

Judah Maccabee

Judah Maccabee was a [Jewish patriot](#) who led a Jewish [rebellion](#) (the Maccabees) against the [Seleucid Empire](#). Judah opposed the Seleucid Emperor's attempts to suppress traditional Jewish culture and make the Jewish people more [Greek](#)-like. He liberated Jerusalem, removed Greek idols from the [Temple](#), and rededicated the Temple to the Jewish [God](#). Judah died in combat, but the rebellion that he had led did not stop. The rebellion's success led to the reestablishment of the kingdom of [Judah](#).

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