The Maccabean Revolt and the Hasmonean Dynasty

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1. Historical Background: Ptolemies and Seleucids

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3. Hellenistic Reform


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4. Causes of the Revolt

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5. Outbreak and Early Battles

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6. Mattathias and his Family


7. Victory and Rededication

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8. From Alcimus to Jonathan and the Establishment of the Hasmonean Dynasty

1 Macc. 7-10 (Schiffman, 164-9).
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9. Simon and Consolidation of the Kingdom

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10. Reigns of John Hyrcanus and Alexander Janneus

Eshel, 117-131.
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11. Religious Trends in the Hasmonean Period

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12. Structure of the Hasmonean Kingdom

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