

Lesson 5

From Alexander to Hanukkah & Maccabees

Questions for Discussion

1. Can you tell the story of Alexander the Great and his encounter with God? What impressed you the most? Do you think Alexander's worship was acceptable to God?
 2. The story of the Maccabean revolution is an important story. It is not found in our Bible. Where is it found? Have you read it? It is important to the Intertestamental Period?
 3. What similarities do you see between what Jews faced under Antiochus IV and what the church faces today within our own culture?
 4. Can you apply the story of Hanukkah to our Christmas celebration and the first coming of Christ? Do you believe Hanukkah foreshadows Christ? In what way?
 5. Do you now understand the expression "abomination of desolation?" How is it important for believers today to understand it? Explain what it is?
 6. Is the Intertestamental Period silent? Since God did such wonderful things to defend his people, why would we still call this period the "400 Years of Silence?"
 7. Can you describe and explain three important events of the Intertestamental Period/ Can you describe the event and show why it was an important prelude to the coming of Jesus Christ?
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