

Daniel 11:29-35

Antiochus IV, Part III

²⁹ "At the appointed time (168 BC) he will return and come into the South, but this last time it will not turn out the way it did before (a disastrous defeat, since the brothers Ptolemy VI and Ptolemy VII had been reconciled).

³⁰ "For ships of Kittim (Rome, in the person of Roman envoy Gaius Popilius Laenas) will come against him; therefore he will be intimidated (Gaius forced him to retreat), and will return and become enraged at the holy covenant and take action (took out his rage on Jerusalem, killing 80,000); so he will come back and show regard for those who forsake the holy covenant (re-appointed the Hellenic Menelaus as high priest, stripped the temple bare).

³¹ "And forces from him will arise, desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice. And they will set up the abomination of desolation. (Josephus *Antiquities of the Jews*, 12 §253, "And when the king had built an idol altar upon God's altar, he slew swine upon it").

³² "And by smooth words he will turn to godlessness those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will display strength and take action.

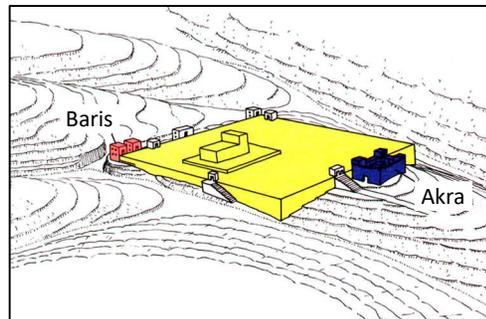
³³ "And those who have insight among the people will give understanding to the many; yet they will fall by sword and by flame, by captivity and by plunder, for many days. (cf. 1 Macc 1:58-64)

³⁴ "Now when they fall they will be granted a little help, and many will join with them in hypocrisy.

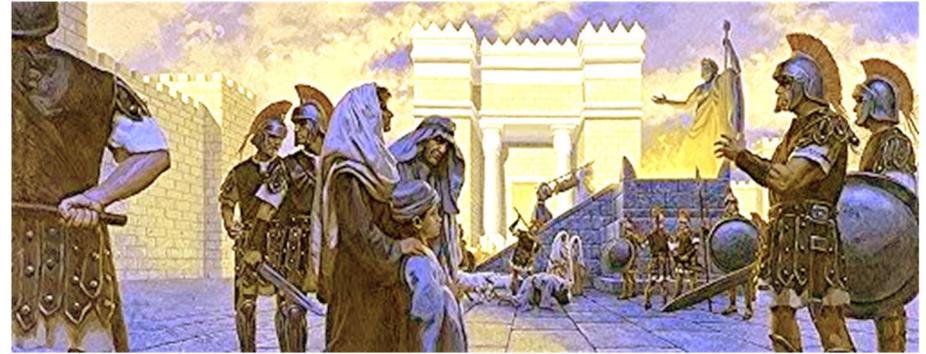
³⁵ "And some of those who have insight will fall, in order to refine, purge, and make them pure, until the end time; because *it is still to come* at the appointed time.



◀ Roman envoy Gaius Popilius Laenas intimidating Antiochus IV at Eleusis, near Alexandria, Egypt (Dan 11:30).

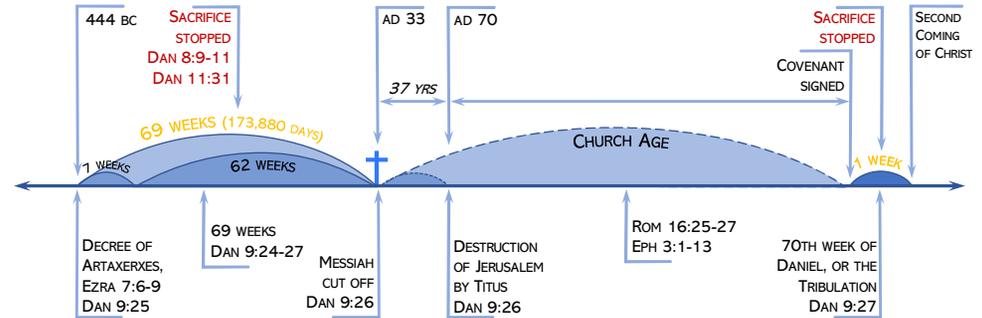


► Approximate locations of the two fortresses at the temple in Jerusalem, the Baris and the Akra (Dan 11:31).



▲ His forces will desecrate the sanctuary fortress, and do away with the regular sacrifice, and set up the abomination of desolation (Dan 11:31). Antiochus IV slaughtered a pig on the sacrificial altar in Jerusalem and set up a statue of Zeus, renaming it the Temple of Olympian Zeus (2 Mac 6:2).

▼ Timeline showing the placement of the halted sacrifices in the days of Antiochus IV (Dan 8:9-11; Dan 11:31) and a similar event that he foreshadows in Daniel's "70th week," the Great Tribulation (Dan 9:27).



Points to Ponder

- Despite hypocrisy, deception, godlessness, and smooth words, a _____ of God's people persists.
- Hardship and persecution has a purifying effect on _____ (v. 35).
- God is carrying things forward toward the goal he wishes to accomplish "at the appointed time."