

Tcherickover: Historiographical Issues

- Timing of the Revolt
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Timing of Revolt

1Mac 1-2:1	2Mac 5-6+8	Dan 11:25-39
169, Antiochus subdues Egypt, enters Jslm, Temple seizes treasure		11:25-28: "shall stir up his power ... against the king of the south. .. His hart shall be set against the holy covenant"
	[?] Second invasion of Egypt. Jason attacks Jslm. Antiochus attacks Jerusalem, enters T, seizes treasure	11:29-30: "At the appointed time he shall ... come into the south, but ... ships from Kittim [=Rome, in 167].... He shall take action against the holy covenant ..."
[167] Two years later, tax collector invaded	Apollonius (=Tax collector?)	11:31- Forces sent by him shall occupy and profane the temple and fortress
	Judas escapes in the wilderness	
[?] "Then the king wrote to his whole kingdom"		
167 Desolating sacrilege	Athenian Senator sent to Jews, Samaritans	11:31 Abomination that makes desolate
[?] In those days Mattathias ... (Revolt)	[Ch. 8] Meanwhile Judas ...	

Nature of the Cult in Hellenized Jerusalem

Bickerman(n)'s hypothesis

- Desolating sacrilege/abomination that makes desolate
 - Hebrew *shiqqutz meshomem*
 - Punning references to *ba'al shamem*, Lord of Heaven
- The harmonizing cult of the **Jewish hellenizers** ("call it the temple of Olympian Zeus ...," 2 Mac 6:1-3)

Tcherickover's assessment?

Nature of the Revolt

- In general: a revolt sparked by persecution, under leadership of Hasmonaeans
- Tcherikover's refinement: A people's revolt in Jerusalem that precedes the Hasmonaeon leadership

Nature and Sponsors of Persecution

- In general: in response to the persecution
Then: Why persecute? --discuss
- Bickerman(n): Persecution sponsored by Hellenizers, aiming to suppress the segregating religion
- Tcherikover: Punitive, imposed by the king, because the **revolt preceded the persecution**
