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JUDAS MACCABEUS DESTROYS NICANOR

II MACCABEES 14 - 15 APOCRYPHA, KJV

Long ago in Greece there lived an evil Israelite named Alcimus, who badly wanted to be a High Priest. So he went to King Demetrius and told lies against Judas Maccabees, a great Israelite warrior.

Believing Alcimus, the King immediately ordered a man named Nicanor, who had a deadly hate for Israel, to go after Judas Maccabeus. This excited Nicanor, and he quickly went to the holy temple in search of Judas. But he wasn't there. Growing angrier by the minute, Nicanor promised that if the people do not deliver Judas as a prisoner, Nicanor would burn down their temple.

The people informed Judas and his men. But Judas did not fear man, but rather God.

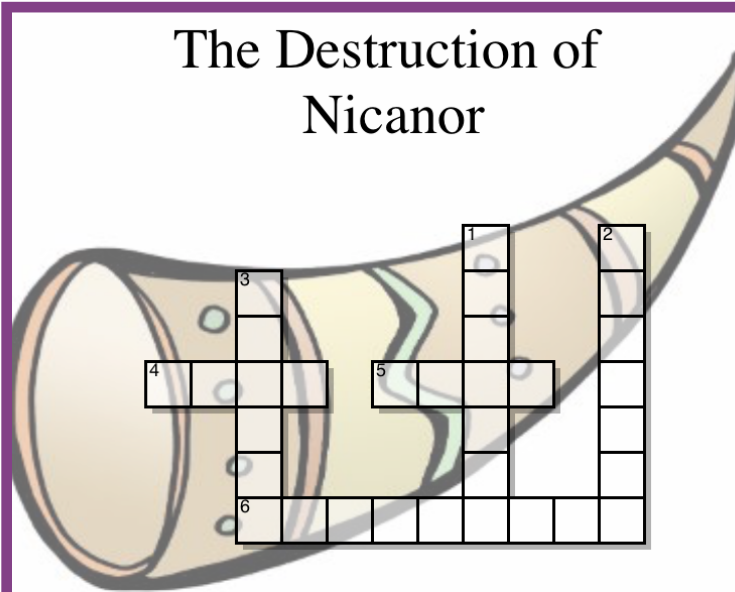
So he prayed and prepared his men for war.

Soon Nicanor returned with a large army. However, this was no match for the Israelite men's war strategy. With them, they had elephants carrying armor, and had horsemen placed in perfect position to defeat the enemy - and they did just that.

As the battle went on, the chief defender of Israel, both in body and mind, Judas Maccabeus, commanded his army to strike off Nicanor's head and shoulders and bring it to Jerusalem - and they did just that.

The Israelites rejoiced and praised the most High for keeping his temple holy. This day, the 13th day of the month of Adar, was kept yearly with great celebration.

The Destruction of Nicanor



ACROSS

- 4 On the 13th day of what month did the people celebrate yearly?
- 5 What body part was cut off of Nicanor after being defeated?
- 6 This man was the king of Greece at the time.

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- 1 This hater of Israelites swore to burn down the Israelite's temple.
- 2 What was the name of the covetous Israelite that lied on Judas Maccabees?
- 3 Judas Maccabees did this to prepare for war.



Sabbath Recipes for Kids

Chef Chana's Soft Chocolate Oat Bars!

Step 1: In a large bowl, combine 1 & 1/4 c of old fashioned oats, 1 c All Purpose flour, 1/2 c of packed brown sugar, 1/2 tsp of baking soda, 1/4 tsp salt, 1/4 tsp cinnamon, 4 oz melted butter, 1/4 c canola or coconut oil, 1/2 tsp pure vanilla, 1/2 tsp maple extract, 1 egg, 6 oz dark chocolate (save 2 oz to press in on top before baking.) Mix ingredients well.

Step 2: Press the dough into a pan lined with parchment paper. Bake at 350 for 20-25 minutes. Allow to cool, lift out and cut into squares. Store in an airtight container. Enjoy!



A MESSAGE FOR THE KIDDOS FROM OFFICER JOAH'S DESK

SMART TALK:

What does it mean to be an Israelite?

GOD WILL DEFEND HIS ELECT, ABRAHAM'S SEED

Because of a multitude of sin, some claim that the most High has forgotten Israel - his elect. But does God really change?

"No! Definitely not. This was clearly stated in Malachi 3:6," said Officer Joah Ben Israel, of IUI-ATL.

"So, the promise he made to Abraham, cannot be broke no matter what," he added.

Just as Judas Maccabeus trusted and prayed for

assistance in battle against our enemies many years ago, the officer went on to explain that today we must continue to do the same.

"In Genesis 17 when the Lord made his promise, Abraham had no idea about the twelve tribes - the northern kingdom or the southern kingdom."

"He just had faith in God, and kept it" he said.

Since that time, the officer reminds us that throughout all Israelite history, all physical wars won were fought by men of God, such as King David and Judas Maccabeus.

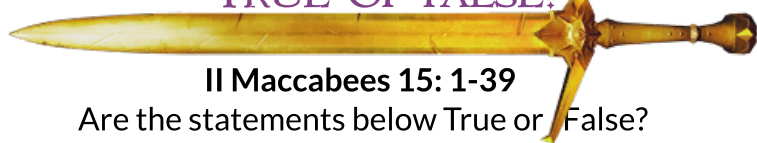
"When we lose its because of ourselves. Not Him. Israelites struggle with one of the greatest commandment - loving they neighbor as you love yourself."

"How can most High help a wicked man get the victory?"

11 Maccabees 15:7-8

"But Maccabeus had ever sure confidence that the Lord would help him: Wherefore he exhorted his people not to hear the coming heathen."

JUDAS MACCABEUS TRUE OF FALSE?



11 Maccabees 15: 1-39

Are the statements below True or False?
Read the story and color in the correct box

Nicanor hated Judas Maccabeus so he wanted to kill and humiliate him?	True	False
Jeremias gave Judas a sword of plastic, a gift from God, to wound the enemy?	True	False
Judas encouraged the young soldiers with a war speech?	True	False
Judas commanded that Nicanor's arms be cut off?	True	False
Judas prayed to the most High to send a good angel to defend his people?	True	False

