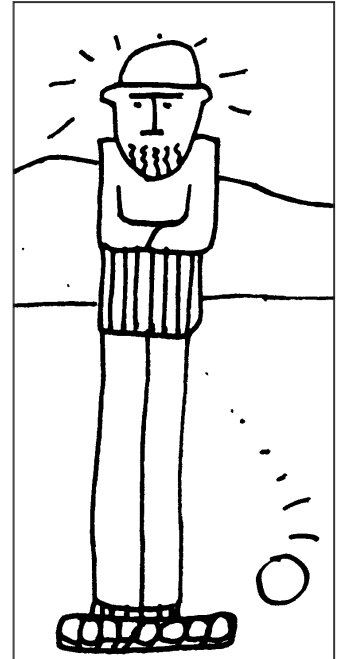


# 28 Know your Bible

Then there was silence

BC	Date	Overlords	Ruler in Judea	State of God's Land
500		Persians	Governors e.g. Nehemiah	Insignificant province of Persian Empire
400	332	Greeks	Alexander the Great	Insignificant province of Greek Empire
	320	Ptolemies	Ptolemy I – one of Alexander's generals - captures Jerusalem	
300		Mostly Ptolemies		Disputed territory between Egyptian & Syrian based Greeks - Ptolemies and Seleucids
200	198-167	Seleucids	Antiochus IV "Epiphanes"	Jewish persecution Temple profaned
	143 – 63	Precarious Independence	Priest rulers of Maccabees family	Intermittent wars ending in internal divisions
100	63	Romans	Non-Jewish Idumean rulers (the Herodian family)	Cruelty but prosperity Instability – constant riots and revolts



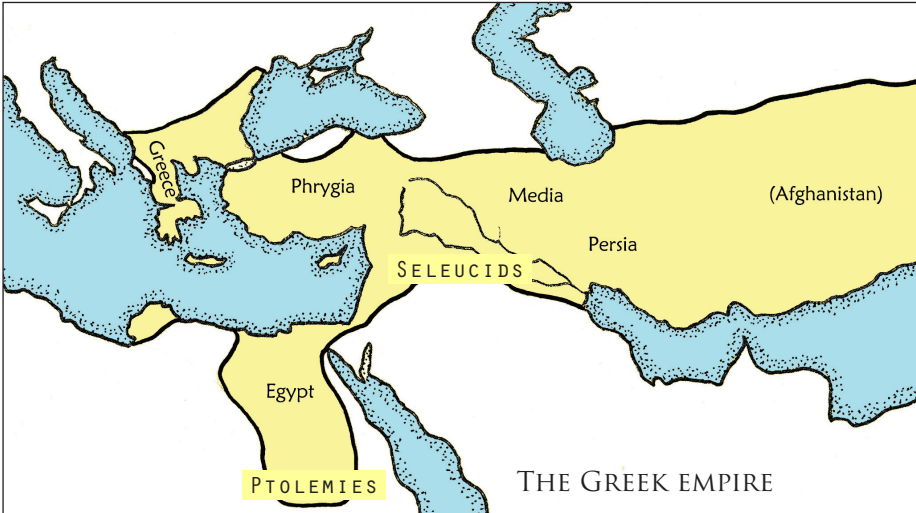
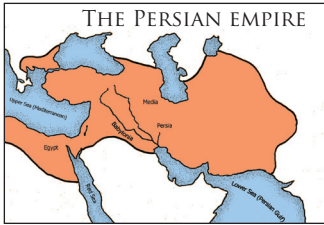
... the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will and sets over it the lowliest of men.' Daniel 4:17

He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him. Daniel 2:21-22

500 BC

400 BC

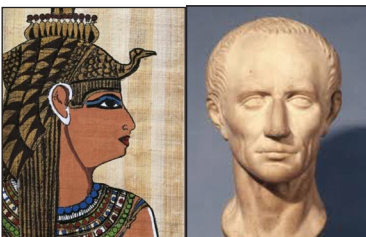
300 BC



Alexander the Great distinguished himself in battle when he was 16 and defeated powerful enemies before he was 25. Starting in Macedonia he swept across the middle east (through God's Land in 332 BC) reaching India, on the way to conquering a vast empire.



Coin of Antiochus Epiphanes. The Greek inscription reads 'Antiochus, image of God, bearer of victory'.



Cleopatra, the last ruler from the Ptolemy family in Egypt from 51 BC. She ruled for 3 years with her brother, was deposed and then reinstated by Julius Caesar (he's the one on the right)



### Herod the Great

In around 36 BC Herod helped the Romans to capture Jerusalem and he became king of the whole of Israel. He was ruthless and cruel. He executed one of his wives, three of his sons, and the babies in Bethlehem at the birth of Jesus. He started to rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem (picture on the right). He died in 4 BC, and the land of Israel was then divided between his sons.



200 BC

100 BC

BC/AD