



# Walking with God Session Ten

## Chapter Ten: Maccabean Revolt



*Appalling Abomination*

### Reflect:

- God used a young Greek emperor to unify language and culture throughout his empire. Who was this?
- Upon his death, who tolerated the Jewish ways of life? Who did not tolerate Judaism? How did the Jews react to the persecution?
- How do you think you would react?

### Act One: The Maccabees

- What happened in Greek gymnasiums? How did some Jews “fit in”?
- How did Antiochus Epiphanes persecute the Jews?
- How did Mattathias and his five sons respond?
- Who are the Hasidim?
- What did Judas Maccabeus do?
- Describe the Feast of Lights.
- Is Judas’ alliance with Rome going to end well?
- What is wrong with Jonathan in the eyes of the Essenes?
- What is meant by “Hasmonean Dynasty”?
- How does Judea lose its independence?



### Act Two: An Alternative to Violence

- Who were the martyrs of the Maccabean period?
- What does their witness to faith tell us?
- How does this foreshadow Jesus?