

times and something of the victories won. It gives a good general idea of it. My wife selected portions of it on two different years our faculty (presented it) at the President's reception in the hall and at one or two other places. You will get a real blessing from reading it.

I think it is Howard Fast who has ~~not~~ written a great many books some of which are not very good and some of which I think are very good --- has written a book called My Four Glorious Brothers (or something like that) which describes the events of this period in a very vivid way and gives a pretty good idea of what happened during this period. This is one of the crisis periods in history of the Jewish religion, of the true religion as this man Antiochus endeavored to utterly destroy it. So it is in world history not of tremendous importance, but in the history of the preservation of the knowledge of the true God against one who was determined to destroy it. <sup>destroy</sup> He is of very great importance and he is described here. Now there is some (awareness??) between him and antichrist But what is being described here is clearly not antichrist; it is Antiochus Epiphanes. And in ch. 11 we have him related to his parents and his grandfather and these various situations But here we read that out of them came forth a little horn which waxed exceeding great toward the south and toward the east and toward the pleasant land. And twice Antiochus conquered Egypt. "And toward the south" is quite in place here. "And toward the east" - he won again both of the regions that Alexander had held in the east, but only held them for a very brief time. And it says "and toward the pleasant land" and here of course he is referring to Palestine. "And it waxed great even to the host of heaven" -- he claimed to be a god should ~~not~~ // worship. And he cast down some of the host of the stars to the ground and stamped upon them. He destroyed the places of worship. He defiled the temple. He did everything he could to do away with the Jewish religion. "Yea he magnified himself even to the prince of the host and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down." He had pigs killed on the altar in Jerusalem. He had a -- everything profaned there -- the altar profaned, the people's horses carried out idolatrous worship -- those who had