

Q. What other edict did Antiochus publish ?

A. He obliged the people to sacrifice to idols, or to suffer death without mercy.

Q. Mention some of the victims of this persecution.

A. Eleazer, a holy old man, ninety years of age, and a whole family called the Maccabees, consisting of seven brothers and their pious mother.

Q. In what other way did Antiochus show his hatred of the Jewish religion ?

A. He destroyed what he could of the sacred writings, and put to death whoever were possessed of them.

Q. Who was sent by God to assist His people ?

A. A holy priest named Mathathias,