



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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The weak in the hands of the strong, 1939.

1/ Popularity - "C. lights would shine forever"
[Draughts of Courage - Pride
Theme from Fresh - applicable - recurrent in

2/ Nation rose - degradation - defeat
[Beat back - expelled
Recaptured its Freedom - Honor
Resumed its mighty Role

[We treasure - not mainly
In these darkening days esp. - Warm glow
welcome
Gleams of Hope - Blackout - Stars - vigil
dark, storm - sweet skies.

[The Miracle will yet - Sanctuaries - Altars
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[Small Cruise

3/ Not only for Courage - restores; Pride - renewals
[Utter appropriateness - every age - Our Age
Perennial recency
Elemental struggle - stage - anticipated
amazing faithfulness & detail

Stage smaller - Forces fewer - darkling hour

Issues - motives - significance.

Had Max. Failed - no Jud. - no Christ.

Foreshadowed - long + deep - Syrian - 2 C.

all the wars - human Freedom - Sp. Indef.
rights of smaller nations

Rebels, under Matt + Judah, challenged Augustus
soldiers

4). Struggle ag. Totalitarianism - Attempt to
coordinate - vast fabric - circumamb. Paganism

Antiochus - consolidate decree.

"K. Antiochus wrote to his whole kingdom
"That all should be one people
"And every one should have his laws"

Heathen people offered no opposition: "all the
"heathen agreed according to the King"

no heathen - Greek or Roman - ever died for his Religion

Rel. a phase of politics - a change -

5). But Jews - some Jews - not all - did not want
another Levantine nationality
They abhorred Sp. deficiencies - Conventions -
Corruptions -

Not unmindful of same - Cultural - Gertrude - Philo⁽³⁾

(1) Materialism (2) Licenselessness & Impunity

(3) Cruelty (4) Slavery (5) War (6) Corruption

- Superior Faith - Higher Concepts - Noble Codes

- Consciousness not of Pol. Supremacy; Spirit. Insp.

- Missionary - not Pol. Conquest - 1900

- 1000 Years of Sp. educat. at the hands

- Jews had Israel ... In contrast even Roth

- not to speak of dreadful Hellenism

6/ And so - Sol. Dissident - Non-Conformist -

Antithesis - not afraid : Sp. Independence -
implied challenge

Legitimate Judaism - attach Freedom, that!
Sabbath - Schools

Burned 1911 - "Jupiter Olympique"

a Pagan Shrine -

Set up altars - Groves - chapels of idols
abominable - rituals.

Death - no concentration camps

7. "Then was great Wrath upon Israel" (4)

But - there remained a Few - scattered - hunted
into - Prison - Underground Movement
Religion worth dy ing for - opposed Totalit. -
Inevitable Challenged - Cautious -
Every thing must be sacrificed - Soul -
overwhelmed - Genius - slain .

Its Way of life - Concepts - Standards - justice
love - holiness - peace - perish - lost to .

8/ Not afraid - Weak - Few - Perfects
not a matter of Calculation - Finland
David - Golbath , one does not battle
with Destiny - ask for Handicaps -

9/ Unfurl - Summoned - Called in Caves
secret places - Salles - Small outposts
Guerrilla Warfare - Pulled down altars
Numbers grew - Followers of
Samana , Seron of Syria , Lynx .

"Fear ye not their multitude!"
"They come against us with Pride & Iniquity to
destroy us - But we Fight for our Lives & our Laws"

10/ And they won! Spirit shined over Face! (5)
The weak in hum- strong in Faith shined
Mystery & Miracle - For 1600 or 18

11/ Strange - power Aggressor Nations - pick for
their adversaries - Italy - Germ - Russia
Afraid - as strong - "Civil War"
No glory - heroism - shameless invasions
in Victory - Certainly not in Defeat
"Bullies".

12/ Israel was privileged to have as its
adversaries - the greatest empires of the
always the most powerful - Spain
and won - survived -
Soul -less Empire - People with soul
ashes - resurrected -

"Many kings have sat down upon the
ground, but one that was never that
of hath worn the crown" - dream

13/ How weak are we? Down-filled - Gall - ¹⁶

And yet by all records - tests

So strong - fear us - not us -

Experiments of Total. Neo-Pag. of 20C.

Our Sp. dissonance - our Faith of Freedom -

our Code - Justice - Brotherhood - Peace -

Cannot destroy them - without first dest. us

Thwart their pagan imperialism

"Jacques Maritain" (Inst.)

14/ Battle joined again - as it was - 2) But

Israel again symbol out chief adversary

Sanctuaries - altars - lights - law abrogated

Small nations martyred.

15/ To whom belongs Victory today? Ask

- Lusaka - i' z' i'

- Say - with God - it is all one

- Not afraid of being - Minorities - Small in

size - "Bee is little among such as
"fly, but his print is the chief of sweet
things"

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- Ready to suffer - life worthy of suffering
 - Prepared to hold their starting watch
- in defense - life noble - death heroic

16/ Judah M - example - model

"Where passed a great man's steps, there lies the road"

He attacked! Let us attack! Rally
- all that is evil - multitudes -

Temple cleansed -  crise - illumine
our world again - First one by one
1972 / 1981

17/ As for Israel:

"The days, the life, man may be numbered.
But the days, Israel are innumerable"