

Jewish sects - Roman rulers

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Jewish War Book 2, ch 8, sec 2. Life 2. Antiquities Book 18, ch 1; 13, ch 5, sec 9.

Pharisees:

Esteemed most skillful in exact explanation of their laws. Ascribe all to fate, & providence, to God. To do right or contrary, is mainly in power of men, though fate does cooperate in every action. All souls are incorruptible, good are removed to other bodies to live, bad to eternal punishment.

Sadducees:

They say God is not concerned with our doing or not doing evil. They don't believe in fate. Doing good or evil is man's own choice. No immortality of souls or punishments & rewards in Hades. Toward one another in some degree wild, even in own party conversation is as barbarous as if they were strangers. They think it virtue to dispute with teachers of philosophy whom they frequent.

Essenes:

Great affection one for another. Teach immortality, reward. Reject pleasure as evil, & conquer over passions. Among them, no poverty, or excess of riches, possessions intermingled. Carry nothing w them but take weapons for fear of thieves. Bathe in cold. Piety toward God great, exceed all other men to virtue in righteousness. Faithful ministers of peace. Some foretell things to come, by reading holy books, using of purifications, & being conversant in discourses of the prophets, seldom miss in their predictions. Two orders differ on marriage, one being, if not marrying it fails mankind, however it isn't for pleasure. Not offering sacrifices at temple but send offering.

Zealots:

Authored by Judas of Galilee (Acts 5:37). Burnt homes, stole cattle to resist Roman tax. Agree with Pharisees but have attachment to Liberty, & say God is to be their only Ruler & Lord. They don't count cost of dying, nor heed deaths of relations & friends. In Florus' time the nation grew mad with this disease when Florus abused his authority to make them revolt from the Romans.



Sicarii- Menahem & Eleazar ben Ya'ir led Zelots with curved daggers to kill Romans & their sympathizers at Antonia, Masada, Ein Gedi (700 women & children killed), etc.

Roman Prefects/Procurators (Governors to procure taxes) in Judea.

King Herod the Great dies 4BC, his son Archelaus rules till 6BC, then procurators are assigned.

Coponius.	6-9AD	Annas appointed by Romans as H priest. Revolt of Judas the Galilean.
Marcus Ambivulus	9-12AD	Originally a cavalry officer.
Annius Rufus	12-15AD	Caesar Augustus dies 14AD in Rome during his rule.
Valerius Gratus	15-26AD	Annas deposed by Gratus, followed by his son then son in law, Caiaphas.
Pontius Pilate	26-36AD	A Prefect (Military leader also procuring tax) When Jesus crucified.
Marcellus/Marullus	36-41AD	"Overseer". Caiaphas out. Steven stoned by Jews death sentence.

Herod Agrippa I 41-44AD (grandson of Herod the Great). Made king. Given Judea & Samaria. Well liked by Jews. He killed James, son of Zebedee, imprisoned Peter (Acts 12). Called a god, didn't give glory to God, struck down, eaten of worms. (Acts 12, Jewish Antiqu. 19,8,2).
Herod Agrippa II Son of Agrippa I. Ruled outside of Judea. Overthrown by Jews 66AD.

Cuspius Fadus	44-46AD	False prophet Theseus lures many to Jordan river. Head was cut off.
Tiberius Julius Alexander	46-48AD	Jewish Prefect, 2nd under Titus at fall. Prophesied famine hit Judea.
Ventidius Cumanus	48-52AD	Jewish/Samaritan conflicts. Riot in temple from Roman exposing insult.
Antonius Felix	52-60AD	Has high priest Jonathan killed. Holds Paul 2 yrs in hopes for a bribe.
Porcius Festus	60-62AD	He, Agrippa, Bernice hear Paul who is declared innocent, sent to Rome.
Luceius Albinus	62-64AD	James, bro to Jesus stoned by Ananus while Albinus gone. Woe to Jer.
Gessius Florus	64-66AD	Injustice starts Jew revolt. Leg. XII defeated at Beth Horon by Eleazar.

Jewish Revolt 66-70AD Jerusalem & temple destroyed. God's city & temple free above in Jesus.
Vettulenus Cerialis 70-71AD These are commanders of X Legion from 70-120?AD
Lucilius Bassus 71?-73AD
L. Flavius Silva 73-?AD Masada falls. 960 men, women, children suicide. 2 wo, 5 ch saved.

