



# THE RISE OF MACEDONIA TO UNIFY THE GREEKS

## 04 MACEDONIA: THE BEGINNING OF A COMMONWEALTH AND THE END OF THE CITY STATE

Macedonia is the region of northern Greece that united the more than 1000 Greek city-states into the Hellenic Commonwealth and spread Hellenism and Hellenic language to the far ends of the known world, which facilitated the spread of a new monotheistic religion, .....

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The most poignant scene, for me, in the movie Alexander by Oliver Stone is where Alexander is standing erect on a vertiginous cliff high in the Hindu Kush of Afghanistan staring into space. It is the year 329. It took him 2 long years, but he succeeded in subduing the fierce horsemen of Sogdiana; married the Bactrian princess Roxanne, the most beautiful girl he had ever seen; subduing and harshly treating Bessus, the usurper to the throne of Persia. Now he was the undisputed king of .....

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Shimon took Alexander on a tour of the Temple. Alexander was very impressed and offered a marble bust of him to be placed in the Temple courtyard. Shimon explained that it was forbidden by the Law of Moses for the Jews to have images or statues, and certainly not in the Temple. He suggested an alternative way to give homage to the Emperor: that all male babies born that year would receive the name "Alexander". The Macedonian king accepted, and that is how "Alexander" became a Jewish ....

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While Alexander's accomplishments were great by any measure, his lasting reputation was considerably enhanced by later rulers whose fortunes were deliberately linked with his memory. It was to them that we owe our knowledge of Alexander's image, and, as much as Alexander himself, it was they who were responsible for his perpetual "greatness", just as Homer and the great tragedians Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides perpetuated an epic image for the ....

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This widespread use of Greek reflects the realities of the ancient world, or at least part of it. Over the course of many centuries, Greek had spread throughout the Eastern Mediterranean and beyond, from southern Italy to the northern shore of the Black Sea, to Egypt and even Afghanistan. Part of this expansion was due to commercial and colonial activities, part to cultural influence, part to ....

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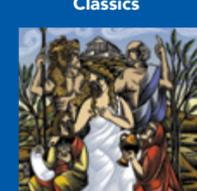
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