

## **#1539 The role of the A-bomb in the Abomination of Desolation – Pig Abominations, part 4, Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the Swine Abomination**

**The pig sacrifice.** Antiochus IV Epiphanes was a Syrian king (175-164 B.C.) of the Seleucid dynasty, and was a central figure in the Book of Daniel as a type of the Antichrist. In brief, Antiochus IV organized an expedition against Jerusalem in 167 B.C., sacked the city, and rebuilt it as a Seleucid fortress. He desecrated the Temple by instituting pagan services there, including the sacrifice of a pig upon the altar.



Antiochus IV Epiphanes



A 1690 copper engraving of Antiochus IV Epiphanes's destruction of Jerusalem and ransacking of the Temple in 167 B.C.

**Key Understanding:** *Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the sacrifice of a pig upon the temple altar.* As part of the overall picture of the Abomination of Desolation, a chief prototype figure of Antichrist in the Old Testament, Antiochus IV Epiphanes, desecrated the Temple and sacrificed a pig upon the altar. Prophetically, *pigs and abominations* go together.

*Leviticus 11:7 (KJV) And **THE SWINE**, though he divide the hoof, and be clovenfooted, yet he cheweth not the cud; **HE IS UNCLEAN TO YOU.***

*Daniel 11:28-31 (NIV) **THE KING OF THE NORTH** [Antiochus IV Epiphanes] will return to his own country with great wealth, but his heart will be set against the holy covenant. He will take action against it and then return to his own country.*

*29 "At the appointed time he will invade the South again, but this time the outcome will be different from what it was before.*

*30 Ships of the western coastlands will oppose him, and he will lose heart. Then he will turn back and vent his fury against the holy covenant. He will return and show favor to those who forsake the holy covenant.*

**31 “HIS ARMED FORCES WILL RISE UP TO DESECRATE THE TEMPLE FORTRESS AND WILL ABOLISH THE DAILY SACRIFICE. Then they will set up THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION.**



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