

1 Maccabees 9-12 - Jonathan the General

1. These chapters tell of more battles and political plots, this time with Jonathan as leader of the Jewish forces. Select just one of these stories, one which sounds intriguing to you.

1 Maccabees 9:23-73 Jonathan defeats the renegade Bacchides

1 Maccabees 10:1-50 Jonathan becomes High Priest, allies with King Alexander, who defeats King Demetrius

1 Maccabees 10:51-89 Jonathan and King Alexander defeat Apollonius

1 Maccabees 11:1-37 Jonathan allies with King Alexander against Ptolemy, the King of Egypt

1 Maccabees 11:38-59, 12:39-53, Jonathan is caught up in the intrigues of Trypho and finally is defeated

2. Summarize the story you have chosen as best as you can in this space:

3. If you were Jonathan, what would you have done differently?