

And we constantly have sections breaking off and becoming independent. So that eventually we have three kingdoms of maybe 30 small areas. Now I don't know of any period (?) when for any length of time there were four kingdoms succeeding Alexander. So I think that there is a very valuable warning here against oversimplifying our interpretation of Scripture. This first great horn was broken and in its place came up four notable horns. Well you have these various generals fighting and you might easily pick four that were more notable than the rest. I think it is easier to pick five than four. It may be pretty hard in case I have missed four (????) But we have a period when there are five of these generals fighting then it settles down to three main areas. and then a lot of smaller areas. So you might say that four is a rather good average. It gives a good general idea of these events that took place in a period of over 300 years. Now when you think of the 300 years, it is longer than the period -- let's see, yes the Puritans were becoming well established in the U.S. 100 yrs. before the revolutionary war. The length of the period. So you see it is a long period of time. A period of constant interchange which is described here in these brief words -- Instead of this great horn there came up four notable horns from the four winds of heaven.

Yes, Mr. Varner? "What other kingdom is sometimes mentioned as the fourth?"

MacGregor: I believe they are apt to say Asia Minor. I don't think -- there may have been a time when that was one of the kingdoms but I have not come across it. Actually our history is rather scanty for some of this. But we know that a greater part of it you have the Macedonian kingdom and then you have the parts of Egypt coming under --- under Greece becoming independent for a period and being conquered for a period. You have the Ptolemaic You have the Seleucid But then we have in Asia Minor a number of independent kingdoms. I don't know of any one unit which would be as important as the Seleucid empire or the Ptolemaic during this period. Of course it is a period concerning our records are not are not absolutely full. There are many areas of which we have little But we have a good deal from various points in it sufficient that I think that it safe get the picture that it is four kingdoms lasting through