

Daniel 11:20 "There shall arise in his place one who imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; but within a few days he shall be destroyed, but not in anger or in battle.

Seleucus IV had to pay the tribute to Rome imposed at Treaty of Apamea 188BC. His finance minister was Heliodorus. Per **2 Maccabees 3**, Simon, jealous rival of high priest **Onias III**, reported that **Jerusalem temple** was filled with **treasure**. **Seleucus IV sent Heliodorus** to get it for him. On entering the treasury a rider on a horse was seen charging Heliodorus striking him on his head with the hoof. 2 unusually strong & handsome young men beat him unmercifully. Heliodorus fell to the ground unconscious. He & body guards acknowledged the power of God.



Seleucus IV

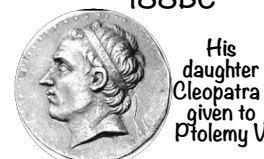
Heliodorus

Appian - Syrian Wars 9: (Not sure if this is actually true or was a spread story).

When the latter (Antiochus IV) arrived at Athens on his way home, **Seleucus was assassinated** as the result of a conspiracy of a certain **Heliodorus**, one of the court officers. After murdering his king, Heliodorus took control...

Daniel 11:21 "And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, & seize the kingdom by intrigue.

Under Treaty of Apamea 188BC



His daughter Cleopatra I given to Ptolemy V

Antiochus III

Antiochus IV Epiphanes

Antiochus IV arrives adopts young nephew Antiochus & co rules with him. Antiochus IV has adopted son killed & takes rule. See Diodorus Siculus (Greek historian).

Ruling children of Ptolemy V & Cleopatra I, vs. Antiochus IV



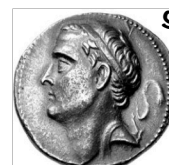
Cleopatra II Ptolemy VI Ptolemy VIII

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Antiochus IV



Seleucus IV 187-175BC



Antiochus IV hostage/Rome, Athens, free. R 175-164BC returns from Egypt angry 168BC

Maccabees begin.

Guardians of Ptolemy VI demanded return of Coele-Syria in 170 BC, declared war on the Seleucids on assumption that kingdom was divided after Antiochus' murder of nephew. Antiochus had warning of attack & prepared thoroughly. He had built his forces & moved them into position; Egyptian forces left Pelusium were **attacked & defeated by Antiochus IV and his Seleucid army**. Seleucids seized Pelusium, giving them supplies & access to all Egypt. He **advanced to Egypt, conquering all but Alexandria & capturing King Ptolemy VI**.

This was partially achieved because Rome (Ptolemaic Egypt's traditional ally) was embroiled in the Third Macedonian War.

To avoid alarming Rome, **Antiochus allowed Ptolemy VI to continue ruling as a puppet king from Memphis**. Upon Antiochus' withdrawal, the city of Alexandria chose a new king, one of Ptolemy's brothers, also named **Ptolemy (VIII) Euergetes**.

The Ptolemy **brothers reconciled** and agreed to rule Egypt jointly instead of fighting a civil war. Later had conflicts.

Antiochus IV was stopped by Rome - Line in the sand! See Polybius 29, 27 & Livy B45, ch12

168 BC, Antiochus led 2nd attack on Egypt & sent a fleet to capture Cyprus. Before he reached Alexandria, his path was blocked by a single elderly Roman ambassador named **Gaius Popillius Laenas** who delivered a message from the Roman Senate directing Antiochus to withdraw his armies from Egypt and Cyprus or consider himself in a state of war with the Roman Republic. Antiochus said he would discuss it with his council, whereupon the Roman envoy **drew a line in the sand around Antiochus** and said: "Before you leave this circle, give me a reply that I can take back to the Roman Senate." This implied Rome would declare war if the King stepped out of the circle without committing to leave Egypt immediately. Weighing his options, **Antiochus withdrew**.

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Antiochus 175-170BC

See Josephus Antiquities of the Jews Book 12 Chapter 4, 5, 6, concerning Antiochus IV & Maccabees.

Also The Wars of the Jews Book 1, Ch 1