

LESSON 47

Name _____

The Book of 2 Maccabees

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages from 2 Maccabees and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. In 1 Maccabees, Mattathias, Judas, and his brothers respond to the persecution with armed resistance. In 2 Maccabees, we are introduced to people who resisted the persecution without _____.
2. However 2 Maccabees is not a sequel to the first book, but an account of the fight from a different view-point. The main character remains the same and he is _____.
3. The author of 2 Maccabees, like the author of the first book, is unknown. Nevertheless, he tells us in 2 Maccabees 2:23 that he received much of his information from _____.
4. This author must have had present-day students in mind, for he says in 2 Maccabees 2:25:

5. For the first time in the Bible, the author uses the word which we still use today for the religion of the Jewish people. That word is _____. (2 Mc 2:21).
6. Instead of military victories, the author of 2 Maccabees tends to focus on individuals who did not fight, those who died rather than deny their faith in God. They also contributed to the rebellion because they offered their lives as an example of courage and strength that inspired the Jewish people. The name for such a person is a _____.
7. Read 2 Maccabees 6:18. The first of these martyrs is _____.
8. He was an old man who was being forced to eat _____, which was forbidden by the laws of the Jewish religion.
9. He refused to bring other meat to eat and pretend it was pork as some had suggested he do because young witnesses might think he had gone over to a false religion at his advanced age of _____. (6:24)
10. The text of 2 Maccabees 6:31 says that Eleazar died leaving for all the people _____.
11. Read 2 Maccabees 7:1-41. This section relates the story of the martyrdom of a mother and her _____.
12. In 2 Maccabees 7:9 there is, for the first time in the Bible, a clear reference made to _____.
13. The last to die a martyr's death was _____.
14. The author of 2 Maccabees goes on to tell of the victories of Judas Maccabeus as did the author of 1 Maccabees. Both accounts reach their climax in the rededication of the _____.