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THE LEGACY OF BLOOD

ALEXANDER THE
MACEDONIAN. OUT
OF GRECIA. HE SLEW
THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.



THE WORLD STOOD
IN AWE OF HIM. HIS
HEART WAS PUFFED UP.
HE WAS HAUGHTY.



THEN HE FELL
SICK. AND KNEW
HE SHOULD DIE.



THEY CAUSED THEMSELVES TO BE CROWNED. AND MUCH WICKEDNESS INCREASED IN THE WORLD.



FOR OUT OF THESE
CAME THE WICKED
ROOT: ANTIOCHUS
EPIPHANES.



LET US GO, AND
MAKE A COVENANT
WITH THE HEATHEN...
SINCE WE DEPARTED
FROM THEM, WE HAVE
HAD MUCH SORROW.



THEY FORSOOK THE
HOLY COVENANT, AND
WERE SOLD TO DO MISCHIEF.



HE ENTERED INTO
EGYPT WITH A
MIGHTY COMPANY...
WITH CHARIOTS,
AND ELEPHANTS,
AND WITH A
GREAT NAVY.

AND HE ENTERED
PROUDLY INTO
THE SANCTUARY...

THEN HE FELL SUDDENLY
UPON THE CITY, AND
SMOTE IT WITH A GREAT
PLAGUE, AND DESTROYED
MUCH PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.



THUS BECAME THEY
A SORE SNARE, AND
AN AMBUSHMENT FOR
THE SANCTUARY.

AND THE BOOKS
OF THE LAW, WHICH
THEY FOUND, THEY
BURNT IN THE FIRE,
AND CUT IN PIECES.

THEY SET UP THE
ABOMINATION OF
DESOLATION UPON
THE ALTAR...

AND THEY PUT CERTAIN
WOMEN TO DEATH... AND
HANGED UP THE CHILDREN
AT THEIR NECKS.

YET WERE THERE MANY
IN ISRAEL, WHICH WERE
OF COURAGE, AND
DETERMINED IN THEMSELVES,
THAT THEY WOULD NOT EAT
UNCLEAN THINGS...

SHRRRK.

AND THIS TYRANNY WAS
VERY SORE UPON THE
PEOPLE OF ISRAEL.

IN THOSE DAYS
STOOD UP MATTATHIAS
THE PRIEST... AND
DWELT IN MODIN.



AND HE HAD
FIVE SONS...
SIMON CALLED
THASSI...
JUDAS WHICH
WAS CALLED
MACCABEUS...



WOE IS ME!
WHEREFORE WAS I BORN,
TO SEE THIS DESTRUCTION
OF MY PEOPLE? WHAT
HELPETH IT US THEN TO
LIVE ANY LONGER?!



A.



RRRRRRIP!

B.



THOU ART A CHIEF AND
HONORABLE MAN IN THIS
CITY... COME THOU
THEREFORE FIRST, AND
FULFILL THE KING'S
COMMANDMENT. SO
SHALT THOU BE
ENRICHED WITH SILVER
AND GOLD.

THOUGH ALL NATIONS
OBEY HIM... YET WILL
I AND MY SONS WALK
IN THE COVENANT OF
OUR FATHERS! WE WILL
NOT HEARKEN TO THE
KING'S WORDS!

NOW WHEN MATTATHIAS
SAW IT, HE WAS SO
INFLAMED WITH ZEAL...
HIS WRATH WAS KINDLED.

SHRRRKT!

KRAKKKKK!

WHOSOEVER IS
ZEALOUS OF THE LAW,
LET HIM COME FORTH
AFTER ME!

SO HE AND HIS SONS
FLED INTO THE MOUNTAINS...
AND WENT DOWN INTO THE
WILDERNESS TO DWELL THERE.



COME FORTH, DO
ACCORDING TO THE
COMMANDMENT OF THE
KING, AND YE SHALL LIVE.



WE WILL DIE ALL
IN OUR INNOCENCY.
THE HEAVEN AND
EARTH SHALL TESTIFY
FOR US.



THUS THEY GAVE THEM
THE BATTLE UPON THE SABBATH,
AND SLEW BOTH MEN AND
CATTLE, TO THE NUMBER OF
A THOUSAND PEOPLE.



IF WE ALL DO
AS OUR BRETHREN...
THEY SHALL INCONTINENTLY
DESTROY US OUT OF THE EARTH.
WHOSOEVER SHALL COME TO
MAKE BATTLE WITH US UPON
THE SABBATH DAY, WE WILL
FIGHT AGAINST HIM!



AND MANY IN ISRAEL
WENT DOWN TO THE
WILDERNESS, TO MATTHIAS,
AND JOINED THEMSELVES
TO HIM.



CRUNCH!

JUDAS
MAKKABEEU
AND HIS MEN
MADE INCURSIONS
BY NIGHT...



SMASH!

AND THEY
OVERTHREW THE
ALTERS OF THE
HEATHEN, AND
BROKE DOWN
THE IDOLS.



SO THEY GATHERED A POWER,
AND SMOTE THE WICKED MEN
IN THEIR WRATH... AND THIS
ACT PROSPERED IN THEIR HANDS.



NOW IS PRIDE
AND PERSECUTION
INCREASED... NOW
THEREFORE, MY SONS,
BE YE ZEALOUS FOR
THE LAW, AND GIVE
YOUR LIVES FOR
THE COVENANT.

CALL TO REMEMBRANCE
WHAT ACTS OUR FATHERS DID...
PHINEHAS OBTAINED THE
COVENANT OF EVERLASTING
PRIESTHOOD... DANIEL WAS
DELIVERED FROM THE MOUTH
OF THE LIONS.

AND JUDAS
MACCABEUS, HE HATH
BEEN MIGHTY AND STRONG
FROM HIS YOUTH UP: LET
HIM BE YOUR CAPTAIN,
AND FIGHT YOU THE
BATTLE FOR THE
PEOPLE.

AND HIS SONS BURIED
HIM IN HIS FATHERS'
SEPULCHER AT MODIN,
AND ALL ISRAEL MADE
GREAT LAMENTATION
FOR HIM.

SHRRRRRK!

A dramatic illustration of Judas Maccabeus in the center, wearing ornate metal armor with a lion's head on his breastplate. He has long, dark, curly hair and a beard, looking intensely forward. In the background, several soldiers in Roman-style armor are visible, some holding spears and shields. The scene is set at night with a crescent moon in a dark, cloudy sky.

THEN JUDAS
HIS SON, CALLED
MACCABEUS,
ROSE UP IN HIS
PLACE... HE PUT
ON A BREASTPLATE
AS A GIANT, AND
ARMED HIMSELF.

A dynamic battle scene showing Judas Maccabeus in the center, surrounded by soldiers. He is holding a sword aloft in his right hand. The soldiers are wearing helmets with plumes and carrying shields. There are splashes of red, representing blood, around the soldiers. The background is dark and smoky, suggesting a battlefield at night.

IN HIS ACTS
HE WAS LIKE A LION,
AND AS A LION'S
WHELP ROARING
AFTER THE PREY.
FOR HE PURSUED
THE WICKED, AND
SOUGHT THEM OUT.

A close-up action shot of Judas Maccabeus on the left, wearing a dark cape and armor, thrusting a sword into the chest of a Roman soldier on the right. The soldier is wearing a helmet with a large red plume and a blue tunic. Blood is spraying from the wound. The background is dark and smoky.

SHRRRKT!

A close-up of Judas Maccabeus looking down at a large, ornate sword he is holding with both hands. The sword has a highly decorative hilt and a long, broad blade. The blade is covered in blood. In the background, another sword is visible, and the scene is set against a dark, smoky battlefield.

SO JUDAS TOOK
THEIR SPOILS, AND
TOOK ALSO
APOLLONIUS' SWORD,
AND FOUGHT WITH
IT ALL HIS LIFE LONG.

AND WHEN HE CAME
NEAR TO THE GOING UP
OF BETHHORON, JUDAS
WENT FORTH TO MEET
HIM WITH A SMALL
COMPANY.

HOW ARE WE ABLE,
BEING SO FEW, TO FIGHT
AGAINST SO GREAT A
MULTITUDE, SEEING WE
BE SO WEARY AND HAVE
FASTED ALL THIS DAY?

THE VICTORY OF THE
BATTLE STANDETH NOT IN
THE MULTITUDE OF THE HOST,
BUT THE STRENGTH COMETH
FROM HEAVEN! THEY COME
AGAINST US TO DESTROY US,
OUR WIVES, AND OUR
CHILDREN... BUT WE DO
FIGHT FOR OUR LIVES.

KRAKKKK!

**TRAMPLE!
RUMBLE!**

BUT WHEN KING ANTIOCHUS HEARD THESE TIDINGS, HE WAS ANGRY IN HIS MIND...



HE SAW THAT THE MONEY OF HIS TREASURES FAILED... BECAUSE OF THE DISSENSION AND PLAGUES THAT HE HAD BROUGHT UPON THE LAND.



SO HE LEFT LYSIAS, A NOBLE MAN OF THE KING'S BLOOD, TO OVERSEE THE KING'S BUSINESS... AND TO BRING UP HIS SON.

DESTROY AND ROOT OUT THE POWER OF ISRAEL. PUT OUT THEIR MEMORIAL FROM THAT PLACE... AND SET STRANGERS TO INHABIT THEIR QUARTERS.



AND THEY CAME AND PITCHED
BY EMMAUS... AND THE
MERCHANTS CAME INTO THE
CAMP TO BUY THE CHILDREN
OF ISRAEL FOR SLAVES.



AS FOR JERUSALEM,
IT WAS NOT INHABITED,
BUT WAS AS A WILDERNESS...
AND THE MIRTH OF JACOB
WAS TAKEN AWAY.



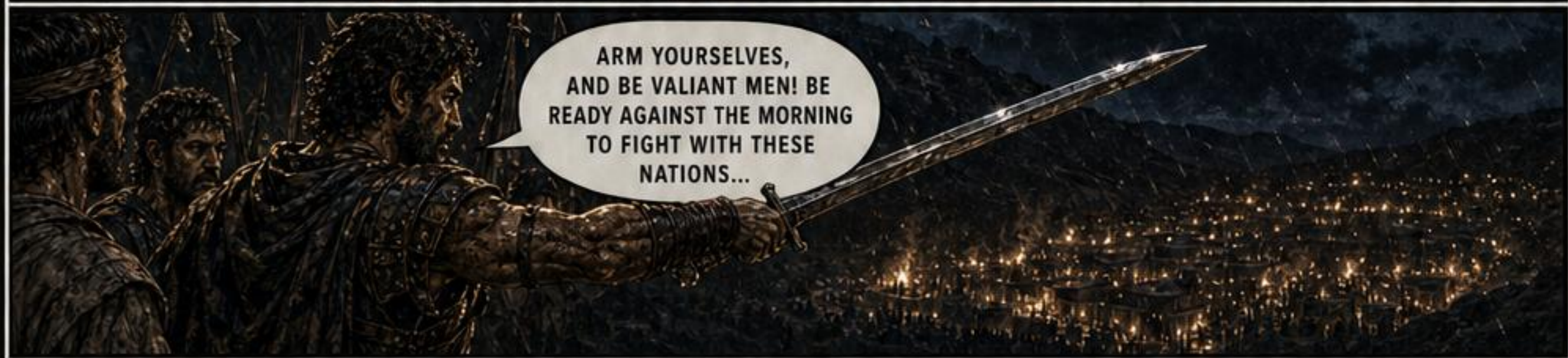
AND THEY OPENED
THE BOOK OF THE LAW,
WHEREIN THE HEATHEN
SOUGHT TO PAINT THE
LIKENESS OF THEIR IDOLS.



THY SANCTUARY IS
TRODDEN DOWN AND DEFILED!
BEHOLD, THE HEATHEN ARE
COME AGAINST US TO DESTROY
US... HOW CAN WE STAND
BEFORE THEM, EXCEPT
THOU HELP US?!



AND THEY
COMMANDED THEM
THAT BUILDED HOUSES,
OR MARRIED WIVES...
OR WERE FEARFUL,
THAT THEY SHOULD
RETURN.



ARM YOURSELVES,
AND BE VALIANT MEN! BE
READY AGAINST THE MORNING
TO FIGHT WITH THESE
NATIONS...



FOR IT IS BETTER
FOR US TO DIE IN BATTLE,
THAN TO SEE THE CALAMITIES
OF OUR PEOPLE AND OF OUR
SANCTUARY. NEVERTHELESS,
AS THE WILL OF GOD IS IN
HEAVEN, SO BE IT.

SHRRRRRRKKK!

THEN TOOK GORGAS
FIVE THOUSAND FOOTMEN...
TO INVADE THE CAMP OF
THE JEWS, AND TO SLAY
THEM SUDDENLY.



A.

THEY
FLEE FROM
US!



B.



BUT AS SOON AS IT WAS DAY,
JUDAS SHOWED HIMSELF IN
THE FIELD WITH THREE THOUSAND
MEN, WHICH HAD NEITHER HARNESS
NOR SWORDS TO THEIR MINDS.



FEAR YE NOT
THEIR MULTITUDE.
REMEMBER HOW OUR
FATHERS WERE DELIVERED
IN THE RED SEA.
CRY UNTO HEAVEN!





BUT WHEN
GORGIAS SAW THAT
HIS WERE FLED,
AND THAT JUDAS'
SOLDIERS BURNT
THE TENTS...
THEY WERE
SORE AFRAID.



SHUFFLE!

TRAMPLE!



SO JUDAS TURNED
AGAIN TO SPOIL
THE TENTS...
AND THEY WENT
HOME, AND SANG
PSALMS, AND
PRAISED TOWARD
THE HEAVEN.



THEREFORE THE NEXT YEAR FOLLOWING,
GATHERED LYSIAS THRESCORE THOUSAND
CHOSEN FOOTMEN... AND JUDAS CAME
AGAINST THEM WITH TEN THOUSAND.



SHRRRKT!

5,000 OF LYSIAS'
MEN FELL THAT DAY.



NOW WHEN THEY
SAW THE SANCTUARY
LAID WASTE, AND THE
ALTAR DEFILED... AND
THE SHRUBS GROWING
IN THE COURTS, AS IN
A FOREST...



THEY RENT THEIR
CLOTHES, AND MADE
GREAT LAMENTATION,
AND CAST ASHES
UPON THEIR HEADS.



CLEANSE,
AND REPAIR
THE SANCTUARY.



A.



B.



C.



AND THEY BURNT INCENSE
UPON THE ALTAR, AND
LIGHTED THE LAMPS WHICH
WERE UPON THE
CANDLESTICK...



AND ALL THE PEOPLE FELL
UPON THEIR FACES, WORSHIPPING
AND PRAISING TOWARD THE
HEAVEN... AND THEY KEPT THE
DEDICATION OF THE ALTAR
EIGHT DAYS.



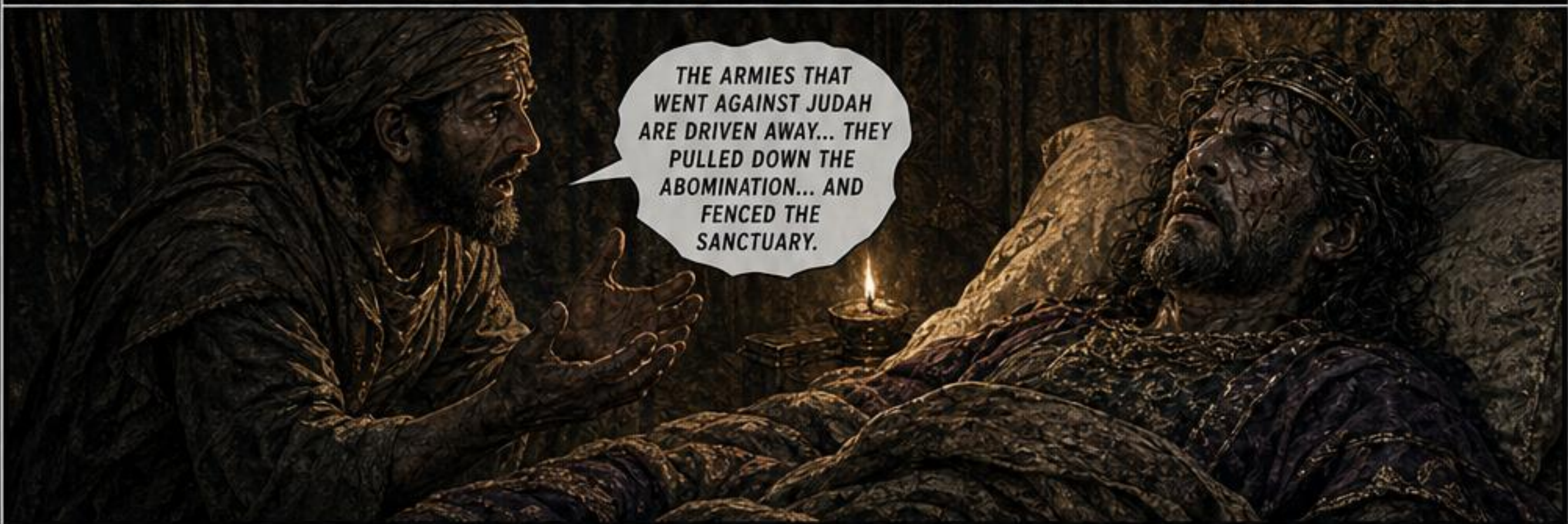
AND AT THE SAME TIME
BUILDED THEY UP MOUNT SION
WITH HIGH WALLS, AND STRONG
TOWERS ROUND ABOUT... AND
FORTIFIED BETH-SURA TO KEEP
IT, THAT THE PEOPLE MIGHT
HAVE A DEFENSE.



WHEREFORE HE WENT
ABOUT TO TAKE THE CITY,
AND TO SPOIL IT, BUT HE
WAS NOT ABLE... AND HE
FLED WITH GREAT HEAVINESS.



THE ARMIES THAT
WENT AGAINST JUDAH
ARE DRIVEN AWAY... THEY
PULLED DOWN THE
ABOMINATION... AND
FENCED THE
SANCTUARY.



THE SLEEP IS GONE
FROM MINE EYES, AND
MINE HEART FAILETH FOR
VERY CARE. NOW DO I
REMEMBER THE EVILS
THAT I HAVE DONE AT
JERUSALEM...



SO KING ANTIOCHUS DIED
THERE IN THE HUNDRED,
AND FORTY AND NINTH YEAR.



18 THEN CAME CERTAIN
OF THE CHILDREN OF
ISRAEL, TRAITORS AND
HELLENIZED MEN, TO
THE KING EUPATOR
AND TO LYSIAS, HIS
FRIEND, SAYING...

JUDAS IS
BESIEGING THE CASTLE
AT JERUSALEM... IF THOU
DOEST NOT PREVENT
THEM QUICKLY, THEY
WILL DO GREATER
THINGS.

19 SO THE NUMBER OF HIS ARMY
WAS AN HUNDRED THOUSAND
FOOTMEN, AND TWENTY THOUSAND
HORSEMEN, AND TWO AND THIRTY
ELEPHANTS EXERCISED IN BATTLE.

20 AND TO PROVOKE
THE ELEPHANTS FOR
TO FIGHT, THEY SHOWED
THEM THE BLOOD OF
GRAPES AND MULBERRIES.





AND WHEN THE SUN
SHONE UPON THE GOLDEN
SHIELDS, THE MOUNTAINS
GLISTERED THEREWITH,
AND GAVE LIGHT AS
LAMPS OF FIRE.



AND ALL THEY THAT
HEARD THE NOISE OF
THEIR MULTITUDE...
WERE ASTONISHED: FOR
THE ARMY WAS VERY
GREAT AND MIGHTY.



TO ME!
FOR THE LORD
AND JERUSALEM!
CHARGE!

BRAAAAKK!

SHRRRKT!

NOW WHEN ELEAZAR...
SAW ONE OF THE
ELEPHANTS ARMED
WITH ROYAL HARNESSE...
HE THOUGHT THAT THE
KING SHOULD BE
UPON HIM.



AND RAN BOLDLY VNTO
HIM THROUGH THE MIDST
OF THE HOST, SLAYING
ON THE RIGHT HAND,
AND ON THE LEFT...



SO WENT HE TO THE
ELEPHANT'S FEET, AND GOT
HIM UNDER HIM, AND SLEW
HIM: THEN FELL THE
ELEPHANT DOWN UPON HIM,
AND THERE HE DIED.



BUT THE OTHER,
SEEING THE POWER OF
THE KING, AND THE
FIERCENESS OF HIS ARMY,
DEPARTED FROM THEM.



A.

BUT IN THE GARNERS THERE WERE NO VICTUALS...
SO THAT IN THE SANCTUARY WERE FEW MEN LEFT:
FOR THE FAMINE CAME SO UPON THEM.



B.



WE DECREASE DAILY,
AND OUR VICTUALS
ARE BUT SMALL...
NOW THEREFORE
LET US AGREE WITH
THESE MEN, AND TAKE
TRUCE WITH THEM.



BREAK DOWN
THE WALL
ROUND ABOUT!



THEN DEPARTED HE IN ALL HASTE...
AND RETURNED UNTO ANTIOCHIA...
AND TOOK THE CITY BY FORCE.



IN THE HUNDRED,
AND ONE AND FIFTETH
YEAR, DEPARTED
DEMETRIUS FROM ROME...
AND REIGNED THERE.



SHOW ME
NOT THEIR
FACES.



SO THEY PUT
THEM TO DEATH.



JUDAS AND
HIS BRETHREN HAVE
SLAIN ALL THY FRIENDS,
AND DRIVEN US OUT OF
OUR OWN LAND! SEND
NOW SOME MAN WHOM
THOU TRUSTEST... AND
LET HIM PUNISH
THEM.



AND THEY SENT
MESSENGERS TO JUDAS
AND HIS BRETHREN
DECEITFULLY WITH
PEACEABLE WORDS.
BUT THEY BELIEVED
THEM NOT...



WE WILL DO YOU
NO HARM, NEITHER
YOUR FRIENDS.



BUT HE TOOK OF
THEM THRESCORE
MEN, AND SLEW THEM
IN ONE DAY... THEY
HAVE CAST THE BODIES
OF THY SAINTS, AND
THEIR BLOOD ROUND
ABOUT JERUSALEM.



AND CERTAIN OF THE
PEOPLE WHOM HE SLEW
AND CAST INTO THE
GREAT PIT.



NOW WHEN JUDAS SAW
ALL THE MISCHIEF... HE
WENT FORTH ROUND
ABOUT ALL THE BORDERS
OF JUDEA, AND PUNISHED
THOSE THAT WERE
FALLEN AWAY.



THEN THE KING SENT
NICANOR... WHICH HATED
ISRAEL DEADLY, AND
COMMANDED HIM THAT
HE SHOULD DESTROY
THE PEOPLE.



BUT THE ENEMIES
WERE PREPARED TO TAKE
AWAY JUDAS... THEREFORE
HE FEARED HIM, AND
WOULD SEE HIS FACE
NO MORE.



NICANOR STANDING IN THE
INNER COURTYARD OF MOUNT
SION. WHITE-ROBED PRIESTS
TREMBLINGLY SHOW HIM THE
SACRIFICES OFFERED ON
BEHALF OF THE KING.





SO THEY CAME FORTH
OF ALL THE TOWNS OF
JUDEA ROUND ABOUT,
AND RUSHED UPON THEM...
SO THAT THEY ALL FELL
BEFORE THE ARMY.



THUS THE LAND OF JUDA
WAS IN REST A LITTLE WHILE.



JUDAS HEARD ALSO
THE FAME OF THE
ROMANS, THAT THEY
WERE MIGHTY AND
VALIANT... AND MEN
OF GREAT POWER.



AND THEY TOLD HIM
OF THEIR BATTLES, AND
THEIR WORTHY ACTS,
WHICH THEY DID AMONG
THE GALATIANS, WHOM
THEY HAD CONQUERED.



AND WHAT THEY HAD
DONE IN THE COUNTRY
OF SPAIN: HOW THAT
THEY HAD WON THERE
THE MINES OF SILVER
AND GOLD.



AND HOW THEY HAD
DISCOMFITED BY BATTLE
PHILIP AND PERSEES,
KINGS OF THE
MACEDONIANS, AND
OVERCOME THEM.



AND HOW GREAT
ANTIOCHUS KING OF ASIA...
HAVING AN HUNDRED AND
TWENTY ELEPHANTS, WITH
HORSEMEN, AND CHARIOTS...
WAS DISCOMFITED BY THEM.



AND HOW THEY
TOOK HIM ALIVE,
AND ORDAINED HIM...
TO PAY A GREAT TRIBUTE,
AND TO GIVE HOSTAGES.



YET FOR ALL THIS,
NONE OF THEM
WORE A CROWN,
NEITHER WAS
CLOTHED IN PURPLE,
TO BE MAGNIFIED
THEREBY.



BUT THAT THEY
HAD ORDAINED
THEMSELVES A
COUNCIL, WHEREIN
THREE HUNDRED
AND TWENTY MEN
CONSULTED DAILY...



GO UNTO ROME.
MAKE FRIENDSHIP
AND MUTUAL FELLOWSHIP
WITH THEM... THAT THEY
MIGHT TAKE FROM US
THE YOKE OF THE
GRECIANS.





SO THEY WENT
UNTO ROME, WHICH
WAS A VERY GREAT
JOURNEY...

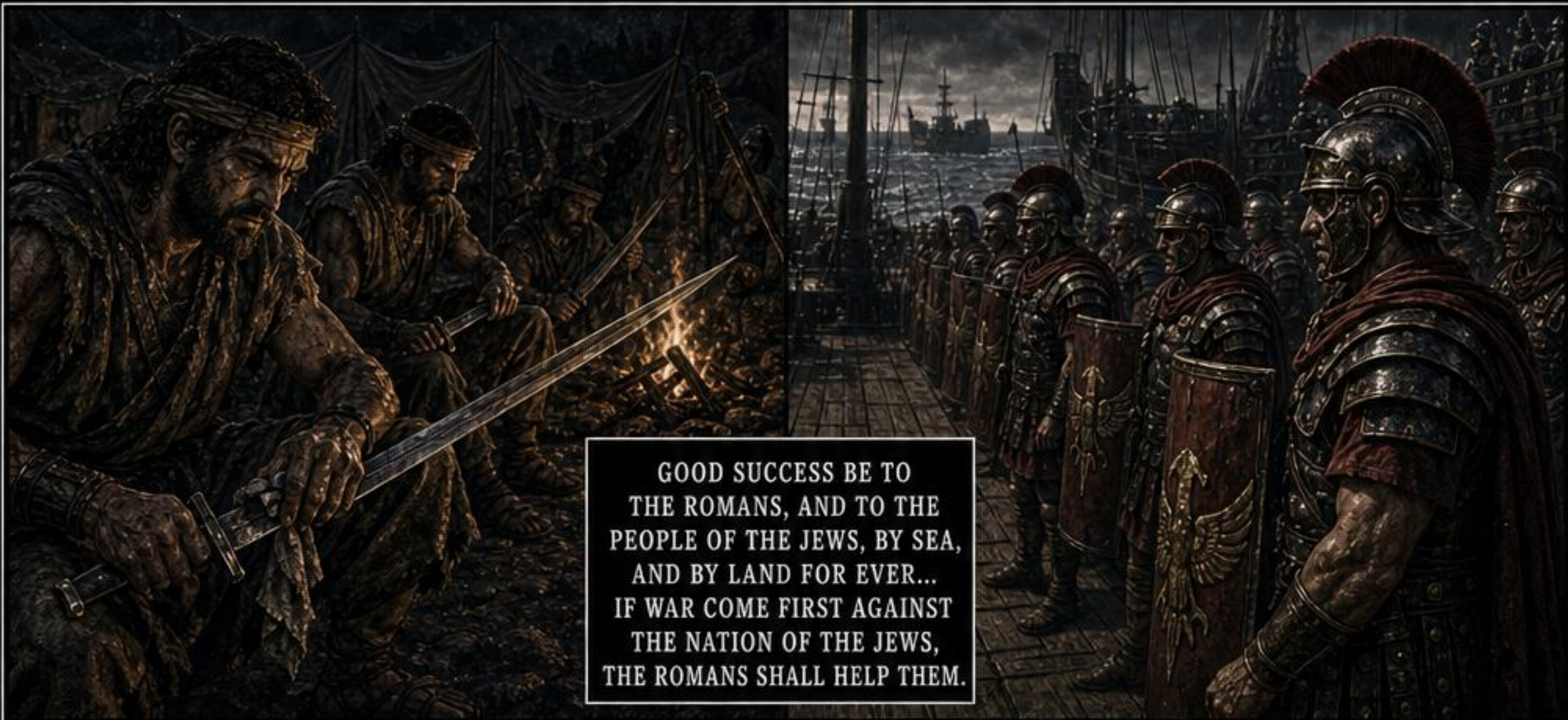


JUDAS MACCABEUS
WITH HIS BRETHREN, AND
THE PEOPLE OF THE JEWS,
HATH SENT US UNTO YOU,
TO MAKE A BOND OF
FRIENDSHIP AND
PEACE...

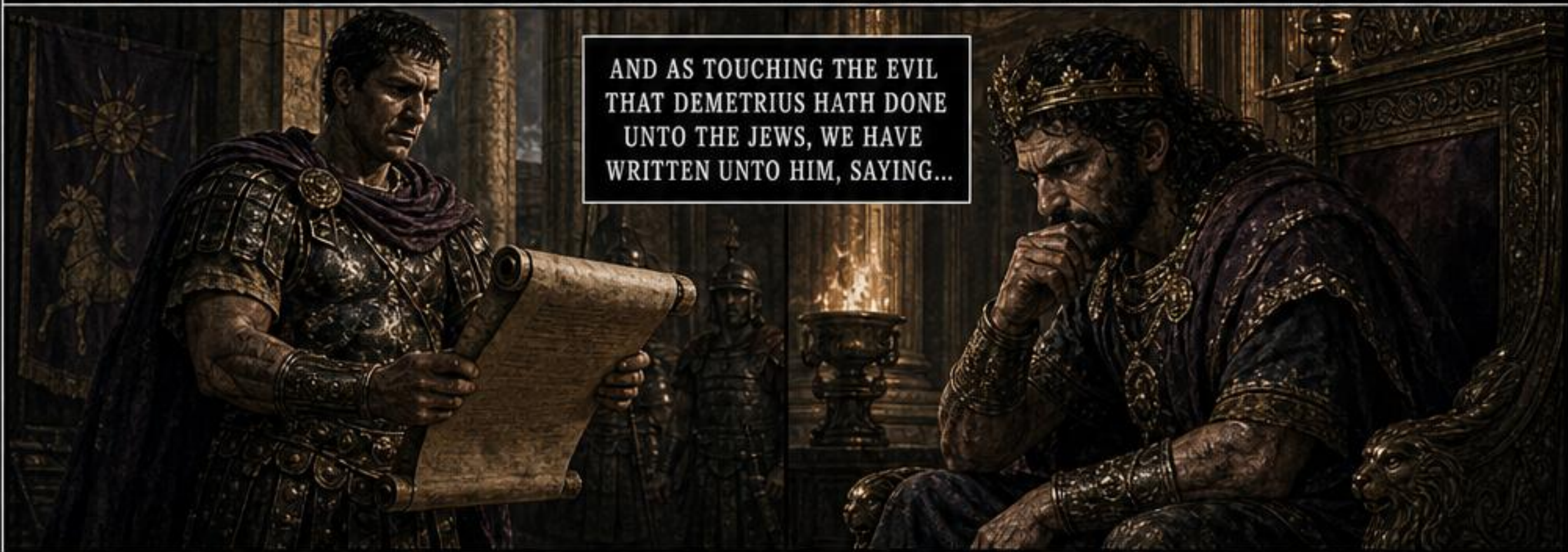


AND THIS IS THE COPY
OF THE EPISTLE THAT
THEY WROTE IN TABLES
OF BRASS, AND SENT TO
JERUSALEM, THAT THEY
MIGHT HAVE BY THEM A
MEMORIAL OF THE PEACE.

...QUE ROMANVS
JUDS ET FRATRIBVS
ER AND • POEVLLOONE
• PACE ET AMICTIA
ETERANE



GOOD SUCCESS BE TO
THE ROMANS, AND TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE JEWS, BY SEA,
AND BY LAND FOR EVER...
IF WAR COME FIRST AGAINST
THE NATION OF THE JEWS,
THE ROMANS SHALL HELP THEM.



AND AS TOUCHING THE EVIL
THAT DEMETRIUS HATH DONE
UNTO THE JEWS, WE HAVE
WRITTEN UNTO HIM, SAYING...

WHEREFORE LAYEST
THOU THINE HEAVY YOKE
UPON OUR FRIENDS, AND
CONFEDERATES THE JEWS?
IF THEY COMPLAIN ANY
MORE AGAINST THEE, WE
WILL DO THEM JUSTICE,
AND FIGHT WITH THEE
BY SEA AND BY LAND.



BONUM EVENTUM ROMANIS
ET POPULO IUDAEORUM
PER MARE ET PER TERRAM IN AETERNUM.
SI PRIMUS BELLUM ADVENERIT
IN NATIONEM IUDAEORUM,
ROMANI EIS AUXILIUM FERENT.

תראקרא אצפונטגור המנה
הנה דרר ברקתו ניה רווחה
בקור לוחביע אהע עדר נזה

CLANG!

JONATHAN NOW SEEING
THAT THE TIME WAS MEET FOR
HIM... SENT THEM VNTO ROME,
TO ESTABLISH & RENEW
THE FRIENDSHIP.



JONATHAN THE HIGH PRIEST
WITH THE ELDERS... GREETING
VNTO THE SPARTANS THEIR
BRETHREN... WE REMEMBER
YOU AT ALL SEASONS
CONTINUALLY...



IT IS FOUND
IN WRITING, THAT
THE SPARTANS AND
JEWS ARE BRETHREN,
AND COME OUT OF THE
GENERATION OF
ABRAHAM.

THUS SAITH KING ARIVS
OF SPARTA,
THAT THE SPARTANS AND THE JEWS
ARE BRETHREN - AND COME OVT OF
THE GENERATION OF ABRAHAM





JONATHAN
COMMANDED HIS MEN
TO WATCH, AND TO BE
IN ARMS READY TO
FIGHT ALL THE NIGHT.



THEY FEARED, AND
TREMBLED IN THEIR
HEARTS, AND KINDLED
FIRES IN THEIR TENTS,
AND FLED AWAY.



JONATHAN LED HIS
CAVALRY ACROSS
THE BANKS OF THE
ELEUTHERUS, AND
CAME UPON THE
VANGUARD, PURSUING
THEM WITHOUT
CEASING.



AFTER THIS CAME
JONATHAN HOME... AND
DEVISED WITH THEM TO
MAKE THE WALLS OF
JERUSALEM HIGHER, AND
TO MAKE A GREAT MOUNT
BETWIXT THE CASTLE
AND THE CITY.



SEPARATE
IT FROM THE CITY,
THAT IT MIGHT BE
ALONE, AND THAT MEN
SHOULD NEITHER BUY
NOR SELL IN IT.



SIMON MACCABEUS ALSO
FORTIFIED ADIDDA, AND PUT
BARS OF IRON IN THE GATES,
AND MADE THEM STRONG:
AND HE BUILT WALLS ROUND
ABOUT IT, AND MADE TOWERS
AND GATEWAYS IN IT.



BUT WHEN TRYPHON
SAW THAT JONATHAN
CAME WITH SO GREAT
AN HOST, HE DURST
NOT LAY HAND UPON HIM.

WHY HAST THOU
CAUSED THIS PEOPLE TO
TAKE SUCH TRAVAIL, SEEING
THERE IS NO WAR BETWEEN
US? SEND THEM HOME...
AND COME THOU WITH ME
TO PTOLEMAIS. I WILL
GIVE IT THEE.

JONATHAN BELIEVED
HIM, AND DID AS HE SAID,
AND SENT AWAY HIS
HOST...

THEN JONATHAN, AND
THEM THAT WERE WITH HIM,
EVEN A THOUSAND MEN,
CAME TO PTOLEMAIS.

SLAMMM!

THEY OF PTOLEMAIS SHUT
THE GATES, AND TOOK HIM,
AND SLEW ALL THEM WITH
THE SWORD, THAT CAME
IN WITH HIM.

BUT WHEN THEY SAW THAT
IT WAS A MATTER OF LIFE,
THEY TURNED BACK AGAIN...
AND ALL ISRAEL MADE
GREAT LAMENTATION.

FOR THEY SAID, "NOW HAVE
THEY NO CAPTAIN, NOR
ANY MAN TO HELP THEM:
THEREFORE LET US NOW
FIGHT AGAINST THEM, AND
ROOT OUT THEIR MEMORY
FROM AMONG MEN."

RUMBLE...



NOW WHEN SIMON HEARD
THAT TRYPHON GATHERED
A GREAT HOST... AND SAW
THAT THE PEOPLE WAS IN
GREAT TREMBLING AND FEAR...



NEVERTHELESS SIMON
KNEW THAT HE DISSEMBLED
IN HIS WORDS... YET SENT
HE THE CHILDREN AND AN
HUNDRED TALENTS...



AND WHEN HE CAME
NEAR TO BASCAMA, HE
SLEW JONATHAN, AND
HE WAS BURIED THERE.



BUT THE SAME NIGHT FELL
A VERY GREAT SNOW... SO
TRYPHON RETURNED, AND
WENT INTO HIS OWN LAND.



THEN SENT SIMON
TO TAKE THE BONES
OF JONATHAN... AND
THEY BURIED HIM IN
MODIN HIS FATHERS' CITY.



AND SIMON MADE UPON THE
SEPULCHER OF HIS FATHER
AND HIS BRETHREN, A BUILDING
HIGH TO LOOK UNTO, OF
HEWN STONE... AND SET UP
SEVEN PILLARS UPON IT, FOR
HIS FATHER, HIS MOTHER, AND
FOUR BRETHREN.



NOW AS TRYPHON
WENT FORTH WITH THE
YOUNG KING ANTIOCHUS,
HE SLEW HIM
TRAITOROUSLY... AND
CROWNED HIMSELF
KING OF ASIA.



DEMETRIUS THE KING
UNTO SIMON...
WE FORGIVE THE
OVERSIGHTS AND
FAULTS COMMITTED
UNTO THIS DAY... AND
THE CROWN TAX YE
OWED US.

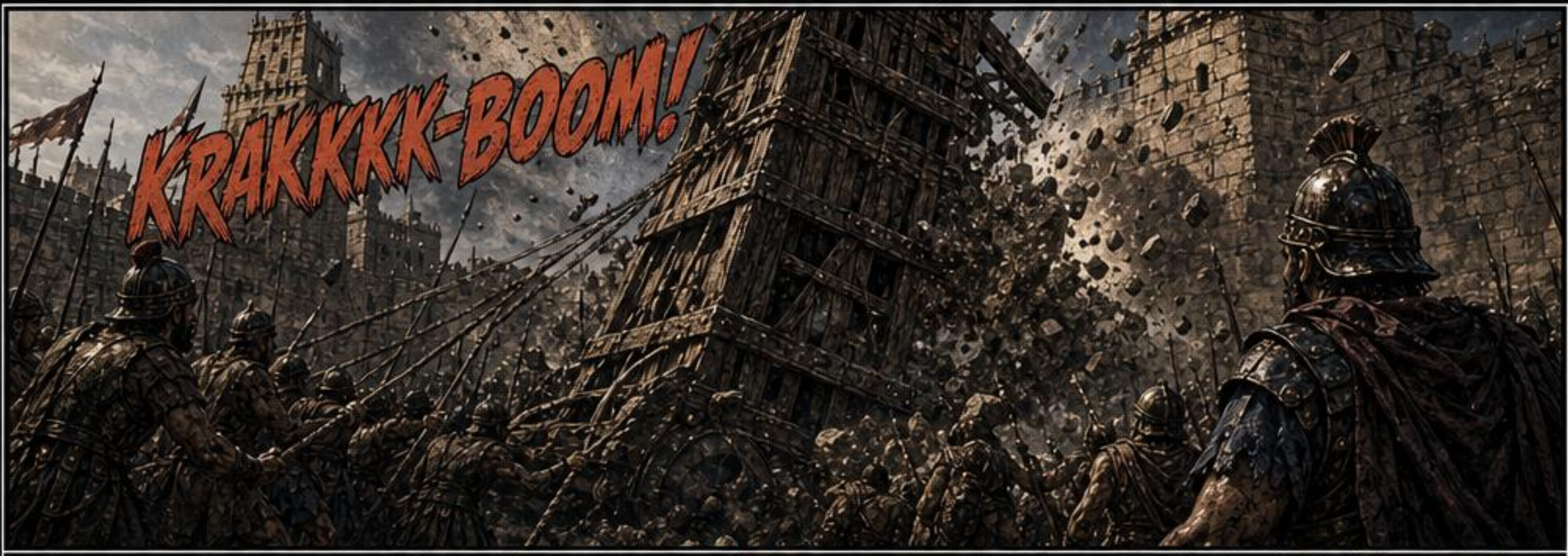
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UNTO SIMON...
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UNTO THIS DAY... AND
THE CROWN TAX YE
OWED US.



THUS THE YOKE OF
THE HEATHEN WAS
TAKEN FROM ISRAEL
IN THE HUNDRED AND
SEVENTIETH YEAR.



THE FIRST YEAR OF
SIMON, THE HIGH PRIEST,
GOVERNOR AND PRINCE
OF THE JEWS.



IN SO MUCH THAT THEY
BESOUGHT SIMON TO MAKE
PEACE WITH THEM...AND HE
PUT THEM OUT FROM THENCE,
AND CLEANSED THE CASTLE
FROM FILTHINESS.



THEY ENTERED INTO IT WITH
THANKSGIVING, AND BRANCHES
OF PALM TREES, AND WITH HARPS,
AND WITH CYMBALS... BECAUSE
THE GREAT ENEMY OF ISRAEL
WAS OVERCOME.



SIMON ALSO
SEEING THAT
JOHN HIS SON
WAS NOW A MAN,
HE MADE HIM
CAPTAIN OF ALL
THE HOSTS...



SO HE WENT, AND OVERCAME
THE ARMY OF DEMETRIUS,
AND TOOK HIM, AND BROUGHT
HIM TO ARSACES, WHO KEPT
HIM IN WARD.



THEN ALL THE LAND OF JUDAH
WAS IN REST, SO LONG AS
SIMON LIVED... ISRAEL HAD
PERFECT MIRTH AND JOY:
FOR EVERY MAN SAT UNDER
HIS VINE AND HIS FIG TREES.



SIMON ALSO WON THE
CITY OF JOPPE TO HIS
GREAT HONOR TO BE AN
HAVEN TOWN, AND MADE
IT AN ENTRANCE VNTTO
THE ISLES OF THE SEA.



THE ELDERS SAT IN THE
OPEN PLACES... AND THE
YOUNG MEN WERE
HONORABLY CLOTHED
AND ARMED.



WHICH WRITINGS WERE READ
BEFORE THE CONGREGATION
AT JERUSALEM, AND THIS IS
THE COPY OF THE LETTERS
THAT THE SPARTANS SENT...

"THE SENATORS
AND CITY OF SPARTA
UNTO SIMON THE GREAT
PRIEST, AND TO THE
ELDERS... GREETING.
NUMENIUS AND ANTIPATER
CAME UNTO US TO RENEW
AMITY..."

AFTER THIS, SIMON
SENT NUMENIUS TO ROME,
WITH A GREAT SHIELD OF
GOLD OF A THOUSAND
POUND WEIGHT, TO CONFIRM
THE FRIENDSHIP WITH THEM.



IN THE EIGHT AND
TWENTIETH DAY OF THE
MONTH ELUL... IN THE
GREAT CONGREGATION
OF THE PRIESTS, AND
OF THE PEOPLE...



SIMON THE SON OF
MATTATHIAS... AND
HIS BRETHREN PUT
THEMSELVES IN DANGER,
AND RESISTED THE
ENEMIES OF THEIR
NATION, THAT THEIR
SANCTUARY AND LAW
MIGHT BE MAINTAINED...



HE FORTIFIED ALSO THE
CITIES OF JUDEA, AND
BETH-SURA THAT LIETH
UPON THE BORDERS...
AND SET THERE A GARRISON.



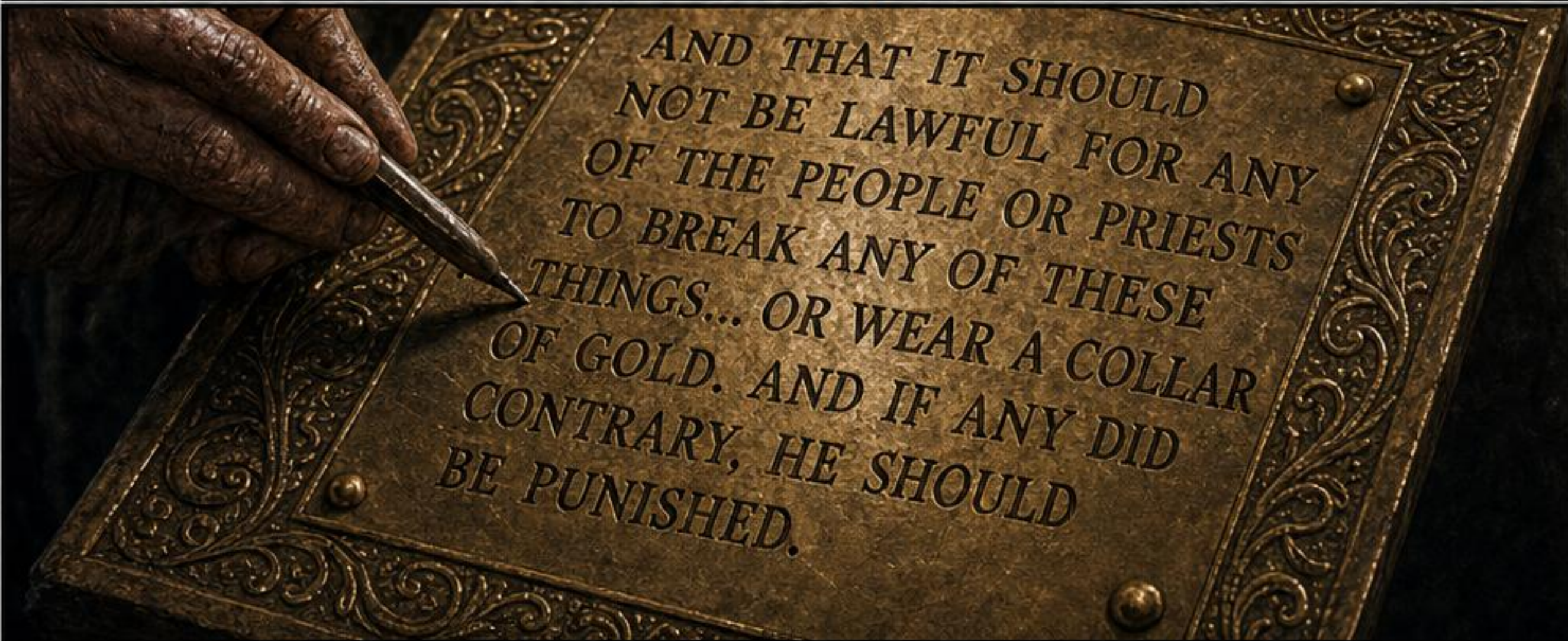
FOR IN HIS TIME THEY
PROSPERED WELL BY HIM...
SO THAT THE HEATHEN
WERE TAKEN OUT OF THEIR
COUNTRY... AND HE SET
JEWS IN IT, AND
FORTIFIED IT.



THE JEWS AND PRIESTS
CONSENTED THAT SIMON
SHOULD BE THEIR PRINCE
AND HIGH PRIEST
PERPETUALLY, TILL GOD
RAISED UP THE TRUE
PROPHET... AND THAT HE
SHOULD BE CLOTHED IN
PURPLE, AND WEAR GOLD.



AND THAT IT SHOULD
NOT BE LAWFUL FOR ANY
OF THE PEOPLE OR PRIESTS
TO BREAK ANY OF THESE
THINGS... OR WEAR A COLLAR
OF GOLD. AND IF ANY DID
CONTRARY, HE SHOULD
BE PUNISHED.



SO IT PLEASED ALL THE PEOPLE
TO AGREE THAT IT SHOULD BE
DONE TO SIMON ACCORDING
VNTO THESE WORDS. SIMON
ALSO ACCEPTED IT, AND WAS
CONTENT TO BE THE HIGH PRIEST.



AND THEY COMMANDED
TO SET UP THIS WRITING
IN TABLES OF BRASS, AND
TO FASTEN IT TO THE WALL
THAT COMPASSED THE
SANCTUARY IN AN OPEN
PLACE.



AND THAT A COPY OF THE
SAME SHOULD BE LAID UP
IN THE TREASURY, THAT
SIMON AND HIS SONS
MIGHT HAVE IT.



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