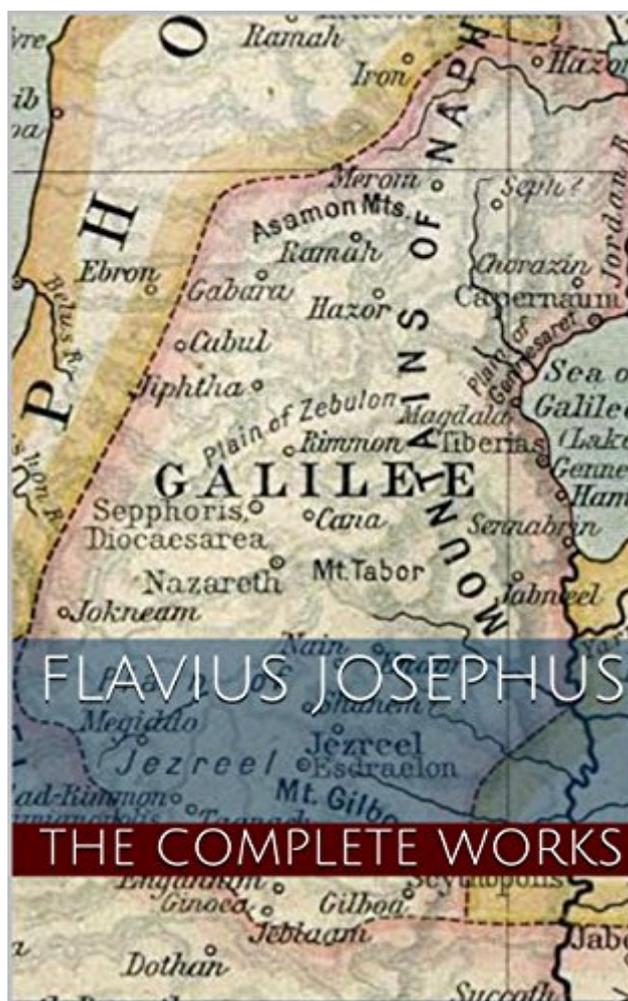


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## Synopsis

Titus Flavius Josephus (37 – c. 100), born Joseph ben Matityahu, was a first-century Romano-Jewish scholar, historian and hagiographer, who was born in Jerusalem. He fought against the Romans during the First Jewish–Roman War as head of Jewish forces in Galilee, until surrendering in 67 to Roman forces led by Vespasian. Josephus recorded Jewish history, with special emphasis on the first century AD and the First Jewish–Roman War. His most important works are *The Jewish War* and *Antiquities of the Jews*. This collection includes all of Josephus' surviving works and links to free audiobook version of all works. Included are the following works: *The Antiquities of the Jews*, *The Wars of the Jews*, *Against Apion*, *The Life of Flavius Josephus*, *An Extract Out of Josephus's Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades*. Included are links to audiobooks for the following works: *The Antiquities of the Jews*, *The Wars of the Jews*, *Against Apion*, *The Life of Flavius Josephus*, *An Extract Out of Josephus's Discourse to the Greeks Concerning Hades*. Note that Josephus' authorship of the *Discourse To The Greeks Concerning Hades* is being questioned by some scholars who instead attribute the work to Hippolytus of Rome.

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If you are interested in Roman and Biblical history this is an interesting book to read. A good translation is actually enjoyable. He was a Hellenistic Jew who became really Romanized and became an apologist for his people, explaining their history and traditions. I read it in High School Latin class and in College and several times since.

If you see the problems of the Middle East to be a consequence of 20th century history, you should read this book. You will realize the 'Middle East' bedeviled empires from the ancient Egyptians onward. At the heart of it lies the Israelite nation and Jewish identity. Josephus' account of the ultimate destruction of the pre-Christian Judaic world in 70 AD is heartbreaking to read, not only for the brutality of the events, but more so for its causes. The account of the First Jewish War is almost as good a history as Thucydides' *History of the Peloponnesian War*. **WARNING FOR THOSE WHO BUY THE KINDLE VERSION...** This book is, as is Jewish history itself, very, very long - about 1200 pages in print.

Somewhat repetitive. There were instances where I thought I was rereading the same chapter. I did however appreciate this e book version for studying the times in which parts of the Bible were lived so I could have historical perspective on the time when Jesus and the Apostles lived in Judea.

Be aware this is an older edition of the Josephus, complete with archaic vocabulary and no editor's notes or commentary (that I can yet find). Hence the budget price. Whereas, both Paul Maier editions, the "Essential" (1995) and "Complete" (1999) Josephus, also use the old Whiston translation (1737), but with the invaluable addition of Maier's commentary, discussion of historical background, updated spelling and vocabulary, pictures, maps, charts, cross-references to Loeb numbers, indexes, etc. See

<http://www..com/Complete-Works-Josephus-H-Flavius-Josephus/dp/0825429242/>. Neither Maier editions are available digitally (as of this note). My rating is for this edition.

Josephus was a Jewish historian living in 100 A.D. He details much of early Jewish history, its battles and interaction with God. The detail provided by Josephus is overwhelming at times. How he obtained so much detail on Moses for example, is remarkable. Josephus writing includes more details of our Creation than described in Genesis.

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