

Session Seven – MACCABEAN REVOLT

and MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT

FAITHFUL JEWS FIGHT TO PRESERVE THEIR IDENTITY
CHRIST JESUS FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISES



The Flight Into Egypt by Edwin Long

Session Seven Talk Notes

- I. Maccabean Revolt
 - A. The Maccabean Revolt on the Chart
 - B. Remembering the world powers: “Eat A Big Purple GRape”
 - C. Historical background
 1. 336 BC – Alexander the Great
 2. 301 BC – The Ptolemies begin rule from Egypt
 - a. Septuagint (Greek translation of Hebrew Scriptures)
 - b. Tolerance
 3. 200 BC – Seleucid rule begins – enforced hellenization
 - D. Antiochus Epiphanes desecrates the Temple
 - E. Mattathias’ revolt
 - F. Purified Temple (Hanukkah, Feast of Dedication or Lights)
 - G. Judas Maccabeus, a “type” of the Messiah
 - H. Simon Maccabeus and sons: Hasmonean rule
 - I. Rome rises as the new world power

II. Transition to Messianic Fulfillment

- A. Developments in Judaism
- B. Setting the stage: the Roman Republic
 1. Rule of Julius Caesar
 2. Octavian defeats Mark Antony
 - a. Caesar Augustus: “son of God,” bearer of good news for the world
 - b. At this time: The real “God-man” is born in Bethlehem

III. Messianic Fulfillment: Part 1

- A. The Bible is Christocentric
- B. Who is Jesus?
 1. A Jew (tribe of Judah)
 2. A rabbi
 3. The promised Messiah
 4. One person, two natures (“hypostatic union”)
 5. The only-begotten Son of God
- C. Jesus recapitulates the “story” and fulfills it in his life
 1. Matthew 3–4
 2. Early World
 - a. The first Garden, Eden; last garden, Gethsemane
 - b. First and last Adam, the woman and her seed
 3. Patriarchs: Abraham will sacrifice his son; God offers his Son
 4. Egypt and Exodus: Passover lamb; God’s Paschal Lamb, Jesus
 5. Desert Wanderings: Israel wanders forty years; Jesus in desert forty days
 6. Conquest and Judges: Joshua enters Canaan from Jordan; Jesus begins public ministry there
 7. Royal Kingdom: God establishes his throne through David; Jesus assumes the throne of David
 8. Divided Kingdom: Israel loses access to the Temple; Jesus becomes the new Temple
 9. Exile – Ezekiel: God himself will shepherd his sheep; Jesus is the Good Shepherd
 10. Return: Israel returns from exile; Jesus leads people back from exile and sin
 11. Maccabean Revolt: Judas Maccabeus leads revolt against enemy Greece; Jesus leads final revolt against true enemy, Satan and sin

- God's people will have a land, nation, and kingdom.
- The kingdom will be ruled by one who sits on the throne of David forever.
- Israel will be a source of blessing for the entire world.

7. Based on Jeff's presentation, what are six things Jesus has come to do?

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Closing Prayer

God's plan unfolded through history and gives us the "story" for our lives. Let us pray in the name of Jesus.

Mattathias and his sons stood up against the threats of hellenization:

R: Help us resist worldliness in our culture and follow only you.

You sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to fulfill all your promises:

R: Give us new life in him.

Our Father ...

Home Preparation: Looking Ahead

At the close of his earthly ministry, Jesus commissions his apostles to spread the message of salvation to the ends of the earth. The seed of Abraham, bearing fruit in the Church, will now become a blessing to the world.

Use your Chart to fill in the following information about this final period:

Period name: THE CHURCH Approximate dates: _____

Period color: _____ Color meaning: _____

Name the three "waves of witness" that form the structure of this period:

Read the following passages to prepare for the periods of **MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT: PART 2** and **THE CHURCH**:

MESSIANIC FULFILLMENT: PART 2:	Luke 22–24	The Last Supper and the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus
THE CHURCH	Acts 1:1-11	The Ascension
	Acts 2	Pentecost
	Acts 7–8	Stephen's martyrdom; the message begins to spread
	Acts 9–11	Saul's conversion; Peter's vision

Home Preparation: Review

Using your Chart or Bookmark, review the *The Bible Timeline* period colors and meanings. Have you memorized the colors yet? Complete the list that you started on page 37:

	Period Name	Color	Color Meaning	Phrase
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