

1 Maccabees

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CHAPTER 1

1 And it came to pass, after that Alexander bar Philip, the Macedonian, who came out of the land of Chettiim, had smitten Darius king of the Persians and Medes, that he reigned in his stead, the first over Greece,

2 And he made many wars, and won many strong holds, and slew the kings of the earth,

3 And he went through to the ends of the earth, and took spoils of many nations, to the point that the earth was fearful and quiet before him; where he was exalted and his heart was lifted up.

4 He had gathered a mighty strong host and ruled over countries, and nations, and kings, who paid tribute unto him.

5 And after these things he fell sick, and he thought as though he should die.

6 At this moment he called his servants, who had prostrated themselves to him, and had been brought up with him from his youth, and parted his kingdom among them, while he was yet alive.

7 Alexander then reigned after twelves years, and then died.

8 And his servants ruled over every one in his place.

9 And after his death they all put adornments and crowns upon themselves; so did their sons after them many years: and evils were multiplied in the earth.

10 And there came out of them a wicked sprout (netzer) Antiochus Epiphanes, son of Antiochus the king, who had been an hostage at Rome, and he reigned in the hundred and thirty and seventh year of the kingdom of the Greeks.

11 In those days departed wicked men from the land of Israel, who persuaded many, saying, Let us go and make a covenant with the goyim that are round about us: for since we departed from them we have had great difficulty.

12 And this idea set well with them.

13 A multitude were so zealous over this idea, that they went to the king, who gave them blessing to do the tradition of the goyim:

14 There they built a place of fitness and bloodsport in Jerusalem according to the customs of the goyim:

15 They then forsook the circumcision of Hashem (a commandment given to Avraham Avenu), and forgot the holy covenant with Hashem, and joined themselves to the goyim, and were sold into slavery, prostitution and religious harlotry.

16 Now when the kingdom was established before Antiochus, he thought to reign over Egypt that he might have the dominion of two nations.

17 He then proceeded to enter into Egypt with a great multitude, with chariots, and elephants, and horsemen, and a great army.

18 And he made war against Ptolemee king of Egypt: Ptolemee was afraid of him, and fled; and many were killed.

19 Thus they got the powerful cities in the land of Egypt and he took the spoils there.

20 After Antiochus had overtaken Egypt, he returned again in the hundred forty and third year,

and went up against Israel in Jerusalem with a great multitude,

21 And entered proudly into the sanctuary, and took away the golden altar, and the menorah, and all the vessels within,
22 And the table of the showbread, and the pouring vessels, and the vials. and the censers of gold, and the veil, and the crown (keter), and the golden adornments that were before the temple, all which he disguard as he was disgusted with the Jews.
23 He took also the silver and the gold, and the precious vessels: also he took the things hidden within the Beit Hagmidash.
24 And when he had pillaged anything of value from the Beit Hagmidash , he went into his own land, after killing many more, and he proceeded to speak in a haughty manner of his accomplishments of desecration of the Holy Temple.
25 Therefore there was a great sadness and mourning in Israel, in every place where they were; which is the custom of the Jews.
26 The princes and elders mourned, the virgins and young men were made feeble, and the beauty of women had faded.
27 Every bridegroom took up lamentation, and she whom lay in the marriage tent was in utter disarray of the travesty that had come upon Israel and Jerusalem.
28 The borders of the land were changed for the inhabitants there, and all the house of Jacob was covered with confusion.
29 And after two years were fully complete the king sent his chief collector of tribute unto the cities of Judah, who came unto Jerusalem with a great multitude,
30 And he spoke words of shalom, but all he spoke was deceit: for when they had given him credence, he fell suddenly upon the city, and defiled the land, and killed many of the inhabitants of Israel.
31 And when he had taken the corners and center of the city, he set it on fire, and destroyed the houses and walls there on every side.
32 But the women and children took they took as wives and concubines, they as well kept the cattle for themselves.
33 Then they rebuilt of David with a great and strong wall, and with mighty towers, and made it a fortress.
34 And made the land of Israel a place of debauchery, a sinful dwelling, full of wicked men, and they fortified themselves as such. .
35 They stored it also with armor, modern weaponry and victuals, and when they had gathered together the spoils of Jerusalem, they laid them up there.
36 For it was a place to lie in wait against the sanctuary, and an evil adversary to come upon the land of Israel.
37 Thus they shed innocent blood on every side of the sanctuary, and defiled it:
38 So much so that the inhabitants of Jerusalem fled because of them: the city of Jerusalem became a place of dwelling for strangers, and became strange to those that were born within her; and her own children left her.
39 Her sanctuary was defiled and destroyed like a desolate wilderness, her feasts were turned into mourning, her Shabbotot (Sabbaths) into reproach her honor into contempt.
40 As had been her glory, so her dishonor increased, and her former prosperity was turned into

mourning.

41 Moreover king Antiochus wrote to his whole kingdom, that all should be echad (one),

42 And every one should leave the Torah of Hashem: so all the heathens old and new agreed according to the commandment of the king.

43 Many also of the Jews consented to his religion, and sacrificed unto idols, and profaned the Shabbos.

44 For the king had sent letters by way of messenger unto Jerusalem and the cities of Judah that they should follow the strange goyim laws he had commanded,

45 He had forbade burnt offerings, and sacrifice, and drink offerings, in the temple; and that they should not uphold the Shabbos and festival days:

46 And pollute the sanctuary and set apart people:

47 Set up altars, and groves, and chapels and steeples for idols, and sacrifice swine's flesh, and unclean beasts:

48 That they should also not circumcize the male children on the 8th day. They should rather make their souls abominable with all manner of uncleanness and profanation:

49 To the end they might forget the Torahs, and change all the statues set by Sinai and the men of the Great Assembly..

50 And whosoever would not do according to the decrees of the king, he said, he should die.

51 In the same manner he wrote to his whole kingdom, and appointed spies over all the people, commanding the cities of Judah to sacrifice, city by city by his decrees.

52 Then many of the people were grafted into them, for every one that forsook the law; and they committed evils in the land;

53 They then drove the Israelites into secret places, even where they couldn't flee for safety.

54 Now the fifteenth day of the month Kislev, in the hundred forty and fifth year, they set up the abomination of desolation upon the altar, and they built idol altars throughout the cities of Judah on every corner and threshold and landmark;

55 They had burnt incense at the doors of their dwellings, and in the streets.

56 And when they had destroyed the scrolls of the Torah which they found, they burnt them with fire.

57 And whosoever was found with any part of the Ketuvim (writings), or if any committed to the Torah, the king's commandment was that they should put such a person to death.

58 Thus did they by their authority unto the Jews every new moon, to as many as were found hiding in the cities.

59 Now the five and twentieth day of the codesh they did sacrifice upon the idol altar, which was upon the altar of Hashem.

60 At which time according to the commandment they put to death certain women, that had allowed their children the right of a bris as a sign of covenant.

61 And they hung the infants about their necks, and destroyed their houses, and slew them that had circumcised them.

62 Yet many in Israel were fully resolved and confirmed in themselves not to eat any unclean thing.

63 They exclaimed 'we would rather die than eat meats for the blessing of idols or any other unclean thing and we shall never abandon our holy covenant from God. They then were killed.

64 And there was very great wrath upon the nation of Israel.

CHAPTER 2

1 In those days arose Matisyahu the son of Yochanan, bar Shimon, a priest of the sons of Jehoiarib , from Jerusalem, and dwelt in Modin.

2 And he had five sons, Joannan, called Edenics :

3 Simon; called Thassi:

4 Judas, who was called Maccabees:

5 Eliazar, called Avaran: and Jonathan, whose surname was Apphus.

6 And when he saw the blasphemies that were committed in Jerusalem,

7 He said, May it never be! That I was conceived to see this misery of my people, and of the holy city, and to dwell within it, when it was delivered into the hand of the enemy, and the sanctuary into the hand of heathens?

8 The Beit Hagmidash is become as a man without glory.

9 Her glorious vessels are carried away into captivity, her infants are slain in the streets, her young men killed with the swords of the goyim.

10 What nation has not benefited from the holy land of Jerusalem?

11 All her adornments are taken away; this free woman she is become a bond-maiden.

12 And, behold, our sanctuary, even our beauty and our glory and our covering, is laid waste, and the goyim have profaned and desecrated it.

13 How much more can we endure?

14 Then Matisyahu and his sons rent their clothes (perform kyria for mourning), and put on sackcloth, and mourned in deep consecration.

15 In the mean time the king's officers, whom forced the people to revolt, came into the city of Modin, to make the people perform sacrifices.

16 And when many of Israel came unto them, Matisyahu also and his sons came together.

17 Then answered the king's officers, and said to Matisyahu on this wisdom, 'you are an honorable ruler and great man in this city, and are strengthened with sons of followers:

18 Now therefore you come first, and fulfill the king's commandment, like as all the goyim have and the men of Judah also, as well as those whom remain at Jerusalem: make you and those residing in your home a part of multitudes of the king's friends, and you and your children will be honored with silver and gold and will receive special favor with the king.'

19 Then Matisyahu answered and spoke with a loud voice, Though all the nations that are under the king's dominion obey him, and fall away every one from the religion of their fathers, and give consent to his commandments:

20 Yet will I and my sons and my brethren walk in the ethics and covenant of our fathers

21 God forbid that we should forsake the Torah and the rulings of the Great Assembly.

22 We will not heed the commandments of the king, to go from our religion, either to the right, or the left.

23 Now when he had left speaking these words, there came one of the Kohanim in the sight of all to sacrifice on the altar which was at Modin, according to the king's commandment.

24 Which thing when Matisyahu saw, he was inflamed with zealousness, and his body trembled, neither and he could not control his anger over such a defilement: he therefore ran and slew the kohen upon the alter.

25 Also the king's commissioner, who compelled men to sacrifice, he killed them as well, and Matisyahu tore down the alter..

26 Thus dealt he zealously for the Torah of Hashem like as Phineas did unto Zambri the son of Salom.

27 And Matisyahu cried throughout the city with a loud voice, saying, Whosoever is zealous of the Torah of our Melek Hashem/Elohim, and wishes to maintain the covenant, let him follow me!

28 So he and his sons fled into the mountains, and left all that ever they had owned in the city.

29 Then many that sought after justice and judgment went down into the wilderness, to dwell there:

30 Both they, and their children, and their wives; and their cattle because the devastation was too great.

31 Now when it was told the king's servants, and the host that was at Jerusalem, in the city of David, that certain men, who had broken the king's commandment, and that they had gone down into the secret dwellings (succos) in the wilderness,

32 They pursued after them in great number, and having overtaken them, they camped against them, and made war against them on Shabbos.

33 And they said unto them, Reverse your stance and do according to the commandment of the king, and you will live.

34 But they said, We will not comply, neither will we do the king's commandment, to profane the Shabbos.

35 So they surrendered to the armies.

36 Still they didn't answer or throw rocks at them or even block up their hiding places. 37

37 But said, Let us die for we are innocent: heaven and earth will testify on our behalf, that that you wrongfully put us to death.

38 So they rose up against them in battle on Shabbos, and they slew them, with their wives and

children and their cattle, one thousand were killed on this day of the Shabbos.

39 Now when Matisyahu and his friends heard of this event they mourned intensely.

40 And one of them said to another, if we do the same as the fallen, and do not fight to preserve our lives and (our) Torah. The Greeks will quickly wipe us off the face of the earth.

41 At that time therefore they made an oath, saying, Whosoever shall come to make battle with us on the Shaboos, we will fight against him; neither will we parish, as our brethren that were murdered in their secret dwellings.

42 Then came there unto him a company of Hasidim who were mighty men of Israel and deeply devout to the Torah of Hashem.

43 All who fled persecution joined themselves to them in an oath them.

44 So they joined their forces, and struck down sinful men in their anger, and wicked men in their wrath: but the rest fled to the goyim for safety.

45 Then Matisyahu and his friends went round about, and smashed the altars:

46 And what children whom has survived within the coast of Israel uncircumcised, those they circumcised valiantly.

47 They pursued also after the prideful men, and the work prospered in their hand that they had created as an alter to their creation which they prostrated themselves.

48 So they rescued the Torah Scroll out of the hand of the goyim, and out of the hand of kings, for the assurance that they will not regain victory .

49 Now when the time drew near that Matisyahu was close to death, Arrogance and contempt are present everywhere. It is a time of ruin and raging anger.

50 Now therefore, my sons, be zealous for the Torah, and give your lives for the covenant of your ancestors.

51 Remember what acts our fathers did in their time; so shall you receive honor from Hashem and an everlasting remembrance.

52 Was not Avraham Avenu found faithful in temptation, for was he not a tzaddik?

53 Joseph in the time of his distress kept the covenant given to him and was made lord of Egypt.

54 Phineas our father in being zealous and fervent he obtained the covenant of an everlasting priesthood.

55 Joshua for fulfilling the Torah given to him my Moshe was made a judge in Israel.

56 Kalev for bearing witness before the congregation received the heritage of the land.

57 David for being merciful possessed the throne of an everlasting kingdom.

58 Eliyahu for being zealous and fervent for the law was taken up into heaven.

59 Hananiah, Azarya , and Misael, by believing were saved out of the flame.

60 Daniel for his dedication to Hashem was delivered from the mouth of lions.

61 And thus consider the history of your generations, none of those who put their trust in the God of Avraham, Yitzek, and Ya'akov could be overcome.

62 Fear not then the words of a sinful man: for his glory shall be dung and infested with worms.

63 Today he shall be lifted up and tomorrow he shall not be found, because he is returned into his dust, and his thought will only bring futility to what he has hoped.

64 Therefore my sons, be valiant and bring justice in the behalf of the Torah; for by it will be well with you.

65 And behold, I know that your brother Shimon is a shofti (judge), always listen to his rulings and he shall bring a hedge of protection over you.

66 As for Yehudah Maccabees, he has been mighty and strong, even from his youth: let him be your head, and fight the battle on behalf of the victory of the people and for Hashem's Torah.

67 Take also unto you all those that observe the Torah and rulings, and avenge the death of your loved ones.

68 Recompense fully the goyim, and revere to the mitzvios of the Torah.

69 So he blessed them, and was gathered to his relatives.

70 And he died in the hundred forty and sixth year, and his sons buried him in those whom came before him in a tomb at Modein , and all Israel mourned for Matisyahu.

CHAPTER 3

3:1 Then his son Yehudah Maccabees, took command at his father's passing.

3:2 And all the Jews helped him, and so did all they that took the oath with his father, and they fought valiantly the battle of Israel.

3 And he obtained honor of his people and put on a breastplate like a giant. And he was girded up in all of his armor and drew his sword against their camp.

4 And he was like a lion in all of his works and like a lion's whelp roaring for his prey.

5 And he pursued the wicked to destroy them and those who harassed his people were burned with fire.

6 And they cowered in fear of him and all the workers of iniquity were troubled and salvation prospered in his hand.

7 And he grieved many kings and Ya'akov rejoiced in his works and his memory is blessed forever.

8 And went into all the cities of Judah to destroy the wicked from them and turning away wrath also from Israel.

9 And his name was magnified to the end of the earth.

10 And went forth Apollonius the governor of Syria from Samaria and gathered many people and they were powerful and very great against Israel.

11 And Yehudah learned of it and went forth to call them and they came and defeated him and

many fell ill and the rest fled.

12 And he took all their spoils and Yehudah took the sword of Apollonius and fought with it all his days.

13 Seron had heard the chief of the Syrian army that Yehudah had gathered power and assembled faithful with him that with a few men he did battle.

14 And he said "I will make for myself a name of glory for Hashem and I will fight with Yehudah and with the people which are with him whom despise the word of the king.

15 And he gathered with him wicked fighters mighty men to help to make revenge on the sons of Israel.

16 And he approached until Beit Haran and Yehudah came forth to call unto them with a few men.

17 And there was in their sight a great force coming upon them. They said to Yehudah

how can we with a small army fight against many people and mighty men like these? And we are bent low and weak today in fasting for they were asking the favor of Hashem to save them.

18 And Yehudah said “It is easy for many to be overcome by few, *and with the Elohim of heaven it is all one, to deliver with a multitude, or a small army.*

19 For it is not a large army which wins a war, for from heaven is power and might and strength.

20 Many were able to come against us with an army and with a wicked heart to destroy our wives and our children and to steal our wealth.

21 And we fight for our souls and for the Torah of our people,

22 And Hashem our God will humble them before us. And you should not be afraid.

23 And when he finished speaking and many bowed to them and they crushed the army of Seron before him.

24 And they pursued after them in the descent of Beit Haron on the plain, and eight hundred men were killed and the rest fled into the Land of the Philistines.

25 And they began to fear Yehudah and his brothers even those in his company.

26 And his name came before the king and also his battles which he fought against all the people.

27 And King Antiochus heard these words and his soul was angered and he sent a collected army

from those within in all his kingdom and arranged a collective unit of amazing strength and force

28 And they pressed upon Antiochus to go up against Yehudah and he gave to them pay for one year and they followed in every word.

29 And Antiochus saw that the money was exhausted from his treasury and that the revenue of the land was dwindling, because of the destruction of his wars, to be in the hands

of his people, because he had abolished the original decrees.

30 And he saw that he could not give the amazing gifts to later generations that those who preceded him could.

31 And he feared greatly. And he determined in his heart to go to the Land of Persia to receive tribute of the land to raise a lot of money.

32 So he left Lysias, a nobleman, and one of the blood royal, to oversee the affairs of the king from the river Euphrates unto the borders of Egypt:

33 And to bring up his son Antiochus, until he came again.

34 Moreover he delivered unto him the half of his forces, and the elephants, and gave him charge of all things that he would have done, as also concerning them that dwelt in Judah and Jerusalem:

35 To wit, that he should send an army against them, to destroy and root out the strength of Israel, and the remnant of Jerusalem, and to take away their memorial from that place;

36 And that he should place strangers in all their quarters, and divide their land by lot.

37 So the king took the half of the forces that remained, and departed from Antioch, his

royal city, the hundred forty and seventh year; and having passed the river Euphrates, he went through the high countries.

38 And he chose Ptolemy *the son of Dorymenes* and Lysias and Nicanor and Gorgias, men of power and friends of the king.

39 And he sent with them forty thousand footmen and seven thousand horsemen to enter the Land of Judah to perform the order of the king.

40 And they set out ways to go by their might and they entered and they pitched in the city in Emmaus.

41 And his name came to the Syrians for help that they might help in the wilderness.

42 And Yehudah and his brothers saw that it was a great evil. which came, a great army, from the borders of the land, and which he heard the word of the king which he commanded to be performed.

43 And they said to one another let us restore our people from ruin and fight forever for our Holy Temple.

44 And they assembled the assembly to prepare themselves to fight for mercy and to pray for mercy and compassion.

45 Also in Jerusalem not a man was dwelling. For she was like a wilderness, None of her sons went out and none came in And the Sanctuary was trampled. And the sons of aliens were in the citadel. And she was a place of rest for the people. And joy was taken from Ya'akov. And the timbrel and the lute rested.

46 And they assembled and went to Mitzpah which was against the face of Jerusalem which is the place of the House of Prayer for Israel.

47 And they fasted that day and put on sack cloth and sprinkled ashes on their head and they rent their clothes.

48 And they opened the Book of the Torah for that which the Goyim consulted images of their gods.

49 And they clothed the priests with knit garments. And they brought the firstfruits and tithes And they stood with the Jews performing a Nazaraite vow who had fulfilled their days.

50 And they cried with a great voice to heaven, and said: What shall we do with these and what shall become of them.

51 And Your Beit Hagmidash is trampled and polluted and Your priests mourn and are humiliated.

52 And now behold the Goyim have come upon us to destroy us. And You know their plot against us.

53 For we cannot withstand them, if you do not help us

54 And they cried out with a loud voice.

55 And then Yehudah appointed from the people an army: leaders of hundreds commanders and officials,

56 Saying to them who were the men which had built a new house or betrothed a wife, or planted a vineyard and the faint of heart. And they returned to their homes according to that which is written of it in the Torah.

57 And they went from their encampment, and encamped against the city of Emmaus.
58 And Yehudah said: Gird yourselves and be valiant And be ready early in the morning to fight these Goyim which have sought to destroy us and our Set-Apart House.
59 It is better for us to die in battle than to see misfortune of our nation and our Set-Apart House, our Beit Hagmidash
60 And as his will is in heaven, it will be.

Chapter 4

1 And Gorgias gathered five thousand men and a thousand choice riders and their camp moved by night.
2 To fall upon the camp of Yehudah striking suddenly, for the people which were in the citadel were guides.
3 And Y'hudah heard it and he arose and his mighty men and attacked with his mighty men the king which was in the City of Emmaus.
4 And absent was the army which was in the camp.
5 And Gorgias came by night to the camp of Yehudah and no man was found there and he searched on the mountain for he said "They hide from us there."
6 And it was the light of morning and Yehudah appeared with three thousand men which did not have in their hands shield and sword.
7 And they feared greatly the camp of the Goyim for it was great. And armed horsemen were around them and they were learned in war.
8 And Yehudah said to the men which were with them "Do not fear the multitudes of numbers and of their footmen, be not afraid.
9 Remember how our fathers were saved at the Red Sea, in pursuit after them Pharaoh with a great army.
10 And now let us cry to Hashem the God of Heaven who shall love us and remember the covenant of our fathers to crush this great army this day, before our eyes.
11 And all the Goyim shall know that Israel has a redeemer and savior.
12 And He shall crush the wicked before their eyes and they shall see you coming upon them.
13 And they went upon them from the camp to do battle. And the people which were with Yehudah blew into shofars.
14 And they went and they brought destruction upon the Goyim. And they fled into the fields.
15 And the last fell by the sword and pursued them until Ya'azir and until the plain of Edom in Ashdod and three thousand men of them fell.
16 And Yehudah turned back and the army which was with him.
17 And he said to the people: "Do not be greedy with the spoils for before us is a battle.
18 For Gorgias and his force are near to us on the mount. But stand now come against our enemies To fight with them and afterwards then seize after the spoils.
19 And it came to pass Yehudah finished his speech and behold a detachment descended from the mount.
20 And Gorgias saw That his flags were retreating from them. And Yehudah took fire

into the camp to raise up smoke. And the people saw the clouds of smoke.

21 And they feared the very great army of Judah and they saw Judah prepared for battle.

22 And they all fled to the plains.

23 And Yehudah returned to the camp to plunder it. And they took much gold and silver And techlet and purple and scarlet and much wealth.

24 And they returned in thanks giving and in hymns and they praised the God of Heaven for He is good for his mercy is forever.

25 For there was great deliverance in Israel in that day.

26 Now all the strangers that had escaped came and told Lysias what had happened:

27 Who, when he heard thereof, was confounded and discouraged, because neither such things as he would were done unto Israel, nor such things as the king commanded him were come to pass.

28 And Lysias gathered sixty thousand choice men and five thousand cavalry to fight against Judah in that year.

29 And he came into Judah and they camped in Beit Charon. And Yehudah ran upon them with ten thousand men.

30 And Yehudah saw the great army and he prayed, "Blessed are you Hashem, Savior and Salvation of Israel who subdued the mighty by the hand of David your servant and did deliver the strangers into the hand of Yah'natan son of Shaul.

31 Thus bind and shut off this army by the hand of your people Israel and they shall be ashamed of their hosts and their cavalry.

32 Let terror and fear be great upon them to be disgraced by all they hear and be frightened in their eyes.

33 And fall by the sword of those who love You and praise You and praise Your Name *with thanksgiving.*

34 And they were upon them and they killed five thousand men in the army of Lysias.

35 And Lysias seeing his army flee and the sound of the Jews for they prepared themselves to die or to live and he went and he dwelt at Antioch and he chose a great army and a host to enter into Judah.

36 And Yehudah and his brothers said at this time we have subdued all our enemies, go up now and cleanse our sanctuary and restore it.

37 And all the people assembled and they went up to Mount Tzion.

38 And it came to pass they saw the sanctuary desolate, and the alter profaned, and the gates burned and the court was full of grass and trees like a wilderness *and the chambers of the cohenim pulled down.*

39 and they rent their clothes and they lamented a great lamentation and sprinkled ashes upon their heads.

40 And their faces fell upon the earth and they blew on the shofars and they cried out to the God of Heaven.

41 And Yehudah appointed men to fight the people which were in the fortress until he cleansed the Temple.

42 And he chose Kohenim without a thing of defect in the Torah of Hashem.

43 And they cleansed the Temple which they defiled by their idols and by their abominations and he removed the stones which were unclean from the unclean place.

44 And it was given to his heart to offer up offerings and sacrifices upon the alter which was ruined to them.

45 And they decided to destroy it lest it bring reproach to them for the people defiled it. And they tore down the alter and destroyed it.

46 And they placed those stones in a secret [place] of the Mount until he comes and cause righteousness to rain, and he stored them there.

47 And he took unhewn stones according to the Torah and he built a new alter like the first.

48 And they built the Temple and the inner place and sanctified the courts.

49 And they made holy vessels and the menorah and the alter of incense and the table. They made gifts in the Temple and burned incense upon the alter.

50 And they lit the menorah and called it the light of Hanukkah for it was our light of Hashem and it light up the Temple.

51 And they placed upon the table the show bread and they hung the curtains and they performed all the works.

52 And early in the morning on the twenty fifth day of the ninth month which is the month of Kislev in the one hundred and forty eighth year of the Kingdom of Greece.

53 And they made offerings and sacrifices upon the set-apart alter like that which is written in the Torah and like that which they did on the first.

54 Thus they did the day and season, even the day which the Goyim had defied it in that same day they renewed it with songs and with lutes and with harps and with cymbals.

55 And all the people fell upon their faces and the blessed Hashem in heaven who prospered them.

56 And they made the dedication of the alter eight days and offered offerings with joy and with praise concerning the deliverance.

57 And they gird the Temple with robes and with crowns of gold and dedicated the gates and the entries and placed the doors.

58 And the people had very great joy for they removes the reproach of the Goyim

59 And gathered together Yehudah and his brothers all the congregation of the assembly of Israel to establish the days of the dedication of the alter at this time eight days. In every year and in the year and month and made it in the month of Kislev in joy and in gladness.

60 And at that time they built Mount Tzion with a great high wall and a great tower and with stones which surrounded it lest the Goyim destroy it like in the beginning.

61 And they placed there a force and a host to serve and keep it. And Beit Sura was to the people a fortress city before the face of the Land of Edom.