

6 battles with elephants

1. Battle of Gaza 312BC

Antigonus I besieges Tyre & son **Demetrius I** defends at Gaza with 43 elephants. 3rd Diadochi War.
Ptolemy I with **Seleucus I** serving under him defeat **Demetrius I** at Gaza.
Seleucus I deployed anti elephant devices, chains with spikes & targets drivers.

2. Battle of Ipsus 301BC

4th Diadochi War in Phrygia (Turkey)
Seleucus I & son **Antiochus I** & others with 400 elephants
Victorious over **Antigonus I** & son **Demetrius I** with 75 elephants. Antigonus dies.
4 horns of power established. - **Cassander, Lysimachus, Seleucus I, Ptolemy I.**

3. Battle of Raphia 217BC

Rapha, near Gaza
Ptolemy IV with 73 African elephants. (African elephants here were smaller & didn't prevail over Indian elephants.)
Victorious over **Antiochus III** with 102 Indian elephants. Antiochus loses 10,000 infantry, 4,000 captured.
Only battle I'm seeing with African vs. Indian elephants.

4. Battle of Panium 200BC

5th Syrian War. Near Paneas, (Caesarea Philippi)
Antiochus III gained territory back in Turkey, becomes "The Great". He had allied with **Philip V of Macedon**.
Complete victory over new & Young **Ptolemy V**.
Antiochus III feared Roman intervention. He made peace with Egypt 197BC, betrothing his daughter **Cleopatra I** to **Ptolemy V**.
This was done for his own advantage, however **Cleopatra** stayed loyal to her husband & advised seeking Roman help.
Seleucids used elephants to charge through gaps in Ptolemaic phalanx. Phalanx was great for Alexander but less mobile now.

5. Battle of Magnesia 190BC

Roman Syrian War. Magnesia ad Sipylum, (near Manisa, Turkey)
Roman Scipio brothers with 30,000 troops & 16 elephants.
Victory over **Antiochus III** with 72,000 & 54 elephants. Resulted in
Treaty of Apamea 188BC-Seleucid territory & elephants limited. Tax goes to Rome & 20 hostages, inc, son **Antiochus IV**.
Hannibal left. **Antiochus III** died near his birth place robbing temple of Bel at Elymais, Persia in 187BC. Ant. IV possibly died likewise 164BC.

6. Battle of Beth Zechariah 162BC

Antiochus IV had died 164BC. His son **Antiochus V** ruled with **Lysias** as Regent.
Maccabees had cleansed the temple however their was still opposition from many Jews and others against Maccabean revolt.
Judas & his brothers fought against opposition in Jerusalem & surrounding areas. See Josephus -Antiquities of the Jews B 12, ch 9.
Young **Antiochus V Eupator** sent 100,000 footmen, 20,000 horseman, 32 elephants against Maccabees with 10-20,000.
About every elephant were 1,000 footmen & 500 horseman. **Eleazar** bravely charged without fear slaying an elephant.
Eleazar had victory over many men but at last was crushed when the elephant fell on him.

