

#1632 The Yom Kippur War and the Abomination of Desolation – The series of 4’s (fours) leading up to and surrounding the latter day(s) fulfillment of Daniel 8:9 through Harry Truman and the Atomic Bomb, part 2i, Mount Rushmore: A sampling of sources conveying that a statue of Zeus was erected in the Temple at Jerusalem by Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Daniel 11:31 (NIV) “HIS [Antiochus IV Epiphanes’s] 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.

Key Understanding: A statue of Zeus was erected in the Temple at Jerusalem by Antiochus IV Epiphanes. So that you get the picture, following are samples from several of the many sources that mention that a statue of Zeus was erected in the Temple at Jerusalem by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, along with the

implementation of Hellenistic pagan sacrifices. [The depiction on the right is of a statue of Zeus erected elsewhere, not in the Temple at Jerusalem.] This would be in fulfillment of the Abomination of Desolation. The samples are repetitive, but the point is to see that a major focus of the atrocities of Antiochus IV Epiphanes and the Abomination of



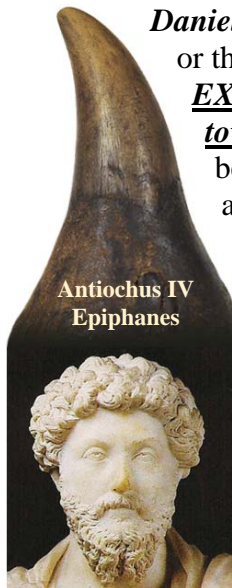
Desolation is that the Temple at Jerusalem was dedicated to the Greek god Zeus, and a statue of Zeus was erected therein, to which sacrifices were made.

- Sacrifices were offered to Olympic Jupiter (Zeus).
- Zeus’ statue was erected (fashioned in Antiochus IV Epiphanes’ own likeness) in the Jerusalem Temple.
- In 167 BCE, he caused erection of a pagan altar to Zeus Olympus on the altar of burnt-offering at the Temple.
- The Temple was dedicated to Jupiter Olympus (Zeus).
- He dedicated the Temple itself to Jupiter Olympus. He erected a statue of Jupiter Olympus.
- He compelled the Jews to forsake of their fathers and cease to live by the laws of God, and also to pollute the temple in Jerusalem and call it the Temple of Olympian Zeus.
- There he erected an idol of Zeus and desecrated the altar by an offering of swine and sprinkling the pig’s juices in the sanctuary.



- The Temple was stripped of all objects associated with ancient worship and a new altar to Zeus was installed.
- There was erected a statue of Antiochus as Zeus with a Hellenistic altar of sacrifice. Jews who resisted were subject to execution.
- 168: Antiochus IV plunders and desecrates the Jerusalem Temple, erects Zeus altar.
- Antiochus IV (Epiphanes), the king of Syria, captured Jerusalem in 167 B.C. and desecrated the Temple by offering the sacrifice of a pig on an altar to Zeus (the Abomination of Desolation).

The former day(s) fulfillment of Daniel 8:9: Antiochus III the Great and Antiochus IV Epiphanes of the Syrian Seleucid Empire fulfilled Daniel 8:9-12



Antiochus IV
Epiphanes

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].

Daniel 8:10-12 (KJV) And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.

11 Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and THE PLACE OF HIS SANCTUARY WAS CAST DOWN.

12 And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.

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