

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: Antiochus IV Epiphanes (215–164 B.C) from biblicalarcheology.org / britannica.com

Antiochus III conquered the land of Jews. (200 B.C)

Cleopatra and Ptolemy V married. (193 B.C)

Antiochus III was defeated by Rome. (190 B.C)

Antiochus IV was a hostage in Rome in his early days.

After the king Seleucus IV was murdered, Antiochus IV became the king. (175 B.C)

Antiochus tried to strengthen the kingdom by Hellenization.

- a. Replaced Onias III the high priest with Joshua who later changed the name Jason
- b. built a gymnasium in Jerusalem where the high priest would play as naked
- c. took the Temple treasury to help fund the military campaign
- d. killed thousands of Jews who had rioted against him
- e. put a statue of Zeus in the Temple and sacrificed swine on the altar

3. Structure of Daniel 11 and 12

The Contents in the Book of Truth (11:1-12:4)

Mede (11:1)

Persia (11:1-2)

Greece (11:3-21)

Antiochus IV Epiphanes (11:22-39)

Appearance (vv. 21-24)

First Attack on Egypt (vv. 25-28)

Second Attack on Egypt and Persecution on the Jews (vv. 29-35)

Arrogant Days (vv. 36-39)

The Time of the End (11:40-12:4)

Epilogue: The Intermediate Period (12:5-13)

4. Read Daniel 11 and 12

5. Questions

- a. What would be the holy covenant in verses 30-32?
- b. Who would the wise in verse 33?
- c. Why do you think the future was revealed to Daniel?
- d. What does to be “refined, purified, and cleansed” mean in verse 35?
- e. Why do you think verse 40 begins with “at the time of the end”?
- f. In 12:4, why do you think the angel told Daniel to keep it secret and sealed?
- g. What is the main point in these two chapters?

6. Closing Prayer