



Antiochus III ("The Great") Main deeds:

- April-June 222: Comes to power after the assassination of his elder brother, [Seleucus III Keraunos](#), who has unsuccessfully tried to recover territories that had been lost to king [Attalus I Soter](#) of Pergamon
 - Antiochus' general Achaeus has more success, but proclaims himself king
 - 222: Wedding; Antiochus marries [Laodice III](#)
 - 222-220: Antiochus visits [Nisibis](#) and suppresses the revolt of Molon in [Media](#) and Persis
 - 219: outbreak of the [Fourth Syrian War](#) against king [Ptolemy IV Philopator](#); Antiochus reconquers Seleucia (the port of [Antioch](#), which had been conquered by Ptolemy III in the Third Syrian War) and proceeds to the south, capturing Tyre
- 217, 13 June: Ptolemy's army defeats the Seleucid army at Raphia with an army that consists partly of Egyptian soldiers
- October 217: peace is concluded; the Seleucid Empire keeps Seleucia
- 216: Alliance with Attalus against Achaeus.
- 216-213: Antiochus defeats Achaeus and captures [Sardes](#)
- 212-205: Antiochus reconquers the independent kingdoms in [Parthia](#) and [Bactria](#) and [Gandara](#); he is called *Megas*, 'the great'
- 205: Ptolemy IV Philopator falls ill; Antiochus and [Philip V](#) of Macedonia agree to attack Egypt
- 204: Birth of [Cleopatra I Syra](#)
- 204, September: Ptolemy IV succeeded by [Ptolemy V Epiphanes](#)
- 202, May: Outbreak of the [Fifth Syrian War](#); new attempt to conquer southern Syria
- 200: Battle of Paneion: Ptolemy V loses his Asian territories; Antiochus' daughter Cleopatra Syra marries to the Egyptian king
- Rome declares war against Macedonia (which leaves the war against the Ptolemies) and orders Antiochus to keep their hands off Egypt, which is vital for Rome's food supply
- 199-197: Antiochus cancels his invasion of Egypt, and instead attacks Ptolemaic possessions in [Cilicia](#) and [Lycia](#)
- 196: Crown-prince Antiochus appointed as successor; he marries his sister [Laodice IV](#)
- 196: Conquest of Thrace, which is governed by Antiochus' son [Seleucus](#)
- 194: The Pergamene king [Eumenes II Soter](#) refuses an alliance; [Ariarathes IV Eusebes](#) of Cappadocia marries to Antiochus
- 193: Death of his crown prince Antiochus
- 192-188: [Syrian War](#) against Rome and its allies Pergamon and Rhodes; the [Carthaginian](#) general in Seleucid service, [Hannibal Barca](#), and Antiochus are defeated
- 191: Marries Euboea of Chalcis
- 189: Seleucus made co-ruler; probably marries his sister Laodice IV, widow of Antiochus
- Peace of Apamea: cedes all territory north of the [Taurus](#) to the Roman ally Pergamon and agrees to pay an indemnity to Rome; his youngest son [Antiochus](#) is sent to Italy as hostage
- 187 Antiochus visits [Babylon](#)

- 3 July 187: in an attempt to obtain money, Antiochus attacks a temple in [Susa](#), but is killed

