

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Feast of Dedication also known as the Festival of Lights,
Reminds us of the rededication of the temple after putting foul heathens to flight.

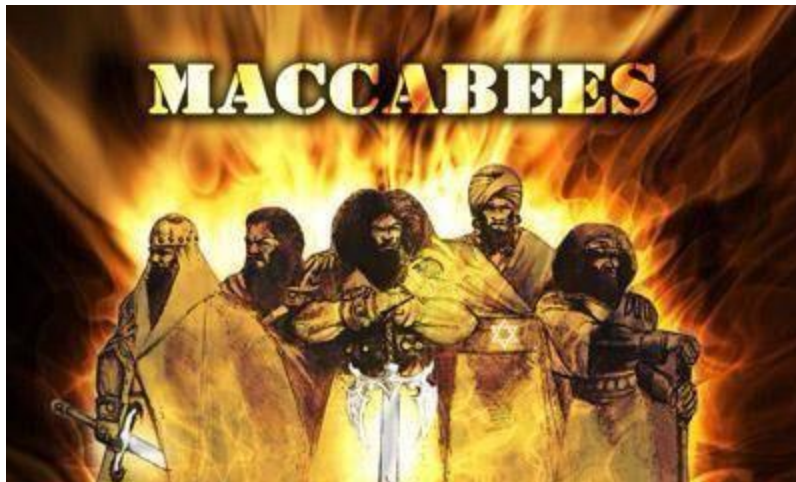
In this account we are made to recall,
King Antiochus the Greek oppressor the most heinous of all.



He profaned and made the sanctuary of The Most High desolate,
Forced the Jews to adopt pagan rituals and made them desecrate.

Hellenized and Gentiles our people became,
Embracing and enjoying the Greek fashions that offered no gain.

Georgias and his 5000 men came in the dark to fight,
But Judas and his army showed that Israel had great might.



Seeing that the enemy was discomfited,
They set out to cleanse the temple this they committed.

Now when they saw the defilement of the altar, the gates and the destruction of
the priests' chamber,

They put ashes upon their head and made great lamentation, the destruction they
saw, they would always remember.

Chosen were priests of blameless conversation, such as had pleasure in the law,
New vessels were made, a new altar built, the courts were hallowed, these things
had Israel in awe.

They successfully rededicated the temple of The Most High,
Celebrating throughout our generation, that the memorial shall not die.