In Exile and Return Martin Gilbert takes us through the 3000 year old attachment of the Jewish people to the Land of Israel, examining the roots and right. Since the re-establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, her existence has been threatened in many ways. In seven wars, in a sustained and brutal Arab war of terrorism, mainly targeting Israel's women and children, in vicious and hateful propaganda onslaughts and in repeated denials of her right to exist at all as a sovereign Jewish state. The Jews returned after several decades and rebuilt the Temple in Jerusalem. Later Syrian armies conquered the Land of Israel but they were driven out in 168 BCE by a Jewish revolt led by Judas Maccabee, and for a hundred years the Jews were again independent.