

ambitious man named Tryphon, who put him, and his sons to death.

Q. How long did his brother Simon govern Judea?

A. Nine years, during which time he restored the temple and the city to most of its former splendor.

Q. How did Simon die?

A. He was murdered with two of his sons by the contrivance of Ptolemy, who hoped to rule in his place, but was disappointed.

Q. Who succeeded him?

A. His son, John Hyrcanus, whom his father had appointed general of the army.

Q. What is said of John Hyrcanus?

A. He was brave and pious like his father, and gained a great victory over