

And he said, The Roman Senate has commissioned me to tell you that it is ~~h~~their desire that you withdraw from Egypt, and that you keep yourself in Asia, and ~~make~~ no attempts to conquer territory in Africa. Well, A.E. says, That require ~~cons~~ideration, he says, I'll have to think about that. Anteus steps forward, takes his walking stick, and drew a little circle in the sand around A.E. He says, A.E., you hay think about it, just as ~~y~~ong as you ~~na~~ stay within that circle. A.E. says, OH, well, if it's that way, all right, I'll withdraw. And he knew there was ~~nto~~hing else he could do, because ~~Ant~~iochus III had been utterly defeated in a ~~l~~ong war ~~by~~ the Romans. He knew their power was juch superior to his, and if they were determined to do that, all he could do was submit. And he ~~na~~ lost all the tremendous amount of preparation he made and expense, and all that, and he withdrew from Egypt feeling pretty ~~down~~-hearted and disgusted, and then he took ~~it~~ out on the Jews. And he began his great persecution of the Jews, and began to try to unify his territory to bring it into complete control of hisself. And this incident is described in ch.11 in a some what cryptic way, but it is described in ch.11 in v.30, where it says, "For the ships of Chittim shall come against him, therefore he shall be grieved and return, and have indignation against ~~the~~ holy covenant. So shall he do. He shall even return and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant." The ships of Chittim ~~shall~~ come against him, and ~~he~~ shall be broken wihtout hand. Now whether this phrase here is being broken without hadds refers to the fact that this mighty king, this conqueror who called himself the manifest god, simply at the word from the Romans felt he must submit, because he knew he d be destroyed if he didn't, if the Romans really raised up their power, and really sent a real force against him. Or whether it refers to his actual death, because he came back then and he ~~bggan~~ this persecution against the Jews, he had an army there doing it, but he further north in Syria, he had a series of greta banquets, and he carried on great festivities and wanted to show how great he was despite the fact he'd given up this ~~other~~ other thing and spent lavishly in these tremendous banquets. One time they had all the crowds gathered around there for these great conquests and all that he was ~~pu~~