

PERIAN RULERS

Cyrus the Great, founder of the Persian Empire, reigned a total of 29 years, 558-529. Cyrus was half Persian and half Mede! The confederation of Persians and Medes, often stressed in the Bible, resulted from a political union of the house of Arbaces, which began in 816, with the young Persian monarch Cyrus who was of the house of Deioces which began in 700. (The two famous revolts of the Medes in 816 and 700 both resulted in the establishment of dynasties: the house of Arbaces had ten rulers down through Darius the Mede (546-536) while the house of Deioces had five rulers including Cyrus.) Cyrus could never have come to power had there not been strife between the two Median royal families. He came out on top by (1) conquering his grandfather, Astyages of the house of Deioces, in 549; and (2) the house of Arbaces agreed to a political union. Cyrus had come to the Persian throne, which he shared with his father Cambyses, in the year 558. (Note: Darius the Mede was Cyrus' uncle. However, Darius was subordinate to his nephew.)

Here, then, beginning with Cyrus, are the rulers of the Persian Empire:

Cyrus, 29 years, 558-529

Cambyses, 7 years, 529-522

Magi (pseudo-Smerdis), 7 months only, 522

Darius I, 36 years, 521-486

Xerxes "the Great" (Ahasuerus of the Book of Esther), 21 years, 486-465

Artaxerxes I, 41 years, 465-424

Darius II, 19 years, 401-392

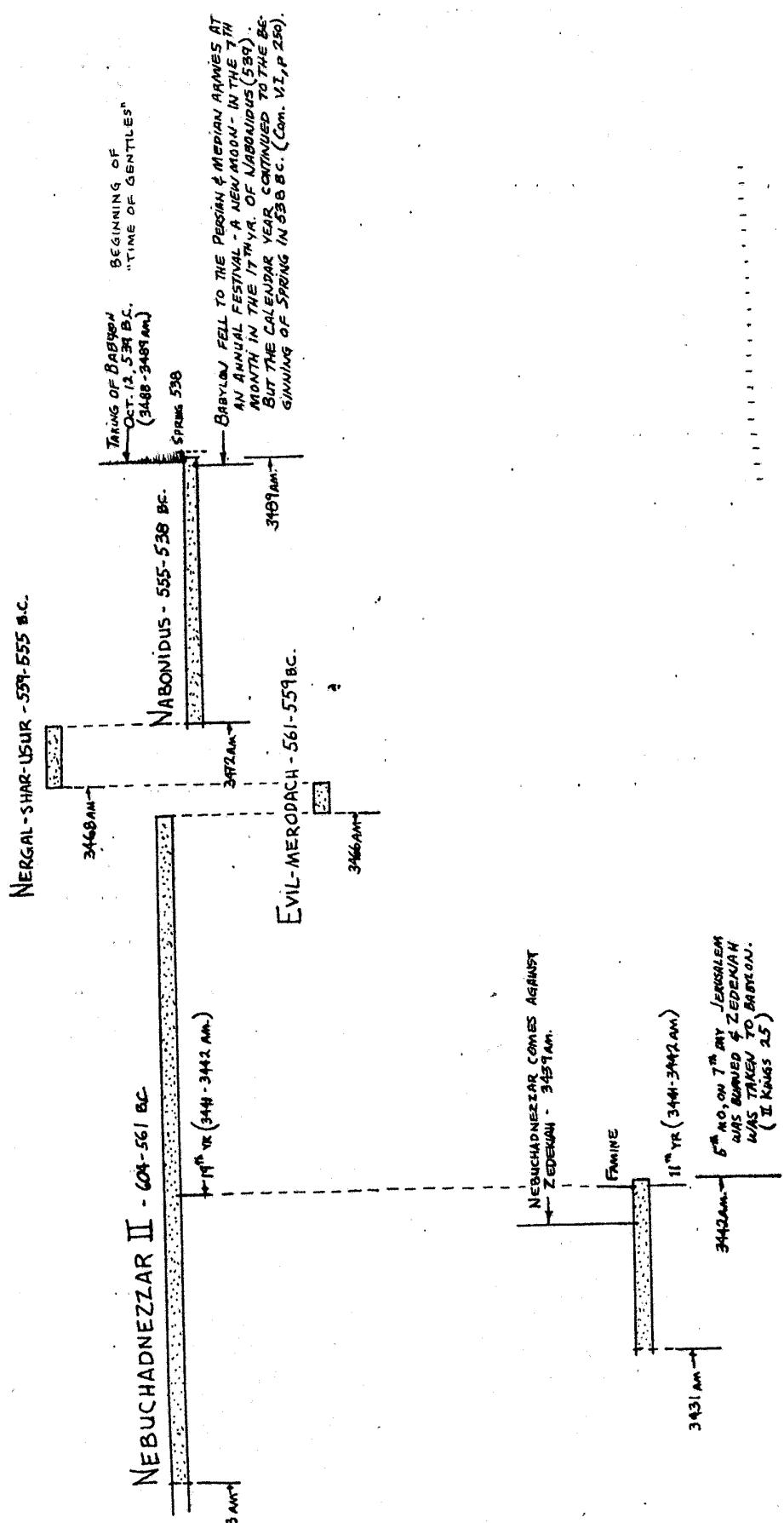
Artaxerxes II, 45 years, 405-360

Artaxerxes III, 21 years, 360-339

Arses, 2 years, 339-337

Darius III, 6 years, 337-331 -- Defeated by Alexander the Great

Persian and Syrian Kings Chronology Charts.



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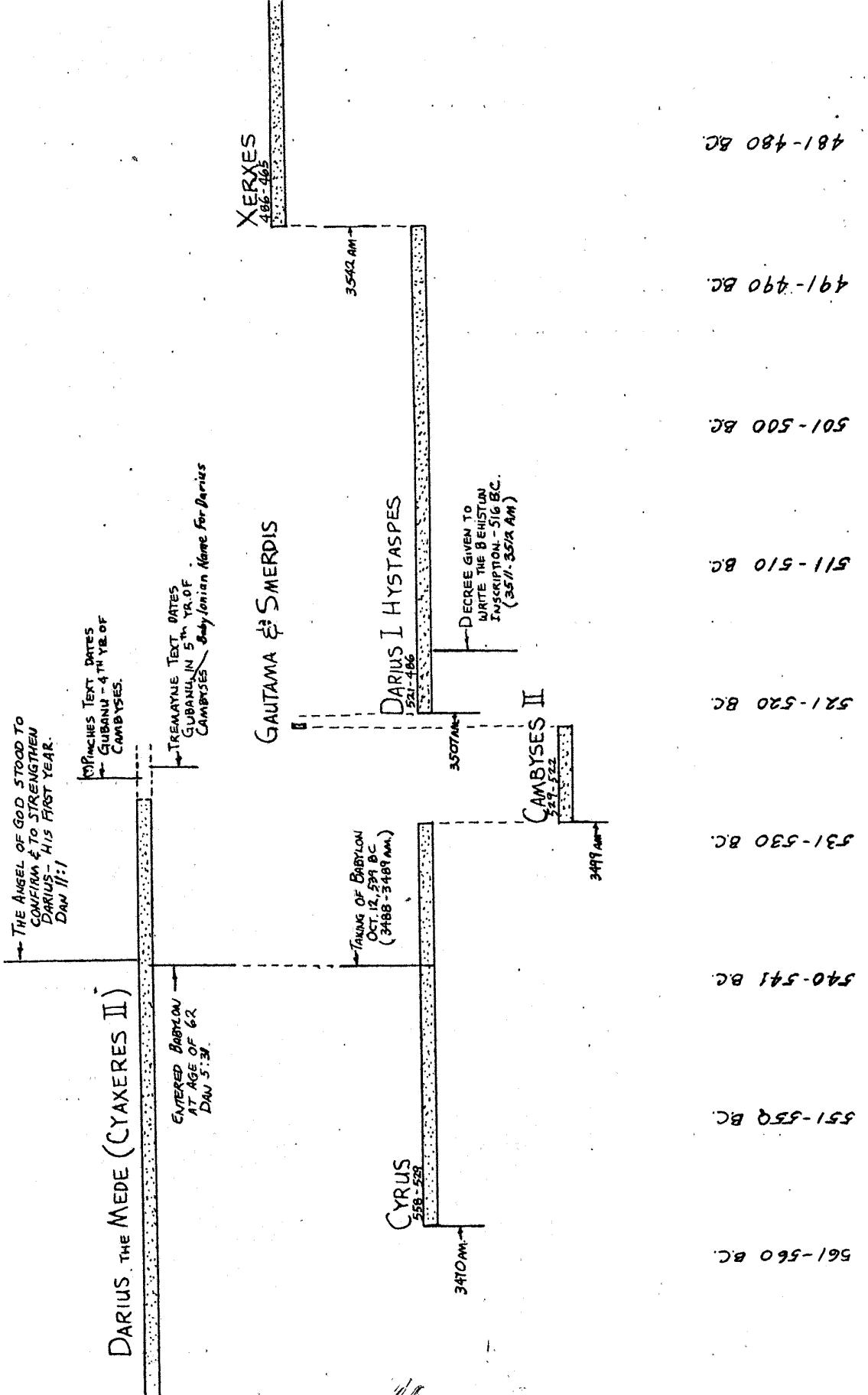
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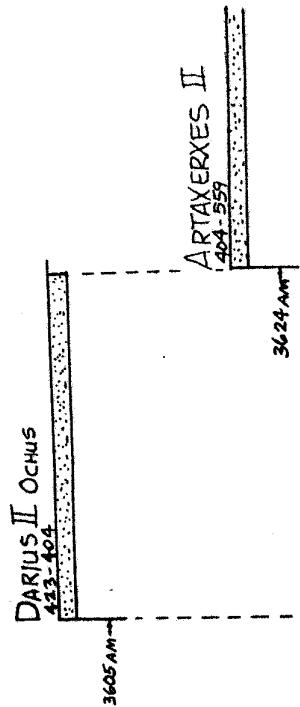
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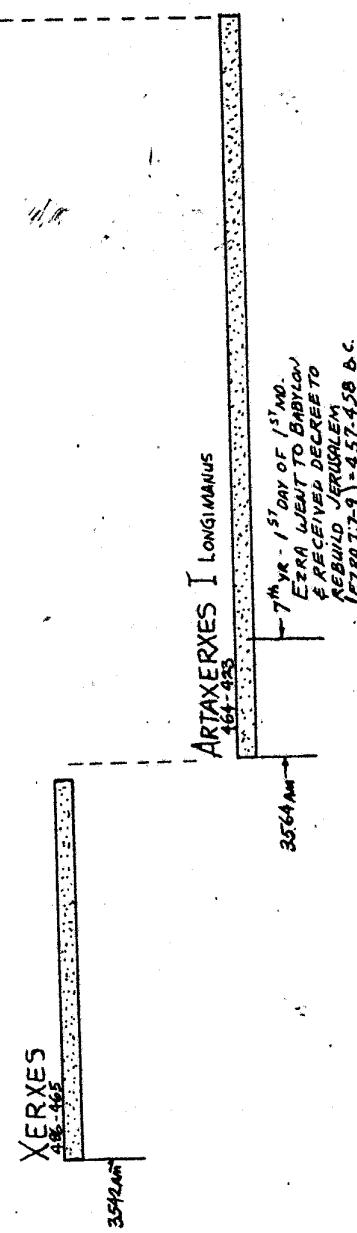
441-440 B.C.

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461-460 B.C.

471-470 B.C.

481-480 B.C.



ARTAXERXES III Ochus

ARSSES

ARTAXERXES II Mnemon

DARIUS III
(Conqueror)

ALEXANDER III, THE GREAT

369 B.C.

PHILIP II

367 B.C.

In Spring of 330, Alexander pursued Darius through Media, where Darius was murdered by Satrap Bessus, Governor.

367 B.C.

TYRE DEFEATED

BATTLE OF ISSUS - ALEXANDER ATTACHED A COMPLETELY DEFATED DARIUS. DARIUS OFFERED TO GIVE UP ALL ASIA WEST OF THE EUCHARATES & PAY 1000 TALENTS, BUT ALEXANDER DEMANDED UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. ALL PHOENICIA, EGYPT, TYRE, SUBMITTED AFTER ISSUS, & BY DIFFICULT SIEGE OF SEVEN MONTHS, TYRE WAS REDUCED (332 B.C.). DAN. 8:12, 5:6.

June 13, 323 B.C. ALEXANDER DIED AT BABYLON.
(3705 AM)

Egypt taken

PERSIAN ARMY DEFEATED AT GAUGAMELA (OCT.)
BATTLE OF ARBELLA

Philip II

367 B.C.

Philip was assassinated

362 B.C.

BECAME KING OF MACEDON

359 B.C.

Philip II

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THE OFFICERS WISHED TO MAKE THE UNBORN SON OF ALEXANDER & ROXANA KING, BUT THE PRIVATES PREFERRED A MACEDONIAN. THE EMISCILE PHILIP III. AFRAPANIS, SON OF PHILIP II. WHEN A SON OF ALEXANDER II WAS BORN TO ROXANA, A JOINT RULE WAS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE REGENTS CRATESIUS & PERDICES.

331-330 BC

341-340 BC

351-350 BC

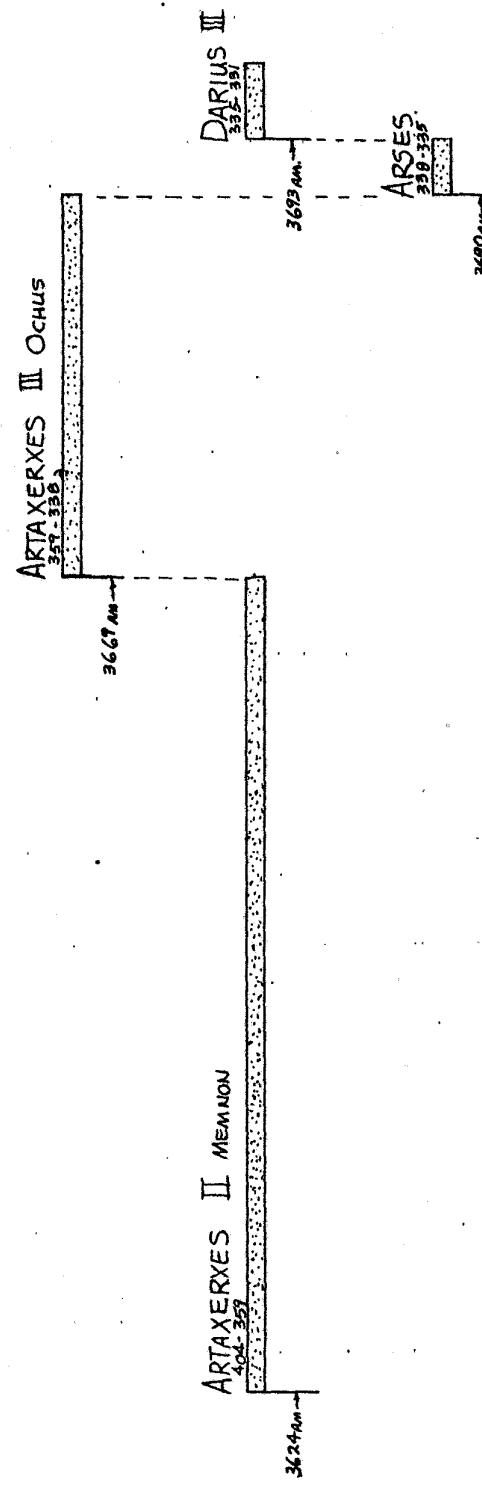
361-360 BC

371-370 BC

381-380 BC

391-390 BC

401-400 BC



LYDIAN SOVEREIGNTY

- DYNASTY I:
- (1) MANES (Noah)
 - (2) ATYS (Shem) - Atys in Greek
 - (3) LYDUS (Lud)
 - (4) ?

DYNASTY II: (1) HERACLES (ESAU) - WIFE = JARDANDE (JORDAN)

- (2) ALCAEUS
- (3) BEUUS
- (4) NINUS
- (5) AGRON - FIRST TRUE KING OF DYNASTY.
1221-716 BC.
- (6) 22 GENERATIONS
- (7) CANDAULES - SON OF MYRSUS
CALLED MYRSILUS BY GREEKS

CANDAULES

?
KING OF SARDIS

KILLED BY GREEKS WHO TOOK
BOTH HIS WIFE & HIS KINGDOM.

HERACLIDAE

GYGES

716-678 BC

SAN OF DASCYRUS

SENT IONIAN & CARIAN
MERCENARIES TO HELP BABYLON DRIVE
ASSYRIANS OUT OF EGYPT

DIED IN BATTLE AGAINST
THE CHIMERIANS

671-670 BC

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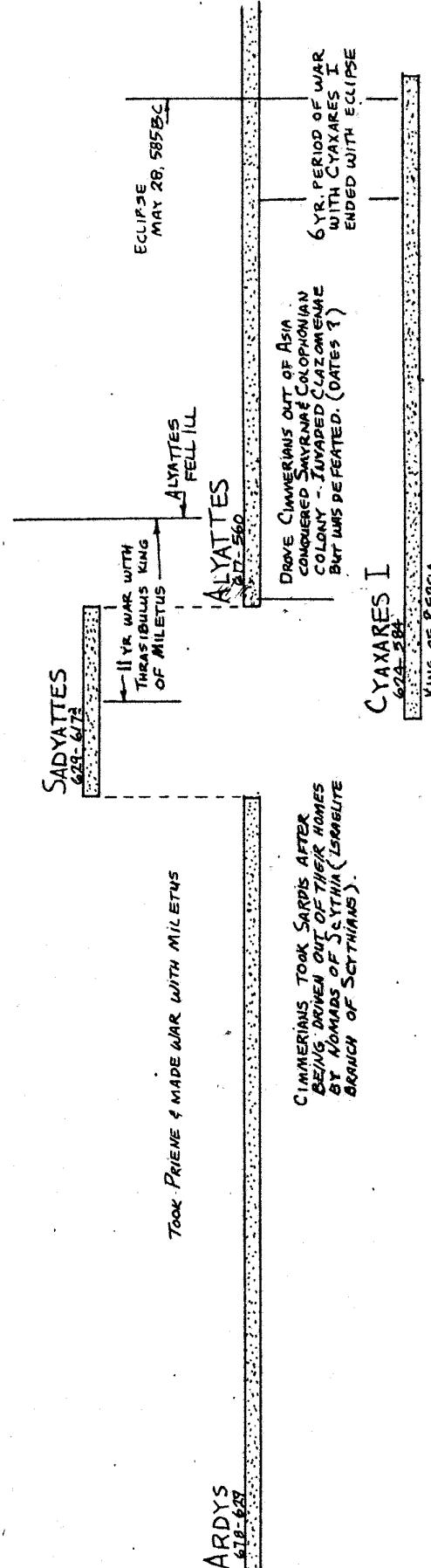
701-700 BC

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721-720 BC

BEGINNING OF DYNASTY III
FAMILY OF MERANADE
(NAME IN GREEK OR FORMERLY
KNOWN AS MAEONIANS)
MADE AN INROAD ON MILETUS & SAMOTRACA & TOOK CITY OF COLAPHON.
IN ALLIANCE WITH ASSURBANIPAL OF ASSYRIA DEFEATED THE
CHIMERIANS & EXTENDED THE BORDERS OF THE KINGDOM (DATE?)

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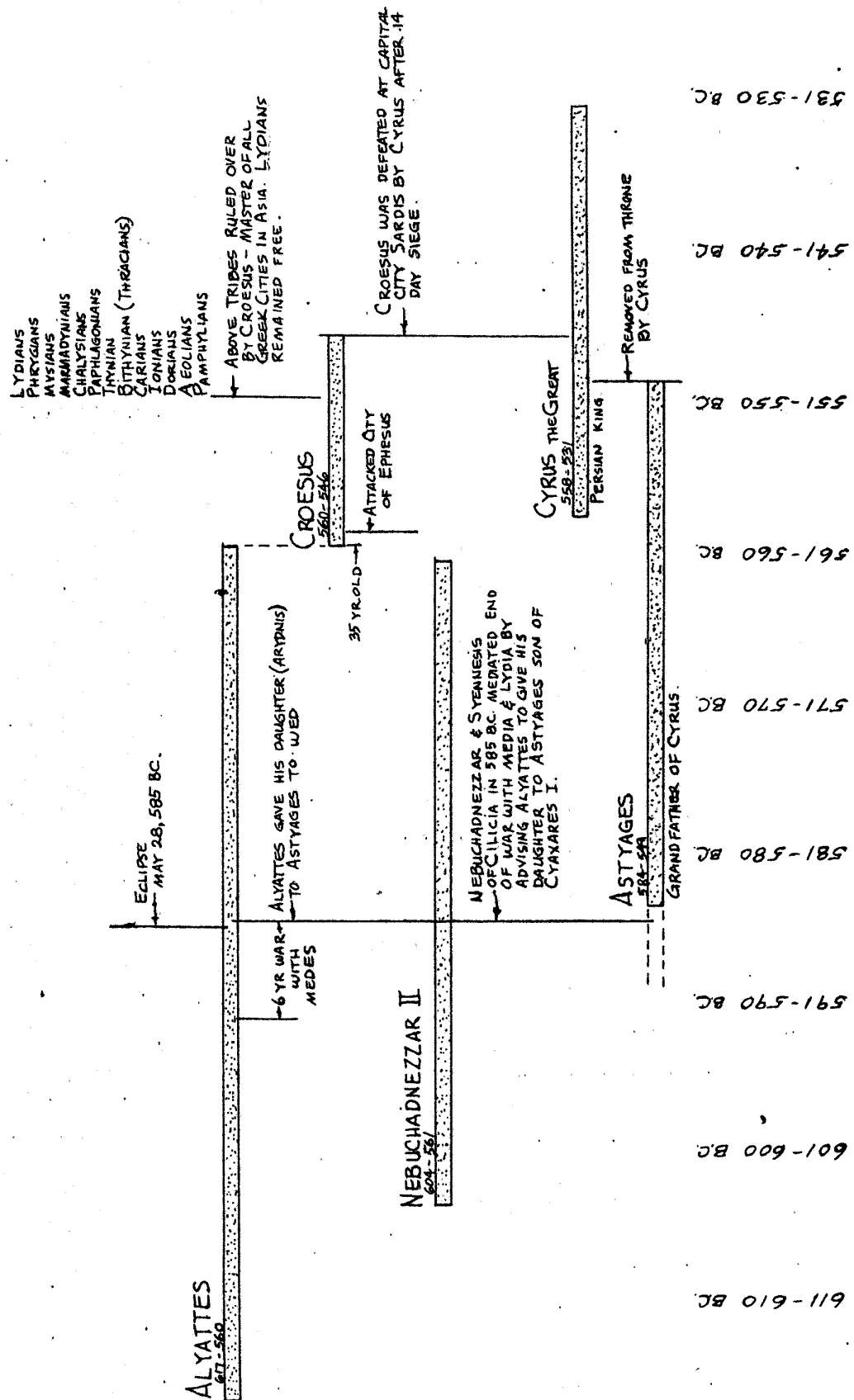
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LYDIA #3



WARS OF THE DIADOCHI

DANIEL 11:4-5
" 8:8

SELEUCUS I NICATOR (EAST)

TOK TITLE
372/1 AM

By division of spoils Seleucus was given Syria,
Lysimachus western & central Asia Minor.
Cassander kept Macedon, but his brother
Ptolemy received southern Asia Minor.

LYSIMACHUS (NORTH)

TOOK TITLE OF KING

Ptolemy was driven out by Demetrius
[→ Seleucus defeated & slew Lysimachus at the battle of
Coruploium & became master of Asia Minor.]

[→ Seleucus was given Syria by the Celts who slew Ptolemy Ceraunus.]

[→ Macedon ravaged by the Celts who slew Ptolemy Ceraunus.]

CASSANDER (WEST)

TOOK TITLE OF KING

[→ Death of Cassander (his oldest son Philip II, died also,
so that two younger sons, Antipater & Alexander V, divided
Demetrios' realm.)]

[→ Antipater took Macedon from Polyperchon, exiled
Olympias (divorced wife of Philip II) & Philip III,
when they attacked him, & imprisoned Roxann with
her son Alexander IV, both of whom he put to
death in 310.]

[→ Demetrios after a bitter siege, recovered Athens
where one Lachares had made himself tyrant.
He then murdered Alexander V (294) & took
Macedon. He mastered northern & central
Greece save for Aetolia.]

[→ Ptolemy in Egypt, Cassander &
Lysimachus in Thrace formed
a coalition against Antigonus.]

[→ Antigonus sent Seleucus to capture Babylon from Antigonus
for Philip III. The other
generals, Antipater, Antiochus, Craterus, &
Ptolemy, refused obedience.]

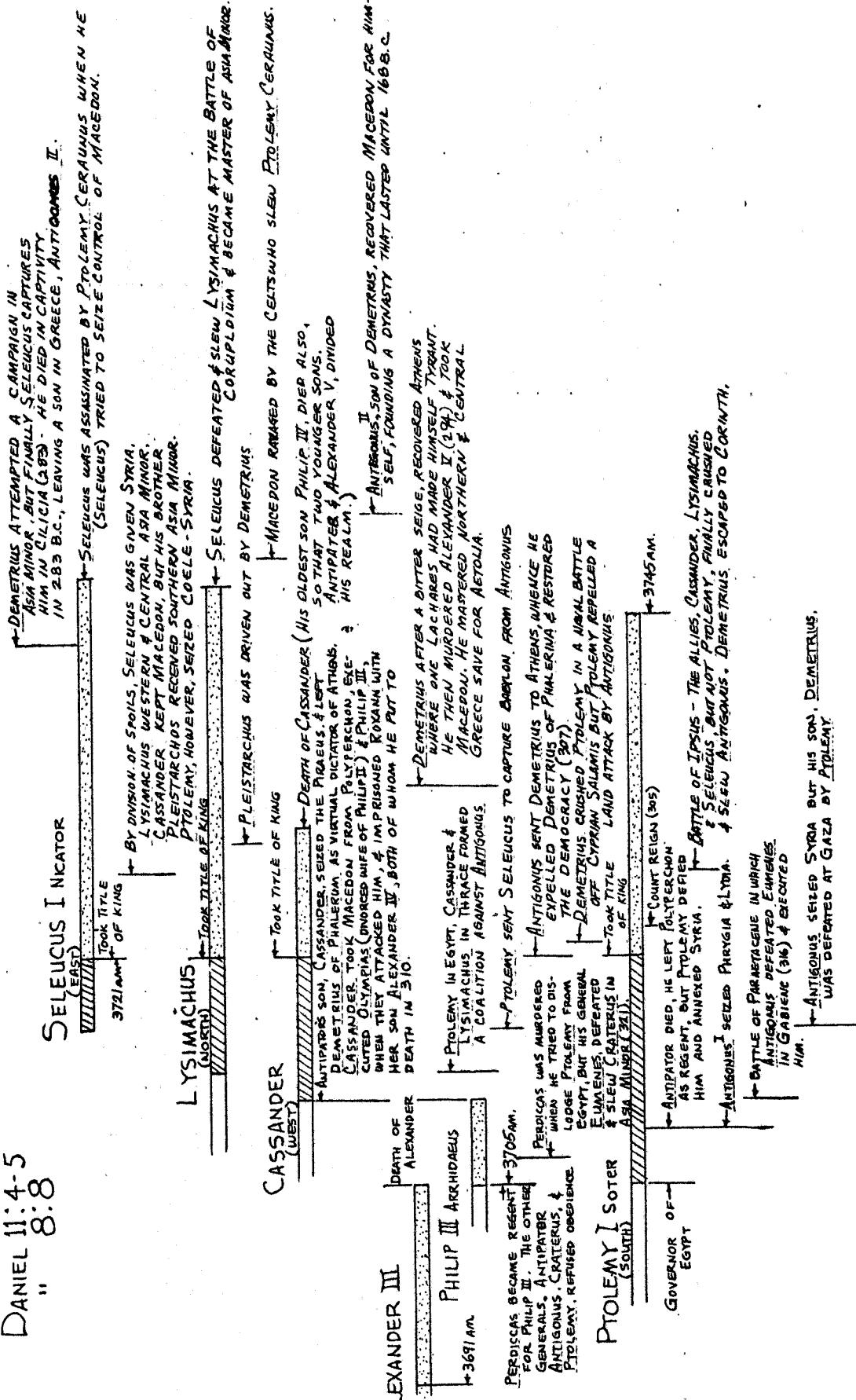
[→ Perdiccas became regent
for Philip III. The other
generals, Antipater, Antiochus, Craterus, &
Ptolemy, refused obedience.]

[→ Antipater died, he left Polyperchon
as regent, but Ptolemy defied
him and annexed Syria.]

[→ Battle of Ipsus - the allies, Cassander, Lysimachus,
& Seleucus but not Ptolemy, finally crushed
Antigonus. Demetrios escaped to Corinth.]

[→ Antigonus seized Syria but his son, Demetrios,
was defeated at Gaza by Ptolemy.]

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DANIEL 11:6-9

+ EUMENES I MADE HIMSELF VIRTUALLY INDEPENDENT OF ANTIACHUS AS RULER OF PERGAMUM WHERE HIS UNCLE PHILETAGUS HAD RULED FIRST FOR LYSIMACHUS & THEN FOR THE SELENICIDS AS GOVERNOR.

| ARIADES I, OF THE NOMAD PARMI ESTABLISHED HIMSELF IN THE PROVINCE OF PARTHIA (248-246)

| ATTALUS I, WHO SUCCEEDED HIS FATHER'S COUSIN, EUMENES I, AS RULER OF PERGAMUM, TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SELEUCUS' DIFFICULTIES TO SECURE FOR HIMSELF WESTERN ASIA MINOR BY CRUSHING THE GALATIANS NEAR PERGAMUM (230), AFTER WHICH HE TOOK THE TITLE KING & SURNAME 'SOTER'.
+ RHODES AGAINST EGYPT TO NORTH
+ COWA (INCLUDING MILETUS), COELE-SYRIA, AND WESTERN CILICIA (225)
+ DIODORUS I DECLARED HIMSELF INDEPENDENT KING OF BACTRIA (250-239).

SELEUCUS I
376 AMT
280-261
| War with Galatians
| In the Damascene & 1st Syrian Wars
| He lost to Ptolemy II. Milesus, Phoenicia,
| and Western Cilicia.
+ Ptolemy II subsidized Pyrrhus against
Antiochus I.

Aided Athens & Sparta
in Chremontidean War
374 AMT

Ptolemy II Philadelphus
385-246
| War with North
| DAN 11:6
+ Battle of Andros - Lost
Cyclades to Antiochus II of Macedonia.

Ptolemy III Evergetes (Dan 11:7)
360 AMT
262-221
+ Adopted a pharaoic practice by marrying his
sister Arsinoe II (262), founder of the museum
at Alexandria. He explored the upper Nile &
extended his power along the Red Sea & into
northern Arabia (278) for commercial purposes.
378 AMT

Ptolemy I
374 AMT
280-261
| First Syrian War
| Second Syrian War
| Third Syrian War
| Laddian War of
| War of Berenice
| Damascene War
| 280-180 BC

Fourth Syrian War
Fifth Syrian War
221-200 BC

280-150 BC
261-240 BC
240-140 BC
221-150 BC

201-200 BC

280-110 BC

221-200 BC

231-130 BC

240-140 BC

280-150 BC

261-240 BC

280-180 BC

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SELEUCUS II THEOS
246-226
| Son of Laouke I
| 378 AMT
+ Attalus II attacked Antiochus Hierax, a younger son of Laodice, whom Seleucus in 241 had recognized as ruler of Asia Minor. Hierax secured the aid of Mithradates II of Pontus and the Galatians. The Galatians crushed Seleucus at Ancyrta (236).

SELEUCUS III Soter
223-215
| Murdered during a war with Attalus I (224-221)

Ptolemy IV Philopater
367 AMT
380 AMT
+ Berenice provoked 3rd Syrian War in favor of her infant son. - Both murdered in Antioch

Ptolemy V Invaded Asia & ultimately forced Seleucus II to surrender the coasts of Syria & Southern Asia Minor (241) - DAN 11:7-8

Ptolemy VI Philometor
367 AMT
380 AMT
+ Battle of Andros - Lost Cyclades to Antiochus II of Macedonia.

Ptolemy VII Philometor
367 AMT
380 AMT
+ Brother of Berenice

Ptolemy VIII Physcon
367 AMT
380 AMT
+ Third Syrian War
+ Laddian War of
War of Berenice
+ Fourth Syrian War
+ Fifth Syrian War

Recovered Parthian Araxes III Prinapatus
To Vassalship

Recovered the Mesopotamian Provinces
From the Revolting Governor, Molon (2nd).

Reigned from Attalus I. Most of
the territory lost since 241.

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led to war in which he was driven from Greece
& his fleet was defeated at Myonnesus (190).

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Antiochus himself at Magnesia. This defeat
led to the complete breaking away of Armenia
(under Artaxias) & of Bactria.

Antiochus III the Great - Restored Seleucid Kingdom to its former state.
223-184 BC

Seleucus IV Philopater
187-175 BC

Treaty made with Philip IV
of Macedon in 203.

Seleucus III Soter or Ceramus

Antiochus III took advantage
of native revolt to attack
Ptolemy IV - as a result he
retained only Syria of his Asiatic
possessions (Jos. Ant. 12.3.3)

Ptolemy IV Epiphanes
203-181 BC

Native Egyptians revolted
in the Delta (204-200)
Dan. 11:14

Ptolemy IV Philopater
203-183 BC

Weak monarch, dominated by
his minister, Scobius.

Fifth Syrian War

201-181 BC

201-161 BC

201-191 BC

201-121 BC

201-151 BC

141-140 BC

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To Vassalship

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Jews attained religious freedom in 164 and after a series
of wars established political independence in 142.

Insurrection of the Jews

Under Judas Macabeus, after Jason
had been declared illegal (168).

Antiochus IV Epiphanes
175-163 BC

Antiochus' victory of Panium

Succed upon murder of
his brother Euleius IV
383 BC

War with Egypt -
Antiochus from capturing
Alexandria (168).

In consequence of Ptolemy's cowardice during war with
Antiochus, the people of Alexandria forced him to associate
his brother, Ptolemy VII, in the rule.

Ptolemy VII Philometer
161-145 BC

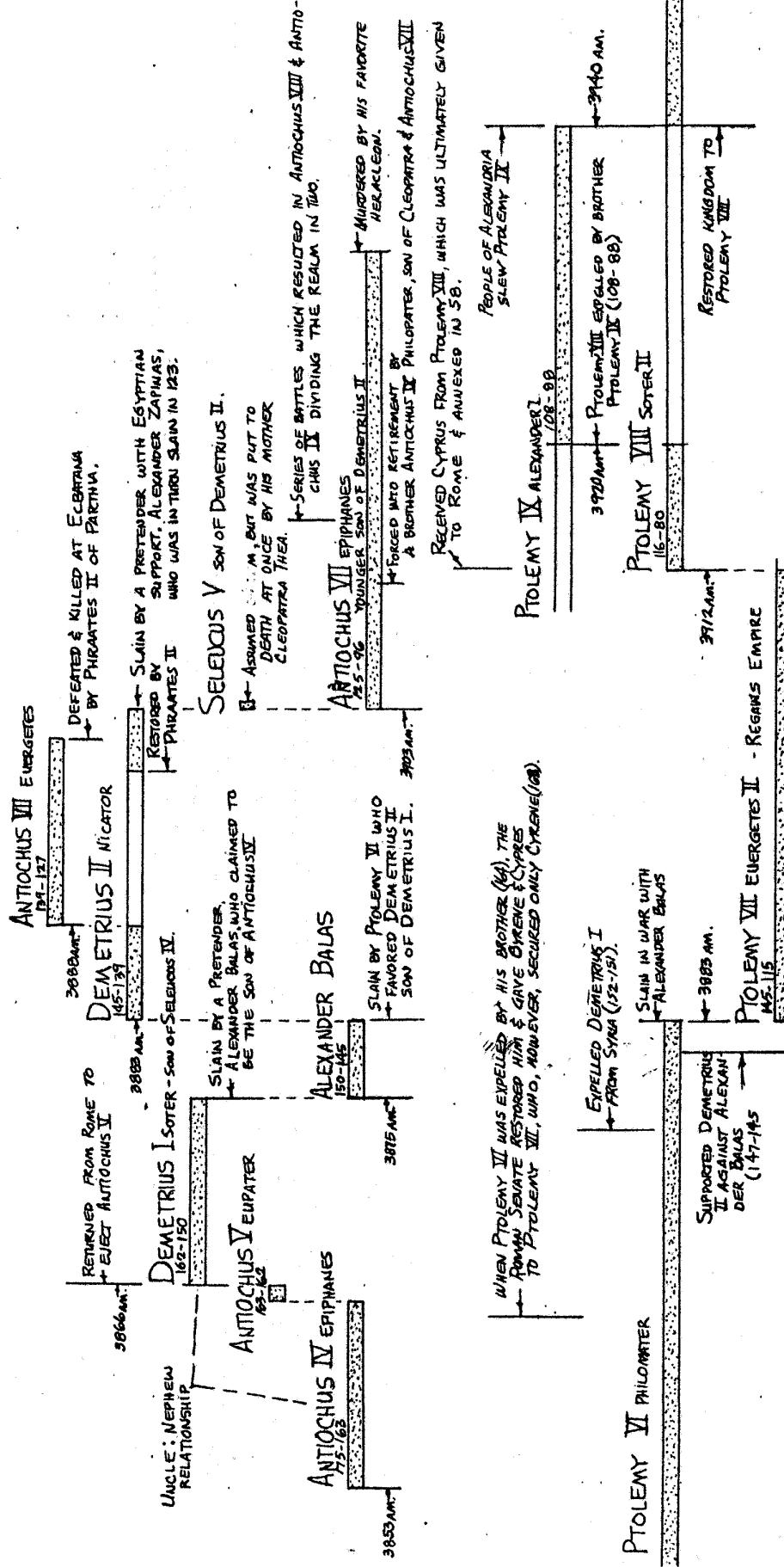
Mother was Cleopatra I
3847 BC

Fifth Syrian War

201-181 BC

201-112 BC

221-220 BC



→ PHILIP I WAS EXPelled FROM ANTIOCH

→ ANOTHER SON OF ANTIOCHUS III, ANTIOCHUS IV,
WAS DEFEATED & KILLED, BUT HIS BROTHER,
PHILIP II CONTINUED THE WAR WITH ANTIOCHUS IV.

→ DEMETRIUS IV SEIZED DAMASCUS.

→ DEMETRIUS IV CAPTURED BY
PARTHANS IN 88.

→ DEATH OF ANTIOCHUS IV.

→ DEATH OF ANTIOCHUS V.

→ SLAIN BY SELEUCUS VI
SON OF ANTIOCHUS III.

→ DEATH OF ANTIOCHUS VI - KILLED WHILE
FIGHTING THE PARTHANS IN CAMPAIGNE.

→ ANTIOCHUS VII WAS SLAIN
BY ANTIOCHUS VI, WHO IN TURN
WAS SLAIN BY DEMETRIUS II (3).

→ BROTHER OF SELEUCUS VI &
SON OF ANTIOCHUS III.

→ INSTALLED AT
ANTIOCH

In 64 BC POMPEY MADE
SYRIA A ROMAN PROVINCE
THUS ENDED REIGN OF
THE KING OF THE NORTH.

→ 3964 AM.

→ ANTIOCHUS VIII FOUGHT WITH PHILIP II SON OF PHILIP I.

→ PHILIP II UNABLE TO SECURE RULE:

ANTIOCHUS VIII
SON OF ANTIOCHUS IV.

→ SLAIN BY ARABIAN PRINCE
OF EMESA

→ PTOLEMY X ALEXANDER II - SON
OF PTOLEMY IX

→ REPLACED PTOLEMY IX, BUT
WAS AT ONCE SLAIN BY THE
PEOPLE OF ALEXANDRIA (6).

→ BROTHER
SISTER

→ EXPelled IN 58
3977 AM.

→ CLEOPATRA VII RESTORED PTOLEMAIC EMPIRE BY WINNING SUPPORT OF CAESAR & LATER
ANTONIUS (4).

→ CLEOPATRA COMMITTED SUICIDE.

→ TOLEMY VIII
474

→ RESTORED BY "FIRST TRIUMVIRATE"
IN 55

→ TOLEMY XI
3910 AM.

→ PTOLEMY XII AULETES
ILLEGITIMATE SON OF
PTOLEMY VIII

→ CLEOPATRA MURDERED HIM ON CAESAR'S DEATH (44).

→ 3910 AM.

THIS BROUGHT TO AN END
THE LAST OF THE HELLEN-
ISTIC MONARCHIES.

→ 3998 AM.

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