

The Little Horn of Syria

Daniel 8:8-14, 21-26; 11:21-45; 12:11-12
 (1 Maccabees 1:1 to 6:16; 2 Maccabees 3:1 to 10:8)
 (John 10:22 - The Feast of Dedication - The Feast of Lights - Hanukkah)

Years B.C.

- 175 Antiochus Epiphanes begins his reign

- 174 Orthodox high priest, Onias III, deposed by Antiochus
 His brother Jason, a Hellenist, buys high priesthood from Antiochus
 Greek gymnasium set up by them in Jerusalem
 Sacrifices begin to be neglected, priests no courage to serve
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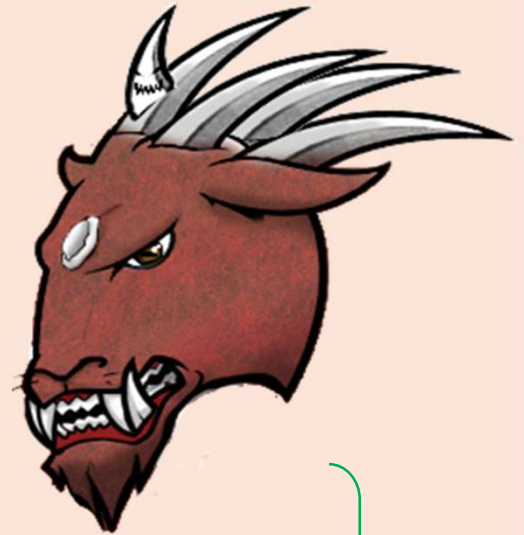
- 171 Menelaus, a Benjamite, buys high priesthood
 Menelaus sells some temple vessels
 Menelaus has Onias killed (Sept, 171)
- 170 Antiochus plunders temple furniture, veil, and other holy items

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- 168 Jerusalem devastated by Antiochus
Sanctuary laid waste
 Heathen altar built over God's altar
 Sacrifice to Zeus made upon it
 (June, 168)
Dec. 17
Dec. 27
- 167 Sabbath and circumcision outlawed
 Maccabean revolt begins
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- 164 **Judas Maccabeus cleanses temple**
Dec 24, 165
 Antiochus Epiphanes dies (Feb, 164)



1290 days 12:11
 1335 days 12:12
 2300 days 8:14

Note: Dates in parenthesis are approximate; underlined dates are firm; all are based on available historical documentation.