# Lesson 13 Daniel 11:2 - 45 Hellenistic Age

(Faith) The prophecy of Daniel describes the coming of the Greeks under Alexander the Great and his succeeding generals. Because of the abominations against the Temple and Jewish faith, the Jews rebelled and drove the Greeks out of the Holy Land under the Maccabees only to see that last brief moment of independence flicker out under the coalition of Rome and King Herod the Great, an Edomite.   
What connecting phrase do you find in Daniel’s prophecy with a similar prophecy   
spoken by Our Lord of the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD by the Romans?

Daniel 11:31-45

31 Armed forces shall rise at his command and defile the sanctuary stronghold,   
 abolishing the daily sacrifice and setting up the desolating abomination.

32 By his deceit he shall make some who were disloyal forsake the covenant;   
 but those who remain loyal to their God shall take strong action.

33 Those with insight among the people shall instruct the many;  
 though for a time the sword, flames, exile, and plunder will cause them to stumble.

34 When they stumble, they will be helped, but only a little; many shall join them, but out of treachery.

Matthew 24:15-16

15 "When you see the desolating abomination spoken of through Daniel the prophet   
 standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

16 then those in Judea must flee to the mountains,

(Hope) The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD is described in the Book of Revelation,   
but it is also a prophetic description of the destruction of the world at the end of time.   
What great event do we as faithful Christians look forward to at the end of time?

Revelation 11:1-2

1 Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff and I was told,   
 "Come and measure the temple of God and the altar, and count those who are worshiping in it.

2 But exclude the outer court of the temple; do not measure it,   
 for it has been handed over to the Gentiles, who will trample the holy city for forty-two months.

Nicene Creed

"I believe in the resurrection of the dead"

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The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvelous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God's justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God's love is stronger than death.

(Love) How does your belief in the Resurrection of the Dead and a Day of Judgment call you to live your life?

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The message of the Last Judgment calls men to conversion while God is still giving them "the acceptable time, the day of salvation." It inspires a holy fear of God and commits them to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It proclaims the "blessed hope" of the Lord's return, when he will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at in all who have believed."