

Truth Triumphant
The Book of Daniel
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Antiochus Epiphanes
Daniel 11:21-35

- I. The Rise of Antiochus IV Epiphanes** **Daniel 11:21-23**
- A. He gave himself the name Epiphanes – meaning glorious.
 - B. He is pictured as the Little Horn in Daniel 8:9-14 and Daniel 8:23-25.
 - C. He was in power from 175 BC to 164 BC.
 - D. He is the important figure of the Greek Empire.
 - 1. He Persecuted the Jews.
 - 2. He desecrated the Temple.
 - 3. He is a picture of the final gentile world ruler, the antichrist.
 - E. He is described as a vile immoral person who persecuted the Jews.
 - F. He seizes the throne through intrigue when Philopater was murdered by Heliodorus.
 - G. He assumed guardianship of the infant son of Philopater.
 - H. He put to death Andronicus who murdered the infant son of Philopater.
 - I. He began military campaigns against Rome and Egypt to secure his power.
 - J. He put to death the high priest Onias in 172 BC.
- II. The Prominence of Antiochus IV Epiphanes** **Daniel 11:24-25**
- A. He came into power at a time of relative peace and security.
 - B. He used political intrigue and wealth to secure alliances with other nations.
 - C. He defeated the Egyptians even though they had a superior army.
- III. The Plotting of Antiochus IV Epiphanes** **Daniel 11:27-28**
- A. He will meet with the King of the South for a peace treaty.
 - B. There will be deceit on the part of both parties as they formulate the treaty.
 - C. He will return to his own land with many riches plundered from the Egyptians.
 - D. The treaty will not be successful according to God’s decreed purpose.
 - E. He will covet the riches of the Temple and formulate plans against the Jews.
- IV. The Persecution by Antiochus IV Epiphanes** **Daniel 11:29-31**
- A. He will have another campaign into Egypt which will not be successful.
 - B. He will have to contend with Rome which is depicted by the ships from Kittim (168 BC).
 - C. He will be angered by this turn of events and take his wrath out on the Jews.
 - D. He will align himself with Jews who disregard their covenant with the Lord.
 - E. He will desecrate the Temple and do away with the regular sacrifice.
(Dan. 8:11-14)
- N.B. He had a pig sacrificed on the altar and erected an image of Zeus.**
- V. The Revolt against Antiochus IV Epiphanes** **Daniel 11:32-35**
- A. He will cause a division among the Jews with his deceptive tactics.

- B. He will prevent the Jews from worship according to the Mosaic Law.**
- C. He precipitated the Maccabean Revolt in which 10s of thousands of Jews are killed.**
- D. He is providing a picture of the events for the Jews at the end time.**