

Titus' Legions V, X, XII, XV
 XII earlier defeated at Beth Horon.

- 1 Julius Caesar 49-44BC
- 2 Augustus 27BC-14AD
- 3 Tiberius 14-37AD
- 4 Gaius (Caligula) 37-41AD
- 5 Claudius 41-54AD
- 6 Nero 54-68AD June
- 7-9 Galba, Otho, Vitellius 69AD
- 10 Vespasian 69-79AD
- 11 Titus 79-81AD 12 Dom. 81-96AD

Destruction of Jerusalem & temple 70AD

Deut 31:16
 ...this people will rise & play the harlot & they will forsake Me & break My covenant...

Gen 12:1 Now the Lord said to Abraham...
 3 I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

The people of the Church in Jerusalem were commanded by an oracle given by revelation before the war to those in the city who were worthy of it to depart & dwell in one of the cities of Perea which they called Pella. To it those who believed on Christ traveled from Jerusalem, so that when holy men had altogether deserted the royal capital of the Jews & the whole land of Judaea...
 -Eusebius (325AD), Church history 3, 5, 3
 Irenaeus was (130-202AD)

Lamentations 1:8
 ...Jerusalem has sinned gravely,....
 15....The Lord has trampled as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

- 7 Signs**
1. Star like sword 1 year.
 2. Light at altar of unleavened bread.
 3. Cow has lamb.
 4. East gate opens.
 5. Troops seen in sky.
 6. Quaking & voices.
 7. 7.5 yrs "Woe to Jerusalem"; Also false prophets, messiahs
- The Jewish Wars-Book 6, ch 5, 3&4

Rev 16:19 City divided in 3, Babylon in remembrance, wine of fierceness of His wrath...

Eleazar Ben Simon John of Gischala, **Simon bar Giora** with Zealots, priests, son of Levi, w Zealots. let into Jerusalem Jews killing at temple. Deceived Ananus with Idumeans as Betrayed by John, & Eleazar. Abusing fellow Jews, like women. who took temple. B4:9,10

Jewish rebels turned on each other and Rome. All Judea in madness. 3 groups of Jews killing one another, then 2 groups, until final destruction.



Fall of Jerusalem & Temple 70AD
 1,100,000 Dead
 97,000 slaves
 40 yrs after rejecting Jesus.
 How much more we.

Persecution of Christians was quite significant from Jews before 70AD. Synagogue of satan persecuting church, Rev 2:9 Smyrna & 3:9 Philadelphia. Abomination of desolation, Jerusalem surrounded, this gen. Matt 24:15, Luke 21:20 Jerusalem to be tread underfoot by Gentiles. Luke 21:20-24, Rev. 11. Mark 13:14 Blood of prophets etc. required of this generation. Luke 11:50, 51; Matt 24:34 Jews 1st to turn to Jesus as Messiah foretold by OT prophets. Jews, 1st persecutors of fellow Jews (called Christians) turning to Jesus Christ. Nero was 1st Emperor persecuting Christians. 70AD Jerusalem & temple fall. 70AD - Christians continue in Christ. Unbelieving Jews create a new religion, later write the Talmud (Babylonian & Jerusalem), their text for Rabbinic Judaism.

Hail, weight of talent. Rev 16:21
 Jewish War Book 5, ch 3 & 6

X Legion Mt. of Olives
 Land promise fulfilled
 Josh 21:43 So the LORD gave to Israel all the land of which He had sworn to give...
 Josh 23:12-16; 24:20

Land area
 2 Sam 8:3; 1 Kings 4:21
 Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from Euphrates r. to land of Philistines, to border of Egypt.

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Masada 73-74AD
 Sicarii, Zealots, opposed Rome.
 Killing in all Judea.
 Killed 700 Romans at Masada & took it.
 Mass suicide of 960 Jews later rather than turn to God.
 2 women, 5 children hid and survived.

Deut 30:19...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;
 Star coin during Bar Kokhba revolt.
 False Messiah. Blood to horse nostrils.
 Jerusalem Talmud Ta'anit 4:6.
 Maccabean Revolt 167-160BC
 Kito's War 115-117AD
 Bar Kokhba revolt 132-136AD

Josephus, Jewish historian - Antiquities - Jesus, John the baptist, James, etc. Jewish war - fall 70AD.

Jewish Antiquities by Josephus on Jesus. Book 18, chapter 3
 Now there was about this time Jesus a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man; for he was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him; for he appeared to them alive again the 3rd day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him. And the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.
 Jewish War was written by 75/76AD. Jewish Antiquities was written by Josephus some 20 yrs later, 93AD.

Jewish Antiquities by Josephus on James & Jesus. Book 20, chapter 9
 But this younger Ananus, who, as we have told you already took the high priesthood, was a bold man in his temper and very insolent; he was also of the sect of the Sadducees, who are very rigid in judging offenders, above all the rest of the Jews, as we already observed; when, therefore, Ananus was of this disposition, he thought he had now a proper opportunity (to exercise his authority). Festus was now dead, and Albinus was but upon the road; so he assembled the Sanhedrin of judges, and brought before them the brother of Jesus, who was called Christ, whose name was James, and some others (or some of his companions); and when he had formed an accusation against them as breakers of the law, he delivered them to be stoned: Ananus is the 5th H Priest son of Annas. Jesus first was taken to Annas

Book 2, ch 14 Procurators Festus, Felix, Albinus, finally Florus, who's barbarous acts instigate Jews to war: Birds sacrificed in front of synagogue defiled it. Instead of helping, Florus plunders upper market, kills 3,600, including Equestrian Order who are Jewish by birth but Roman dignity.

Book 2, ch 17 Romans killed at Masada. Caesar sacrifice rejected: At same time, Eleazar, governor of temple, son of Ananias, the High priest, persuaded others to receive no gift or sacrifice for any foreigner. This was the true beginning with our war with Romans.

Book 2, ch 17 Rebels have lower city & temple. Kings soldiers driven out of upper city (Mt. Zion) by Sicarii & robbers: Jewish rebels set fire to house of Ananias the High Priest, & palace of Agrippa & Bernice; also where the archives were deposited to burn contracts to creditors to dissolve debts to gain multitude of those having debts, to persuade poor to join them.

Book 2, ch 17 Antonia taken and the garrison killed: Kings soldiers flee to palace, then to royal towers, Hippicus, Phasaelus, Mariamme. Jews continued to kill one another for power in Jerusalem even on the Sabbath day. Slaughters began throughout other regions between Jews & foreigners, not sparing women or children. Many were killed for greediness of gain and plunder, cities were filled with dead.

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Book 5, ch 1 Jews destroy own food supply in Jerusalem: Rebels in Jerusalem destroyed their own food supply. Use sacred materials for engines of war. Many priests killed along with others. No burials allowed.

Book 5, ch 1 Jerusalem divided in 3, as wild beast grown mad: 3 factions like a wild beast grown mad devouring itself. Eleazar ben Simon, John of Gischala, Simon bar Giora with Idumean robbers, let in by people, had control of upper city & parts of lower city.

Book 5, ch 3: 3 factions to 2 in Jerusalem, killing at temple: John sends his men (Sicarii, Zealots) with hidden curved daggers (Sicca) under cloaks during feast of Unleavened Bread. Eleazar & his men flee to caverns. Many killed at temple. John takes control of inner temple to fight against Simon.

Book 5, ch 3, 6 Ground leveled. White stones weigh a talent: Hedges, gardens, fruit trees cut from Scopus to Herod's monuments by Serpents' Pool, all leveled. White stones cast by Legion X weighing a talent (75lbs) into Jerusalem. They cried aloud... "The Son comes" when seeing stones come.

Book 5, ch 8 Jews blinded of their transgressions. Famine: For God had blinded their minds to the transgressions they had been guilty of, nor would they see how much greater forces the Romans had than those that were now expelled, no more than they could discern how a famine was creeping on them.

Book 5, ch 9 Titus raises banks. Josephus to persuade Jews: Titus raised banks at John's monument to take upper city, at Antonia to take temple. Jews resisted strongly with engines of war. Titus sent Josephus to persuade Jews to spare themselves, their country & temple. Josephus told them they were fighting against not only the Romans but God Himself. Reminds them of history of God's judgement & help, that God is toward the righteous not the wicked. Josephus calls them insensible creatures, more stupid than stones. Reminds them how waters around Jerusalem had stopped flowing for them but began to flow for Titus.

Book 5, ch 10 Torturing fellow Jews. Titus crucifies but pities: Fruitful in wickedness, tormenting, robbing, killing, unyielding rebellious. Jews driving stakes up fundaments of fellows as torture or exercising their madness. Titus captures 500 per day, they are whipped, tortured, crucified to bring fear to the others but he pitied them.

Book 5, ch 12 Titus encompasses Jerusalem with dirt wall: Jerusalem encompassed by dirt wall. Valleys full of dead bodies thrown out of city. Titus spreading out his hands to heaven, called God to witness that this was not his doing....

Book 5, ch 13 Bellies cut for gold. Sacred objects melted. Starved: In one night 2,000 Jews bellies cut for gold. Josephus said in reality it was God who condemned the whole nation. John when he finished plundering people, melted sacred objects of the temple. The starving eat animal dung.

Book 6, ch 2 Titus and soldiers want to preserve temple: Book 6, ch 3 Mary roasts her own son, eats him: City trembles as if unheard of action had been done by themselves. They were very desirous to die. Refused peace. Romans have pity & anger.

Book 6, ch 5 Believed false prophets & signs. Disregard God: 5th Trumpet: star fall, bottomless pit, locusts, power as scorpion, hurt men without seal of God on foreheads, hair of women, teeth of lions. Rev 9:1