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    - Four Kings...
      - 1. Cambyses (530-522 BC)
      - 2. Smerdis (522 BC; an impostor who ruled less than a year)
      - 3. Darius I Hystaspes (522-486 BC)
      - 4. Xerxes I (486-465 BC)

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### Alexander's Empire



### **Division of Alexander's Kingdom**

- 1. Antipater (later Cassander) ruled Greece and Macedonia.
- 2. Lysimachus ruled Thrace and much of Asia Minor.
- 3. Seleucus ruled Syria, Babylon, and much of the Middle East.
- 4. Ptolemy I ruled Egypt and Palestine.

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        - b) Ptolemy II Philadelphus vs. Antiochus II Theos (6)
        - c) Ptolemy III vs. Seleucus II (7-9)
          - d) Ptolemy IV Philopater & Ptolemy V Epiphanes vs. Antiochus III (the Great) (10-12)
      - 2) <u>Syria's</u> Dominance over Palestine (up to Antiochus IV) 199-175 BC (13-20)

- Yahweh is the only true God and He is sovereign over every detail of life on this planet.
  - · 11:4, 6b, 9, 11b, 12b, 14b, 17b, 18b, 19b, 20b
  - Ps. 33:10-11
  - Habakkuk 2:13 "Is it not indeed from the LORD of hosts That peoples toil for fire, And nations grow weary for nothing?

- All the great empires and emperors of history are nothing to God.
  - Is. 40:15 Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
    And are regarded as a speck of dust on the scales; Behold, He lifts up the islands like fine dust.
- 3. History is filled with events we call successes and events that appear to be setbacks both are within God's sovereign purpose.

- 4. Human history is a story of conflict personal, national, and spiritual.
  - The cause is human sin.
  - Jam. 4:1-2 What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel.

- God is just as involved in the details of your life and mine as the events that unfolds with rulers, nations, and empires.
  - · Rom. 8:28