

## Chapter 7

Some Jews who were disloyal to Judas joined with supporters of the new king, Demetrius, to plot the overthrow of Judas.

Nicanor, one of the king's generals, was sent to defeat Judas and exterminate the Jews.

But when the battle took place, Nicanor himself died and his army was routed.

Once again the land experienced peace for a while.

Dear God, please protect us from people  
who are disloyal

## Chapter 8

Judas had heard about the Romans: how they had conquered many lands and yet acted in a friendly way to other nations.

Judas therefore sent representatives to Rome and an alliance was agreed to with the Romans.

Judas' aim was to obtain protection and peace for Israel.

Dear God, may peace and justice be the aim of all leaders

## Chapter 9

King Demetrius sent another army against Israel. The size of this army was so large that many of Judas' soldiers deserted him.

Judas had only a small force to fight the king's army. Judas could have saved his life by running away from the battle, but he courageously chose to stay and fight.