

Chapters 13, 14

After Jonathan's capture, Jonathan's brother Simon became leader of the Jews. He rallied the people to defend their land against an attack by Trypho.

Trypho was forced to abandon his attack by a heavy snowfall.

As he returned to his own land, he killed Jonathan.

Trypho killed Antiochus and became king of Asia.

Simon made peace with Demetrius.

He also renewed the treaties with Sparta and the Romans.

Israel had peace during the time of Simon.

Dear God, please give the world leaders
who work for peace

Chapter 15

In 138 B.C., Antiochus son of Demetrius made war with Trypho. This same Antiochus became hostile to Simon after the Romans renewed their treaty with Israel.

When Antiochus sent an army to attack Israel, Simon defeated that army.

A disloyal and ambitious Jew named Ptolemy got Simon and two of his sons drunk at a banquet and killed them.

Simon was succeeded by his son John as leader of the Jews.

Dear God, please protect good leaders from disloyalty