

The Writings in the Book of Truth

Daniel 11	The Historical Background	
V. 2	At the time of Daniel: Cyrus II the Great and the four kings after him: 1. Cambyses II (530-522 B.C.) 2. Pseudo-Smerdis (522 B.C.) 3. Darius the Great (521-486 B.C.) 4. Xerxis the Great (486-465 B.C.) – The richest king in Persia who stirred war against Greece	
V. 3-4	Alexander the Great of the Grecian Kingdom. His kingdom was divided into four kingdoms after his death	
	Kings of the South (Egypt)	Kings of the North (Syria)
V. 5	Ptolemy I Soter (305-283 B.C.)	Seleucus I Nicator (305-281 B.C.)
V. 6	Ptolemy II Philadelphus (284-246 B.C.): Gave his daughter, Berenice, to marry Antiochus II Theos	Antiochus II Soter (281-261 B.C.) Antiochus II Theos (261-246 B.C.) – Divorced his wife Laodice to marry Berenice
V. 7-9	Ptolemy III Euergetes (246-222 B.C.)	Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225 B.C.)
V. 10-12	Ptolemy IV Philopator (222-204 B.C.)	Seleucus III Ceraunus (225-223 B.c.), first son of Callinicus; he was murdered Antiochus III the Great, second Son of Callinicus (223-187 B.C.)
V. 13-19	Ptolemy V. Epiphanes (204-180 B.C.) – Married Cleopatra I around the age of 16	Antiochus III the Great - Gave his daughter, Cleopatra I, to be Epiphanes' wife (V. 17) - Defeated by the Roman commander, Lucius Cornelius Scipio Asiaticus (V. 18)
V. 20	Ptolemy VI Philometor (180-164 B.C.)	Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175 B.C.) - Trying to raise taxes for the Romans by sending his minister, Heliodorus, as “exactor of tribute” to rob the temple in the “beautiful land” (Israel) - He was poisoned by Heliodorus
V. 21-35		Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164 B.C.) - V. 21-24: 175-171 B.C. – Came to power through scheming; disposing of the high Priest Onias III; trying to hellenize the Jews through Jason und Menelaus - V. 25-28: 170 B.C. – War against Philometor - V. 29-32a: 168 B.C. – Led a second war against Philometer; polluting the sanctuary in Jerusalem; removing the daily sacrifices; setting up the abomination (Zeus) in the temple - V. 32b-35: 167-160 B.C. – Resulting in a successful Maccabeus revolt
	The Time Near to the Birth of Messiah	
V. 36-39 / V. 44-45	Herod the Great (ruled from 37 B.C. to 1 B.C.)	
V. 40-43	The battle in Actium: Cleopatra VII/Mark Anthony vs. Octavian (Augustus) in year 31 B.C.	