



Daniel 11 - From Ancient History to the Antichrist
Small Group Work Sheet
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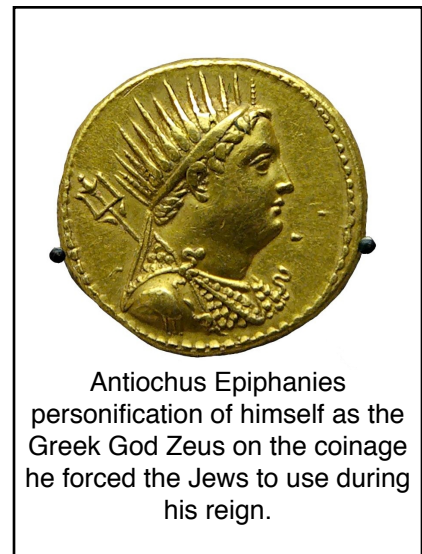
Part 1 - Ice Breaker

1. We studied the antichrist. What did you know about him before this Sunday?

Part 2 - Sermon Review

2. Daniel 11:1-20 is difficult material that doesn't appear particularly relevant. Unlike us, the Jews before Christ were fascinated with this chapter. Even though these verses are not "inspirational" for us, why are they important to study? Share one lesson you took away?

3. Read Daniel 12:30-32. What made Antiochus Epiphanies particularly successful in his campaign against the Jewish nation were Jews that willingly blended their faith with Greek culture and deities. *For example, when Onias, the legitimate high priest, was forcibly removed by Antiochus, he was replaced with his brother, Jason. Jason was comfortable diluting the Jewish faith by mixing it with Greek culture and deities. Later in Antiochus' reign, when the temple was rededicated to Zeus, Jason found himself offering sacrifices to Zeus instead of the true God of heaven on the altar in Jerusalem. Why are small cultural compromises dangerous? What does cultural compromise look like today? (Our television habits, our movies habits, our spending habits, our work habits, our children rearing style, etc...)*



4. Read Matthew 24:15. The abomination of desolation in Daniel took place under Antiochus Epiphanies on December 14, 168 B.C. when Antiochus sacrificed a pig on the altar in Jerusalem. The Gospel of Matthew was written 200 years after Jesus. What abomination of desolation is Jesus talking about?
5. Read Daniel 7:25-27. The antichrist is the prominent horn that grew out of the ten horns from chapter 7. After studying the entire book of Daniel, how does rereading Daniel 7:25-27 sharpen your understanding of these verses?

6. This week, the weather man forecasted snow. The Bible forecasts the church will go through painful days in the future. I expect there will be many martyrs, even in America. How does the forecast of a spiritual storm change you follow Jesus?

7. Read Revelation 19:5-6. How the does the FINAL forecast of the future encourage you?



The division of Alexander the Great's empire into four kingdoms showing the area of struggle between the Seleucids and the Ptolemies