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Mattathias Refusing to Sacrifice to False Gods — Lionel Royer

### *The Hammer of the Lord*

When Malice vies with Envy to proclaim  
That Israel had the courage to excel  
In all the arts of Peace, — but to rebel  
Against the tyrant and achieve the proud fame  
By dint of prowess worthy of its name  
And, sword in hand, to glory as he fell  
Upon the battlefield, he did not dare,—

Then O, then read the record of the deeds  
The Maccabees accomplished, how they freed  
Their kinsmen from the yoke; and in the flare  
Of trumpet sound and triumph scorned the greed  
Of pillage; and but hastened to repair  
The hallowed Shrine polluted by the foe,  
Whose wanton boasts the Lord of Host laid low.  
—George Alexander Kohut.

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