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### RESPONSE # 7

Son of Man Messiah, Death (crucifixion) suffering and Redemption:

In this Response # 7 I chose the reading text, Jesus death for others and the death of the Maccabean martyrs. Indeed, with concise and at the same time, thorough and revealing revelation, the Apostle Paul, when he wrote in the Book of Corinthians, that the message of the crucified Messiah was a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles. (1 Cor 1). Text about the suffering, death and vindication of servants of God, came up with various interpretations. What solidifies the fulness of the act of redemption (what Jesus did for humanity, by dying and sacrificing his sinless body in the crucifixion), shedding his sinless blood to redeem all of humanity. The firm conviction that God vindicated this eternal act was raising Jesus from the dead.

In much of the suffering, oppressed narratives, either a potential messianic martyr or an actual martyr are all protagonists, that are ready to die a violent death, rather than to disobey their God. 2 macc 7.37 corelates the conviction and mindset of a decided believer, with no fear of dying for what they believe in. The Maccabees text that was forementioned says, "I, like my brothers, give body and life for the laws of our fathers, appealing to God to show mercy soon to our nation and by afflictions and plagues, to make you confess that He alone is God. For the Christians Jesus is the son of God and Jesus is God, he was not just a righteous man. God delivered him from suffering and death, by raising him from the dead and highly exalting him,

giving him The name above every name; that in the Name of Jesus every knee must bow and every tongue must confess that Jesus is lord, in heaven, on earth and even under the earth.

(Philippians 2:10) The Maccabean martyrs are without a doubt righteous, virtuous, who truly showed the fear and reverence to God. The obedience of these Maccabean martyrs, brought a change in the fate of Israel, and of course the martyrdom of much of Apostles and Stephen, brought an impact change to the nation. In the Book of Daniel, Daniel and Sabdrac, Meshac, and Abegnego, even if they were not martyr, they were willing to die, to stay in obedience to the God of their belief. They were not martyr, but suffered much anguish and tribulations during their time of oppression and even if there was intervention on their behalf by the most high God, they suffered for the cause of the Most high God. God saved them from eminent violent death; because these men honored God, choosing to obey and not comply to the corruption around them. Their actions caused a real change and extreme impact in their nation, very clear long lasting turn of events.