Daniel 11:9-12

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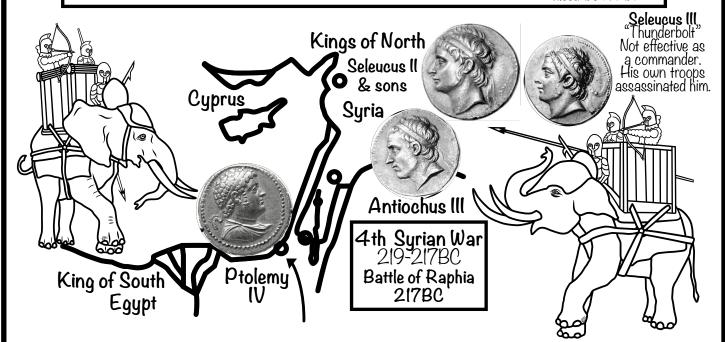
Daniel 11:9 "Also the king of the North shall come to the kingdom of the king of the South, but shall return to his own land.

10 "However his sons shall stir up strife, and assemble a multitude of great forces; and one shall certainly come and overwhelm and pass through; then he shall return to his fortress and stir up strife.

Il "And the king of the South shall be moved with rage, and go out and fight with him, with the king of the North, who shall muster a great multitude;

but the multitude shall be given into the hand of his enemy. 12 "When he has taken away the multitude, his heart will be lifted up; and he will cast down tens of thousands, but he will not prevail.

See Vs. 12 -Ptolemy IV though lifted up in victory returned to Egypt & faced a civil war.



The multitude of Antiochus III were given into the hands of Ptolemy IV.

Battle of Raphia 217BC: Rapha near Gaza
Ptolemy IV victorious over Antiochus III the Great
70,000 infantry,
62,000 infantry

5,000 cavalry. 6,000 cavalry

73 smaller African elephants. 102 Indian elephants

Casualties and losses
Ptolemy IV - 1,500 infantry, 700 horses,
16 elephants killed, almost 26 captured.

Antiochus III - 10,000 infantry, 300 horses, 5 elephants killed, 4,000 infantry captured

Ptolemy IV was lifted up in heart at his victory but then faced civil wars at home in Egypt.

Polybius (Greek politician taken into Rome turned historian): Book 5 ch 86

(86) Such was the result of the battle of Raphia fought by the kings for the possession of Coele-Syria. After paying the last honours to the dead Antiochus returned to his own kingdom with his army, & Ptolemy took without resistance Raphia & other towns... Ptolemy however immediately after these events became involved in a war with his Egyptian subjects. For in arming them for his campaign against Antiochus he had taken a stemp which, while it served his immediate purpose sufficiently well, proved eventually disasterous. Elated with their victory at Raphia they refused any longer to receive orders from the king; but looked out for a leader to represent them, on the ground that they were quite able to maintain their independence. And this they succeded in doing before long.

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