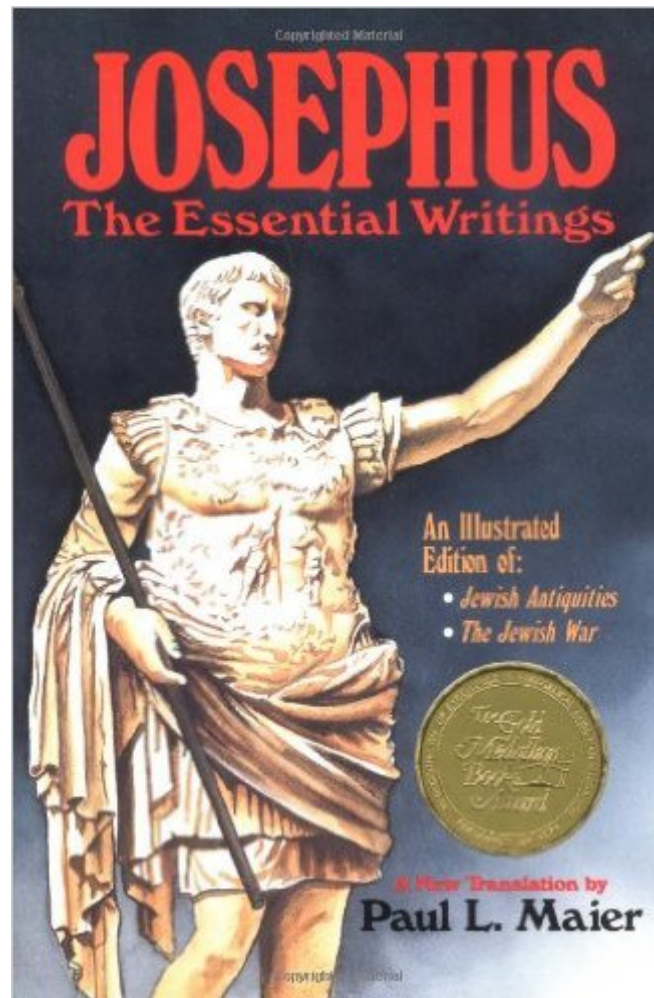


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For most people, such as myself, reading all of Josephus' Antiquities and The Jewish War is a daunting and time-consuming task. This book does a wonderful job of summarizing both of these important works in under 400 pages. It's easy reading and the footnotes and timelines added by Mr. Maier are helpful. If you want to learn about ancient Hebrews and Israelites as well as the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans(which Josephus witnessed)then this is your book without

reading the complete and voluminous works of Josephus then here's your book. I should note that the majority of Antiquities paraphrases what is already found in the Old Testament, which is common knowledge to scholars in this subject.

Instead of reading through a lot of Old English interpretation and opinion, the facts here are presented straightforward, clear and easy to read for the average reader. The pictures help immensely as they transport you to the era. Still, the book is thorough and stuffed with facts, historical, personal and cultural. A great buy for anyone interested in this period.

Great book. This abridged version gets right to the heart of what you are looking for. Maier has done a good job. Josephus gets a little wordy at times. Maier does not leave out any pertinent information and where something has been omitted he informs the reader. This book is worth the price for the story of the fall of Jerusalem alone.

I first tried to read Josephus by itself and found that it was too much. Dr. Maier has condensed a voluminous amount of information into a very readable book.

An updated compilation of Josephus writings in a modern prose. Compiled by Paul Maier a highly respected scholar of Bible and ancient history. A great addition to a Bible library and history students library. Securely shipped and efficiently received

What a great way to read history! This book is a condensed writing of the works of Josephus, easy to read and Dr. Maier has footnoted when Josephus had "more" to say in case you wanted to check out the omitted parts. It is a book that, when read from the beginning to the end, give you a full picture of the times of the ancient Jewish people.

somewhat difficult to read because so many characters had the same name. And most of the history was written in almost outline form so that so many of the wars and battles seemed to blend together in my mind. The easiest part came at the end with Titus battling Jerusalem.

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