antigonus I dies we see 4 set powers throughout the Greek Hellenistic dynasty as shown by God to Daniel.

### Recapitulation (Concise Summary)

Antigonus ruled & was expanding. Seleucus I fled to Egypt.

Ptolemy I ruled Egypt etc. & was stronger than Seleucus I.

Seleucus I was one of Ptolemy's officers.

Ptolemy I & Seleucus I fought against Antigonus.

Antigonus was defeated at Gaza in 312BC, killed in 301BC at Ipsus.

Seleucus I recovered Babylon & gradually controlled the rest of Antigonus' empire. **Seleucus I** expanded his area of control then ruled a greater dominion than **Ptolemy I**.

**Daniel 11:5 "Also the king of the South shall become strong, as well as one of his princes; & he shall gain power over him and have dominion. His dominion shall be a great dominion."**