

#1582 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) from Alexander the Great to Antiochus IV Epiphanes, part 5f, Antiochus IV: Antiochus III the Great grew in power toward the South and toward the East and toward the Pleasant Land

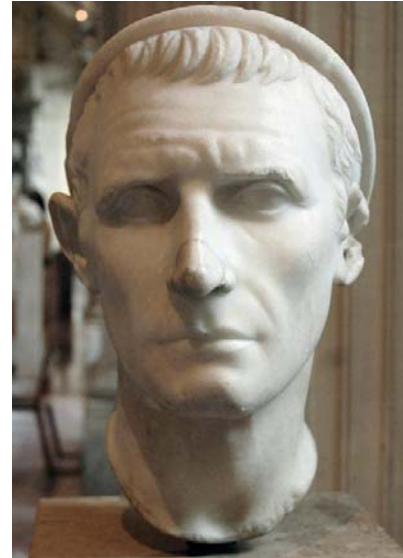
Review: In recent Unsealings the point has been made that the fulfillment of Daniel 8:9 – because of the desecration of the Temple and the Abomination of Desolation – is attached to Syrian Seleucid King Antiochus IV Epiphanes, but that his father, Antiochus III the Great, is prominently and powerfully a part of the picture as well.

Daniel 8:9 (KJV) And OUT OF ONE OF THEM [the Syrian kingdom of Seleucus, or the Seleucid Empire] ***CAME FORTH A LITTLE HORN, which waxed exceeding great, toward THE SOUTH, and toward THE EAST, and toward THE PLEASANT LAND*** [Antiochus IV Epiphanes, but the verse should be viewed prophetically with his father, Antiochus III the Great, prominently and powerfully in the foreground].

Below is a paragraph from [#1578–Doc 1](#), which was about the Seleucid Empire (323–64 B.C.).

Around 246 B.C., the Seleucids lost substantial territory in the east, as a nomadic group called the Parni settled in the satrapy (administrative district) of Parthia in northern Iran. In the same period, the satrapy of Bactria (Afghanistan) claimed independence. **However, the Seleucid king Antiochus III “the Great” reconquered much of these regions between 209 and 204 B.C. when he campaigned in the east as far as India. In the west, the Seleucid king fought several wars with his fellow Macedonians, the Ptolemaic dynasty of Egypt [to the south].** The Egyptian forces were crushed in 200 B.C. [the year differs depending upon the source] and the Ptolemies were forced to cede Palestine [**the pleasant land**] to Antiochus, who was proclaimed conqueror of the east.

Antiochus III (223-187) earned himself the title “the Great” by restoring Seleucid control over the eastern regions of Alexander’s kingdom from Asia Minor across Mesopotamia and Iran to India

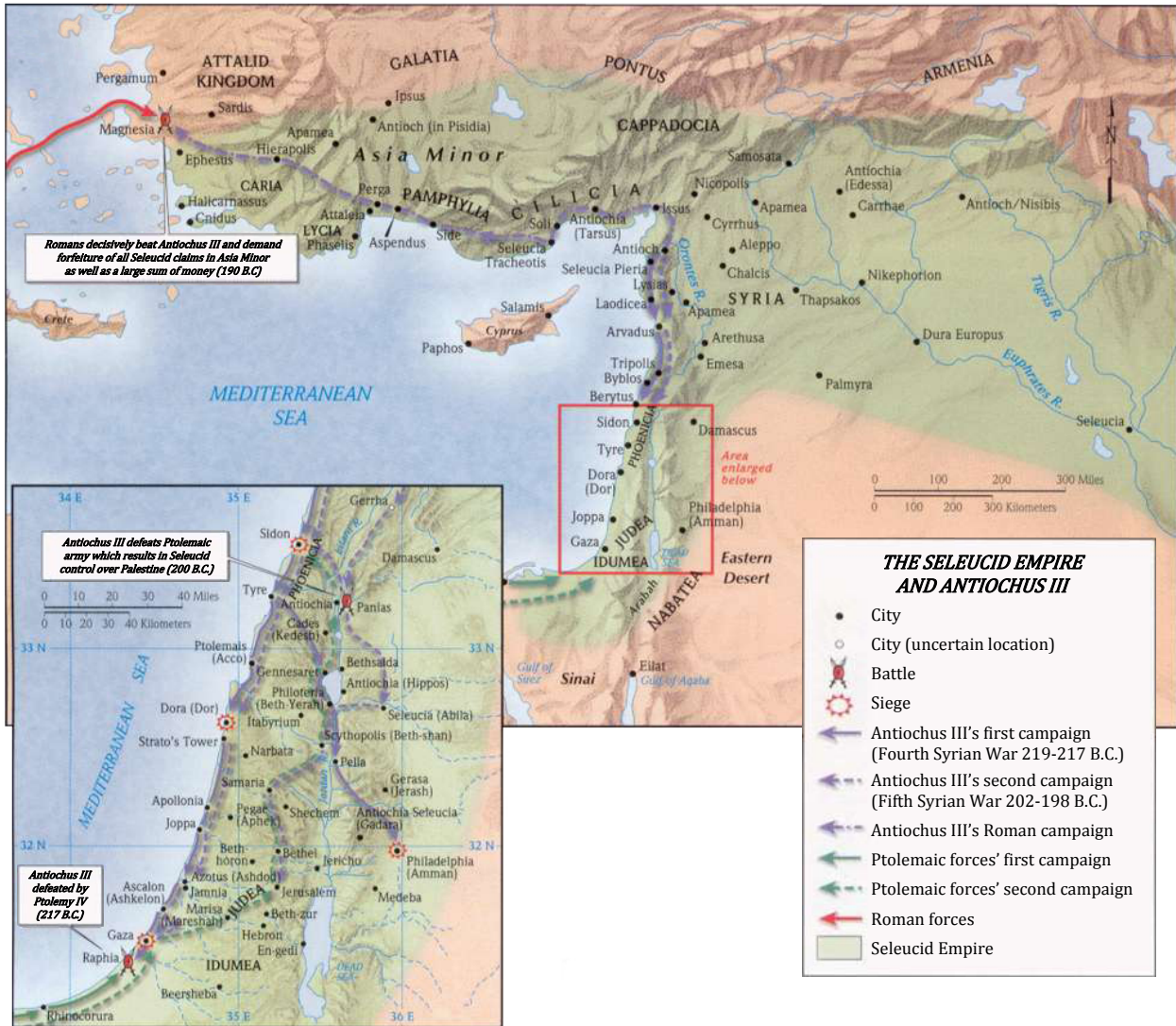


**Antiochus III the Great
(bust at the Louvre)**



Key Understanding: *Antiochus III and Daniel 8:9.* Antiochus III the Great, the father of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, is powerfully in the foreground of the desecration of the Temple by Antiochus IV and the fulfillment of Daniel 8:9, for he waxed exceeding great, toward the south (Egypt), toward the east (re-conquering major regions to the east as far as India), and toward the Pleasant Land.

It was Antiochus III who actually defeated the Ptolemies and brought Palestine under Seleucid control, enabling Antiochus IV to desecrate the Temple years later.



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