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LECTURE 5

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The Disintegration of Alexander's Empire

- Had a son and a brother who were too young and too inexperienced respectively
- The kingdom was split up, Alexander's generals took over
- Three main Generals were: Antigonos, Seleukos, Ptolemy
- Even though the kingdom was split up the Greek culture remained
- The Hellenistic(Greek)era 323 - 30 BCE

The Hellenistic Kingdoms

- New monarchies who were not as close as before
- Greco-Macedonian culture and government remained
- By the time Alexander died he was worshipped as the son of Zeus
- all the new rules also took on the role of a "King" or a "God"
- Seleukid repression→Jewish Rebellion→Independent Kingdom of Judaea

Ptolemaic Egypt:

- Foreign policy initially
- Had a friendship with Rome
- Promote Hellenic culture, literature, arts(Museum of Alexandria)
- Museum meaning the house of the muses
- Cleopatra and Ptolemy both portrayed themselves as descendants of Pharaohs which was not the case
- During the Hellenistic Era the Roman Empire begins to grow