

Daniel Visions Study Aid

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Historical background for Daniel Lesson 4

Antiochus IV Epiphanes ("the Manifest", "the visible god")

The third son of Antiochus III, Nicknamed Epimanes, or "Goon on Earth," for his eccentric behavior.

As the brother of King Seleucus IV, Antiochus IV Epiphanes became a political hostage (*to guarantee war-indemnity*) of the Roman Republic following the Peace of Apamea in 188 BC but was later exchanged for his nephew Demetrius I Soter (the son and heir of Seleucus)*. After King Seleucus was assassinated, Antiochus seized power and proclaimed himself regent for another son of Seleucus', an infant named Antiochus (whom he then murdered a few years later).

* *Seleucus' and Antiochus' father, Antiochus III the Great, lost a war to Rome in 190 BC. Interesting note, the Admiral of his fleet was Hannibal.*

Succession of Kings - Seleucid Empire

1	Pushed aside	Alexander the Great			
2		Seleucus I Nicator			
3		Antiochus I Soter			
4		Antiochus II Theos			
5		Seleucus II Callinicus			
6		Seleucus III Ceraunus			
7		Antiochus III the Great			
8	1	— Seleucus IV Philopator			
9	2	— Demetrius I Soter (the son and heir of Seleucus)			
10	3	— infant named Antiochus (another son of Seleucus)			
		— Antiochus IV Epiphanes			

Alexander the Great

After Alexander's death on June 11, 323 BC, Alexander's empire was divided at first into four major portions: Cassander ruled in Macedon, Lysimachus in Thrace, Seleucus in Mesopotamia and Persia, and Ptolemy I Soter in the Levant and Egypt. (Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus and Ptolemy were Alexander's Generals)

Picture of goddess Istar, Ishtar-Gate, **Babylon**



Ishtar-Gate was the eighth gate to the inner city of Babylon. It was constructed in about 575 BC by order of King Nebuchadnezzar II on the north side of the city and dedicated to the Babylonian goddess Ishtar

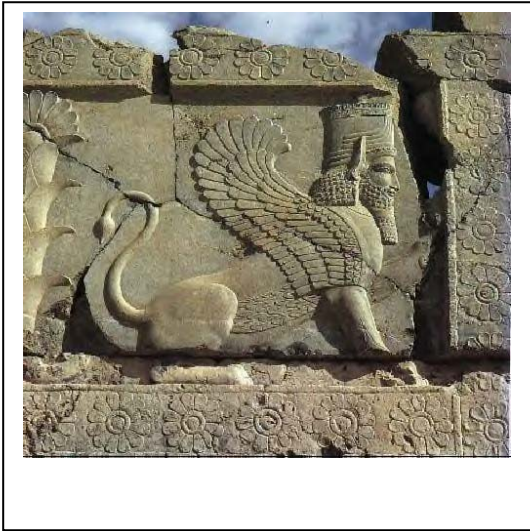
This one is literally called The Lion of Babylon



(Babylonian goddess Ishtar again)



Xerxes-Gate, Persepolis the ancient ceremonial capital of the **Persian** Empire



Persian royal amulet



BIBLE SYMBOLS IN DANIEL AND REVELATION

Meaning	Symbols
Church	Woman, moon, stars, Israel, Zion, flock
Leader, prophet	Man, star, horn, rock, tree
Jesus	Shepherd, lamb, morning star
People	Grass, sand, sea, hair
Power	Beast, animal, head, horn, mountain, rock
Sin, corruption	Darkness, Whore, fornication, abomination, unclean, wine, dregs, leaven, sea
Sanctuary	Lamp, bread, grape drink, incense, blood, clean flowing water, salt
Sacrifice	Circumcision, blood
Separation	Door, fence, wall
Judgment or trial	Measuring rod, scale, trumpets, cup
Judgment executed	Bow, sword or any weapon of destruction
War	Horses, locust
Victory	White robes, crown, palm branches
Our response	Eye, ear, hand, heart, forehead, tongue
Number	Meaning
3	divine/spiritual world
4	the created world
7	(the sum of 3 and 4) stands for perfection, God's number
6	one less than 7, less than perfect, man's number
66	(much less than perfect) bad
666	very bad, the worst
3½ (42, 1260)	(not 3, not 4, half of 7) evil, a period of evil. Also the period of Antiochus IV Epiphanes reign of terror; mid-year 167 to December 164 BC
10	totality, complete
1000	(10 X 10 X 10) very, very complete, a large number, totally complete
12	(3 X 4) the people of Israel, "the holy ones", God's people. Jesus' true/loyal believers (Christians) Also the number of Tribes of Israel, the number of Apostles,
144	(12 X 12, product of Christians and 12 Tribes) "Very" people of God, all God's faithful