

## LESSON 46

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### The Book of 1 Maccabees

*Directions:* Read the cited scripture passages from 1 Maccabees and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The book of 1 Maccabees opens during the second century B.C.E. with a description of the occupation of the Jewish homeland by the Seleucid kings, the successors to Alexander the Great of Greece. These kings did not rule justly and they persecuted the Jews. The first book of Maccabees is concerned with the king mentioned in 1 Maccabees 1:10 who is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Some of the Jews wished to water down the Jewish faith in order to become more like the neighboring Greeks. These collaborators wanted to make an alliance with the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Mc 1:11)
3. To show that they were willing to be like the Greeks, these Jews built in Jerusalem a complex known in Greek culture as the \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Mc 1:14)
4. This was not strictly an athletic facility as its name might suggest, but was a place where boys and young men went to study mathematics, music, poetry, military skills, and athletics. In short, it was a place to study and learn the culture of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. As a result, the Jewish boys and young men began to abandon their (1 Mc 1:15) \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Antiochus was treacherous in capturing the city of \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Mc 1:29-35)
7. In 1 Maccabees 1:44-50, King Antiochus orders all the Jews to give up their religious practices under the penalty of \_\_\_\_\_.

Read 1 Maccabees 1:54-63 to learn of the punishments and horrors inflicted on the Jews under Antiochus.

8. King Antiochus also erected an \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Mc 1:54) on the altar of holocausts in the Temple of Jerusalem which was a statue of \_\_\_\_\_. (see NAB footnote)
9. Read 1 Maccabees 2:1-30. This section tells of the beginning of the revolt against Antiochus. It was led by a priest of the family of Joarib named \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Mattathias and his followers engaged in guerrilla warfare against their enemies until Mattathias died. He was succeeded by his son \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Mc 2:66)
11. Before he died, Mattathias ordered his sons to do two things: "Pay back the Gentiles what they deserve, and observe the \_\_\_\_\_." (1 Mc 2:68)
12. The text in 1 Maccabees 3:1 tells where the book received its name. The word Maccabees means "hammer" and is applied to one man named \_\_\_\_\_ who struck at his enemies like a hammer.

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13. Judas Maccabeus was a great military leader in the revolt against Antiochus, but his most impressive and memorable accomplishment was the rebuilding of the destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Mc 4:47-48)
14. The Jews celebrated the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem with eight days of rejoicing (1 Mc 4:56-59). This was the beginning of the Jewish feast of \_\_\_\_\_ (see NAB footnote) which commemorates the first celebration of the rededication on \_\_\_\_\_. (see footnote on 1 Mc 4:52 for date)
15. As a great leader, Judas did not stay behind the lines of battle, but as 1 Maccabees 5:43 says:  
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