

There is a fortress in Israel called Masada, which you won't find mentioned in the Bible. But in about A.D. 70, after Jerusalem had been destroyed again, this time by the Roman armies, a small group of rebels held out in that fortress high upon a huge, steep mountain overlooking the Dead Sea. These men, with no hope of victory whatsoever, committed suicide rather than surrender. The fortress at Masada is a little different from the other fortresses in Israel in that its defenders were men completely dedicated to what they believe in. Though their physical fortress failed, the defenders kept the faith, and the Israelis of today in remembrance sometimes use the battle cry, 'Masada shall never fall' to represent their total dedication to their cause. Indeed, it will always stand firm in their hearts. We must have this kind of dedication to our cause, and be faithful unto death as those defenders were.