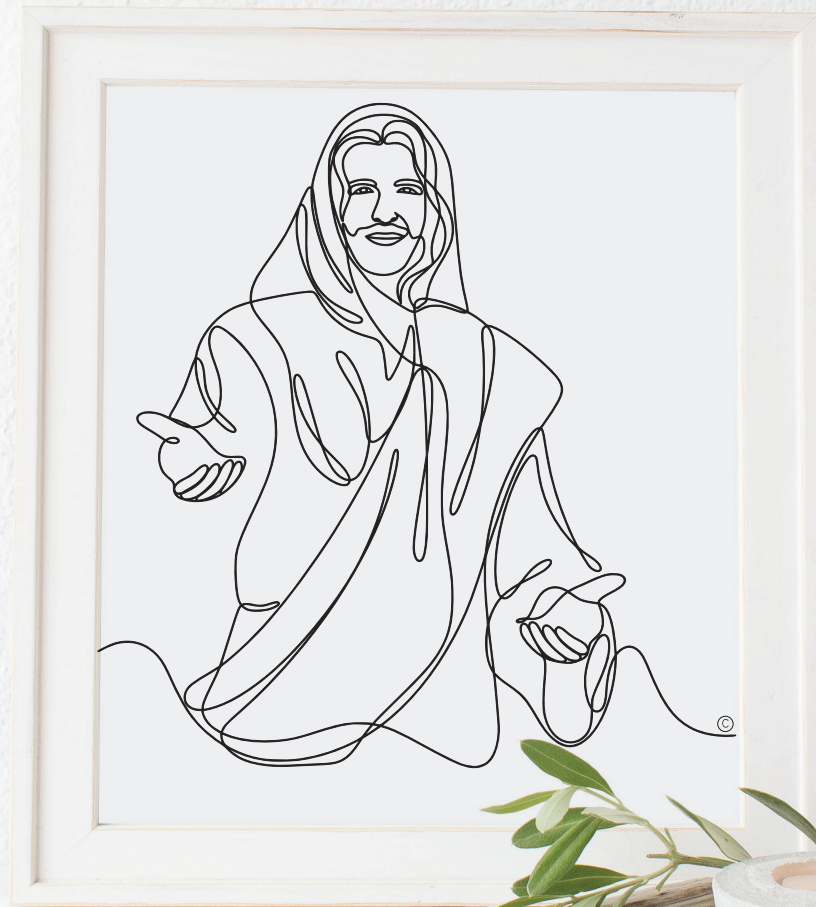


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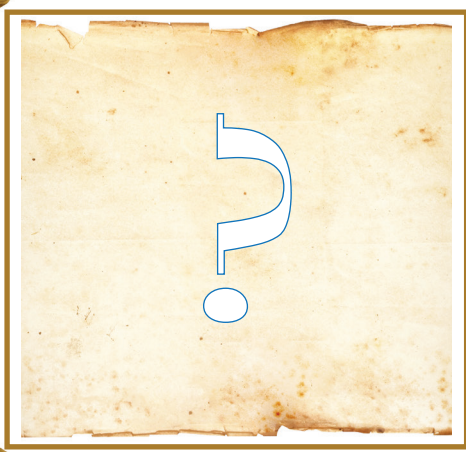




IN HISTORY

BETWEEN  
THE

**THE  
OLD TESTAMENT**  
ENDS WITH THE JEWS  
HAVING RELATIVE  
FREEDOM UNDER PERSIA  
AND SCRIPTURES BEING  
WRITTEN IN HEBREW.



**THE  
NEW TESTAMENT**  
THE JEWS ARE NOW  
RULED BY ROMANS, THERE'S  
A KING NAMED HEROD,  
AND THE SCRIPTURES ARE  
WRITTEN IN GREEK.

TWO

TESTAMENTS

THE OLD TESTAMENT ENDS IN APPROXIMATELY

400BC





MIND THE GAP

HISTORICAL DETAILS HELP PREPARE US TO STUDY THE NEW TESTAMENT

# TIMELINE

ISRAEL



FROM WATCHING THE CLASS VIDEO, WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT EACH TIME PERIOD?

PERIOD OF  
HELLENIZATION

MACCABEAN  
REVOLT

HASMONEAN  
DYNASTY

ROMAN  
RULE  
[TAKING PLACE THROUGH  
HERODIAN DYNASTY]

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# MATTATHIAS

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## COVENANT KEEPER

FREEDOM FIGHTER

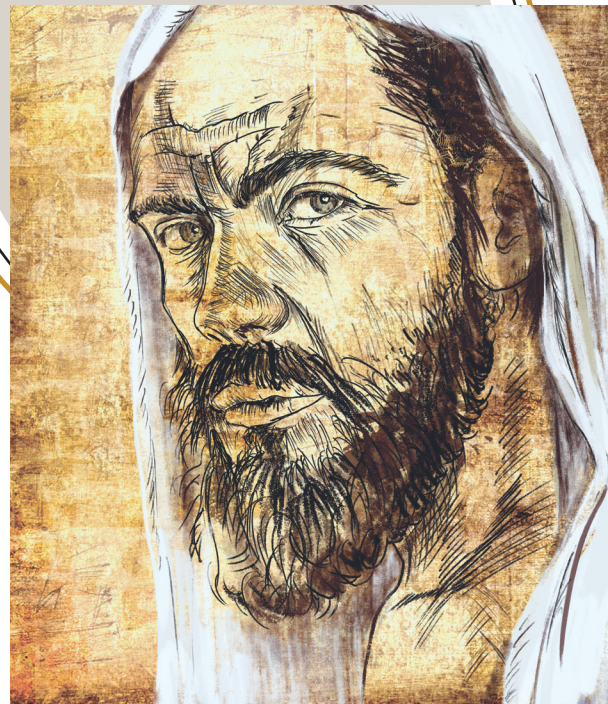
STARTS THE MACCABEAN REVOLT  
FATHER OF JUDAS WHOSE NICKNAME  
WAS "MACCABEE" WHO BECOMES  
A FIGHTER AGAINST GREECE.

HE AND HIS SONS TAKE CONTROL OF  
JERUSALEM AND DRIVE THE GREEKS  
OUT.

MACCABEES RETOOK THE TEMPLE,  
AND A MIRACLE SURROUNDING THE OIL  
IN THE TEMPLE IS THE STORY  
BEHIND HANUKKAH.

REFUSED TO OFFER A PAGAN SACRIFICE

MATTATHIAS



HANUKKAH

MACCABEAN  
REVOLT





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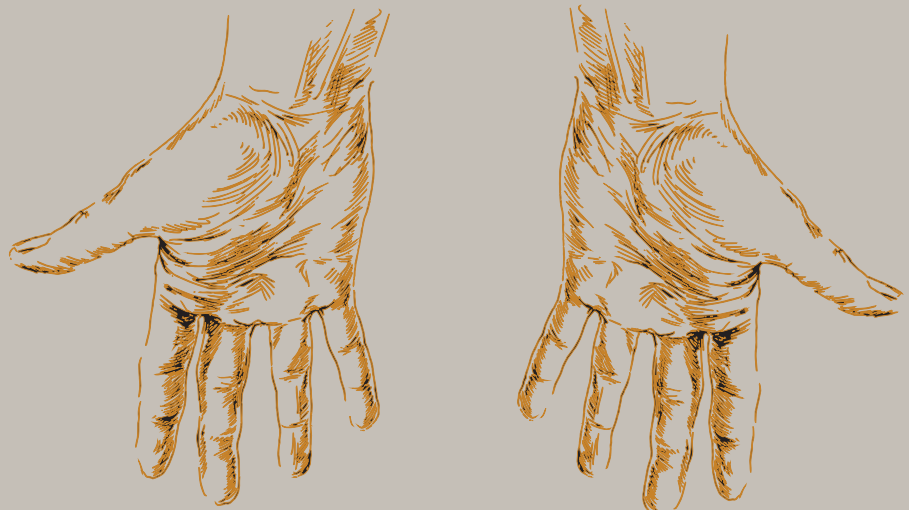
# MATTATHIAS

LIVED HIS COVENANTS

“EVEN IF ALL THE NATIONS THAT LIVE UNDER THE RULE OF THE KING OBEY HIM, AND HAVE CHOSEN TO OBEY HIS COMMANDMENTS, EVERY ONE OF THEM ABANDONING THE RELIGION OF THEIR ANCESTORS, I AND MY SONS AND MY BROTHERS WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE BY THE COVENANT OF OUR ANCESTORS. FAR BE IT FROM US TO DESERT THE LAW AND THE ORDINANCES. WE WILL NOT OBEY THE KING’S WORDS BY TURNING ASIDE FROM OUR RELIGION TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT.”

1 MACCABEES 2:19-22

I AND MY SONS AND MY BROTHERS  
WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE  
by the covenant...



“We will NOT obey the king’s words BY TURNING ASIDE FROM OUR RELIGION TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT.”



LIKEN THE SCRIPTURES TO YOUR OWN LIFE

# STAYING TRUE

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# TO YOUR FAITH & COVENANTS

## MATTATHIAS

WOULD NOT TURN AWAY FROM HIS FAITH OR HIS COVENANTS EITHER TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT.



WHAT things can you do TO HELP STAY TRUE TO YOUR FAITH AND COVENANTS?





## CONNECTIONS TO CHRIST

# HANUKKAH

“THE FEAST OF DEDICATION”

THERE ARE LOTS OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN JESUS AND WHAT WE ARE STUDYING.

HANUKKAH IS MENTIONED IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 10:22-23

“IT WAS AT JERUSALEM the Feast of the Dedication, and it was winter. and Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon’s porch.”

John 10:22 - 23



HANUKKAH WAS CALLED THE “FEAST OF THE DEDICATION” BECAUSE THE TEMPLE WAS “DEDICATED” OR “PURIFIED” WHEN THE MACCABEES REGAINED CONTROL OF IT.

IT IS INTERESTING THAT AT THIS FEAST, JESUS DESCRIBES HIMSELF AS THE ONE “WHOM THE FATHER HATH SANCTIFIED” OR MADE PURE [JOHN 1:36]. JUST AS THE MACCABEES HAD PURIFIED THE TEMPLE, SO TOO THE FATHER HAD PURIFIED JESUS.

JESUS...THE ONE  
“WHOM THE FATHER HATH SANCTIFIED”



HANUKKAH

MACCABEAN  
REVOLT



# MIRACLES IN THE TEMPLE



## HANUKKAH

IS ALSO CALLED  
"FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS"

WHEN THE MACCABEES RETOOK THE TEMPLE, THE TEMPLE WAS DEDICATED AND PURIFIED, AND A MIRACLE SURROUNDING THE OIL IN THE TEMPLE OCCURRED.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MIRACLE SURROUNDING THE OIL IN THE TEMPLE?

REMEMBERING HIS MIRACLES  
FOR OTHERS CAN GROW  
YOUR OWN FAITH



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WE FIND JESUS IN JEWISH HISTORY  
BECAUSE IT'S HIS STORY TOO.

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REMEMBERING HIS MIRACLES  
FOR OTHERS CAN GROW YOUR OWN FAITH

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HIS-TORY IS ALL ABOUT HIS LIGHT & LOVE  
FOR THEM. FOR US. FOR ALL.

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HANUKKAH

IN HEBREW MEANS

DEDICATION

DEDICATION

IN ENGLISH MEANS

COMMITMENT

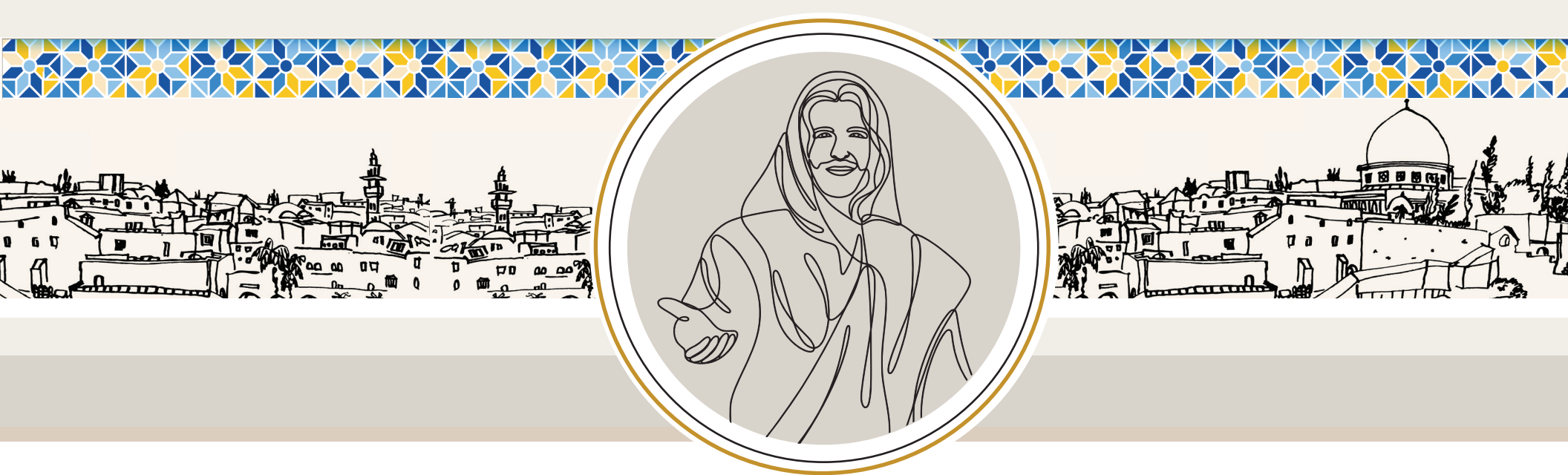
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TO KEEP YOUR COVENANTS

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