

Handout: 1 Maccabees Lesson 1

- I. Introduction (Chapters 1-2)
 - A. Alexander the Great and the Seleucid Persecution (1:1-63)
 - B. Mattathias and His Sons (2:1-70)
- II. The Leadership of Judas Maccabeus (3:1-9:22)
- III. The Leadership of Jonathan (9:23-12:53)
- IV. The Leadership of Simon (13:1-16:17)
- V. The Reign of John Hyrcanus (16:18-24)

Summary Outline of the Book of 1 Maccabees

Biblical Period	The Revolt of the Maccabees				
Covenant	The Sinai Covenant & the Davidic Covenant				
Focus	Introduction	God confounds His enemies through the sons of Mattathias			
Scripture	1:1-----3:1-----9:23-----13:1-----16:18-----24				
Division	Alexander the Great and the Seleucid persecution; Mattathias and his sons	Leadership of Judas Maccabeus	Leadership of Jonathan	Leadership of Simon	Reign of John Hyrcanus
Topic	Historical background	With God’s help, Mattathias’ sons lead the battle for the covenant people’s religious and political freedom			
	Mattathias and his sons become Israel’s heroes	Judaism, the trustee of divine revelation, is preserved			
Location	The Kingdom of Israel/Judah				
Time	175-135 BC covering the events of the 40-year struggle against the invasion of Hellenistic culture and paganism that threatened God’s covenant people				
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