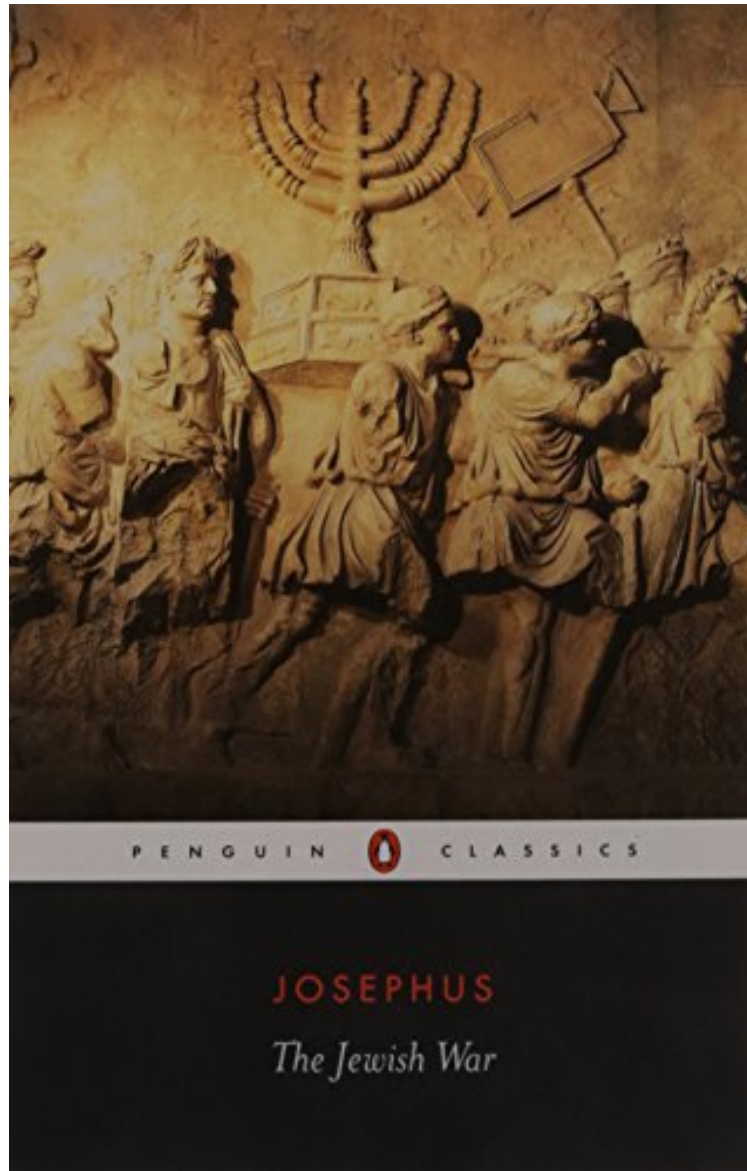


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4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Must-read, and I love this translation By Dean Cox The five stars are for the translator. Josephus is what he is: a first century Jew, soldier, historian, and opportunist. Without him we have virtually no record of the first thirty years of the Church, or the lead-up, execution, and clean-up of the Jewish

rebellion against Rome, the most horrendous experience any nation, before or since, says the author - the worst possible war. There are stories of those who wanted to placate Rome to save lives and treasure; those who wanted to kill all Romans; horrible Jewish crime bosses who butchered the innocent; women eating their children within the walls of Jotapata while Roman siege-works (broken only by the bald heroism and brilliance of the author, so he says), starved thousands; breaking down Jerusalem's walls and Romans becoming sick at seeing what Jews had done to Jews, with blood running in high rivers down the alleys. After reading this book, you will understand why so many have identified the Beast of Revelation with Nero. You'll read the primary source for the famous mass suicide at the top of Masada. A 7 year war. A great tribulation. Many fulfilled New Testament prophecies within their own generation. If you're a Preterist, it's evidence that the premils could be mistaken. If you're a premil, you may have some explaining to do. Although Josephus exaggerates and clearly sucks up to Rome, *The Jewish War* is a must-read for any Bible student or church historian. The problem has been that forever, it seems, Whiston was the only translation of the book, and I'm guessing that's why so few people read it. Even if forced to read it for school credit, it made you want to cut your wrists. I discovered Williamson's translation in a bruised book store by accident a few years ago, and suddenly the book was a page-turner; I couldn't put it down. I missed meals. Then I was happy to find it on Kindle. You can get Whiston on Kindle too, but I see no reason to. Now, with Williamson's touch, *The Jewish War* is readable again, so there should be no excuse for missing this treasure!

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By Kenneth M. Nollett
This is a great book, but the Kindle version is awful. It looks like they did an OCR of the print version and then did no quality checking. At one point, it refers to the "great dungs" in the temple. The word "die" comes out as "the" almost every single time. As in "they were prepared to the." It's readable, but it takes some effort.

Josephus' account of a war marked by treachery and atrocity is a superbly detailed and evocative record of the Jewish rebellion against Rome between AD 66 and 70. Originally a rebel leader, Josephus changed sides after he was captured to become a Rome-appointed negotiator, and so was uniquely placed to observe these turbulent events, from the siege of Jerusalem to the final heroic resistance and mass suicides at Masada. His account provides much of what we know about the history of the Jews under Roman rule, with vivid portraits of such key figures as the Emperor Vespasian and Herod the Great. Often self-justifying and divided in its loyalties, *The Jewish War* nevertheless remains one of the most immediate accounts of war, its heroism and its horrors, ever written.

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About the Author
Josephus was born in 37 AD. He was one of the Jewish leaders at the time of the revolt of the Jews in the reign of Nero. His two most important works are *The Jewish War* and *The Jewish Antiquities*.