

His dominion shall be a great dominion. Then v.6 jumps forward. There is an unmentioned interval between v.5 and v.6, and I hope you all have the chart before you. Look at the left side of the chart, where I have the kings listed. It shows how Ptolemy I died in 283; Seleucus I died in 281, just 2 years later. But Ptolemy II reigned during the last part of Seleucus' reign, and during all of Antiochus' first reign, and during most of Antiochus' II's reign.

We find here the statement "at the end of years". Does that mean the end of the world? There are some people who would interpret the phrase that way sometimes, but this does not mean that here. Because here it means after a while, after quite a while. Because it skips ahead from Seleucus who went to Babylon in 312 clear down to the latter part of the reign of his grandson, Antiochus II. You could not tell that from the prediction, but we know that what happened fits with what is stated here.

At the end of years they shall join themselves together for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement. There was clashing between these two, each of them wanting to get a little more of the territory the other had, off and on. But the time came when Seleucus' grandson, Antiochus II, and the now very elderly Ptolemy II, who was known as Ptolemy Philadelphus, decided not to keep fighting -- a little skirmishing between them -- but to make a friendly alliance.

So they came together. "And the king's daughter of the south" (Ptolemy II's daughter) came to the king of the north to make an agreement. We find that Antiochus II agreed that in order to cement this alliance, he would marry Bernice the daughter of Ptolemy II.

So Bernice the daughter of Ptolemy II came up there to marry him, and the verse goes on to say "but she shall not retain the power of the arm neither shall he stand nor his arm, but she shall be given up and they that brought and he that begot her and he that strengthened him in these times." You'd never know what that means is going to happen.

But as you look back and you find that when she came up there, that she married the king and he already had a wife, and his wife had grown sons and she did not like it a bit that he married this daughter of the king of Egypt. So she left Antioch where he was living, and she went up into Asia Minor which also belonged to him, and she lived up there in Asia Minor with her grown son. Antiochus was down there in Asia Minor.

Antiochus was with Bernice and Bernice had a child, and Laodice, his first wife was afraid that he would make the child of the second wife king after him. So she did not like that at all. A great many of the people of the empire felt that she had been mistreated. The result was that after a while he got tired of Bernice and he went up there to Asia Minor with her. But she was still afraid that he might make his child by the daughter of the king of Egypt king, so it is generally believed that she poisoned him.