

Lesson-11 Study Guide: Kingdoms in Conflict

Lesson Focus Passage: [Daniel 8](#)

Background: Antiochus Epiphanes was the middle of three generations of Greek kings who tried to rule over the Holy Land following the death of Alexander the Great—all of whom are infamous in history.

First was **Antiochus III**, the Great, king of Syria who gained control of Palestine when he defeated the Egyptians. He was murdered by a mob while plundering a temple. His son, **Antiochus IV (Epiphanes)**, through his evil fury against the Jews became a type of the coming Antichrist.

He died a defeated (by the Jews) and diseased ruler. Finally came his son, **Antiochus V (Eupator)**, who ruled for two years as a youth and then was assassinated.

Preparatory Questions

1. If Antiochus Epiphanes is indeed a *type* of the coming Antichrist, identify at least five characteristics of the Antichrist and his rule from [Daniel 8:23-25](#).

2. The angel Gabriel is mentioned by name four times in Scripture. Identify the context of each and the purpose of each appearance.
 - a. [Daniel 8:16](#):

 - b. [Daniel 9:21](#):

 - c. [Luke 1:19](#):

 - d. [Luke 1:26](#):