

Antiochus Epiphanes and Israel



Ptolemy IV had conquered Syria. Antiochus III of Syria then advanced against Egypt, occupied Palestine, and then arranged for his daughter Cleopatra to marry Ptolemy V. Having conquered the coastal areas of Asia Minor, he was defeated by the Romans (vv11-19). The Romans burdened him with more and more reparation payments, which were financed through high taxes by his son Seleucus IV, who was then poisoned by his tax collectors (v20).

Antiochus IV Epiphanes came to power in Syria in 175BC. Being the younger brother of Seleucus IV, he was not heir to the throne, but reigned in the place of Seleucus' young son Antiochus, who was poisoned soon after. Instead of Epiphanes (manifestation of a god), he was given the spiteful name of Epimanes (madman). He was a very successful general and ruler and got his way by all kinds of means – military, diplomatic, marriage, betrayal (vv21-28). The accuracy of these prophecies is impressive. In the book of Daniel, you can find over 200 prophecies, which were fulfilled exactly in world history.

If biblical prophecies were fulfilled exactly in the past, you can be certain that the outstanding prophecies will also be fulfilled just as exactly!



43. "Prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit." - Do you know where to find this verse in the second letter of Peter?



Fulfilled prophecy you can only find in the Bible – the Word of God!

43. 2 Peter 1:21