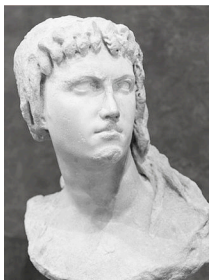


Sister & brothers of Ptolemaic dynasty, S. Daniel 11:22-35 Brother to their mother Cleopatra I. King of Seleucid dynasty of the North.



Cleopatra II



Ptolemy VI



Ptolemy VIII

Wars of North-Seleucids & South-Ptolemies

Related through Cleopatra I, Antiochus' sister.



Antiochus IV

Jews dispute one another.

The Maccabees revolt against unfaithful Jews & Antiochus IV.

The Hasmonean dynasty begins with Roman aid.

Daniel 11:22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflowed from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.

23 And after the league [made] with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.

24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; & he shall do [that] which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: [yea], and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.

25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; & the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great & mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him. 26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.

27 And both these kings' hearts [shall be] to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end [shall be] at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; & his heart [shall be] against the holy covenant; & he shall do [exploits], and return to his own land.

— Antiochus IV was known for giving out wealth among common people, they thought he was crazy at times. Egypt had civil wars & difficulties between siblings. Antiochus gained footing in Egypt to make Ptolemy VI a puppet ruler. Many Jews followed Antiochus IV, they paid for being a high priest, they built Greek gymnasiums, reversed circumcisions, etc. There were also Jews who were faithful to traditions of their fathers. Disputes over power ensued among Jews & Greeks.

Daniel 11:29 At the time appointed he shall return, & come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.

30 For the ships of Chittim (Cyprus or Islands) shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved,

& return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant. 31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily [sacrifice], and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries:

but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits]. 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, [many] days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.

35 And [some] of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make [them] white, [even] to the time of the end: because [it is] yet for a time appointed.

Antiochus IV returned but Ptolemies joined together again. Rome had interest in grain & trade of Egypt stopped Antiochus IV. Antiochus left furiously back to Judea. He found the high priesthood changed without his consent.

Some Jews sided with Antiochus IV who became very wicked against faithful Jews.

Many were killed. The temple was made to sacrifice unclean animals. The Maccabees resisted, staying faithful to God. God helped them overcome. They got their independence from the Greeks. Unfortunately they fought one another,...and... lost it! Rome became dominant in power from the North. Roman Republic turned to the Roman Empire. Rome deified their leaders.