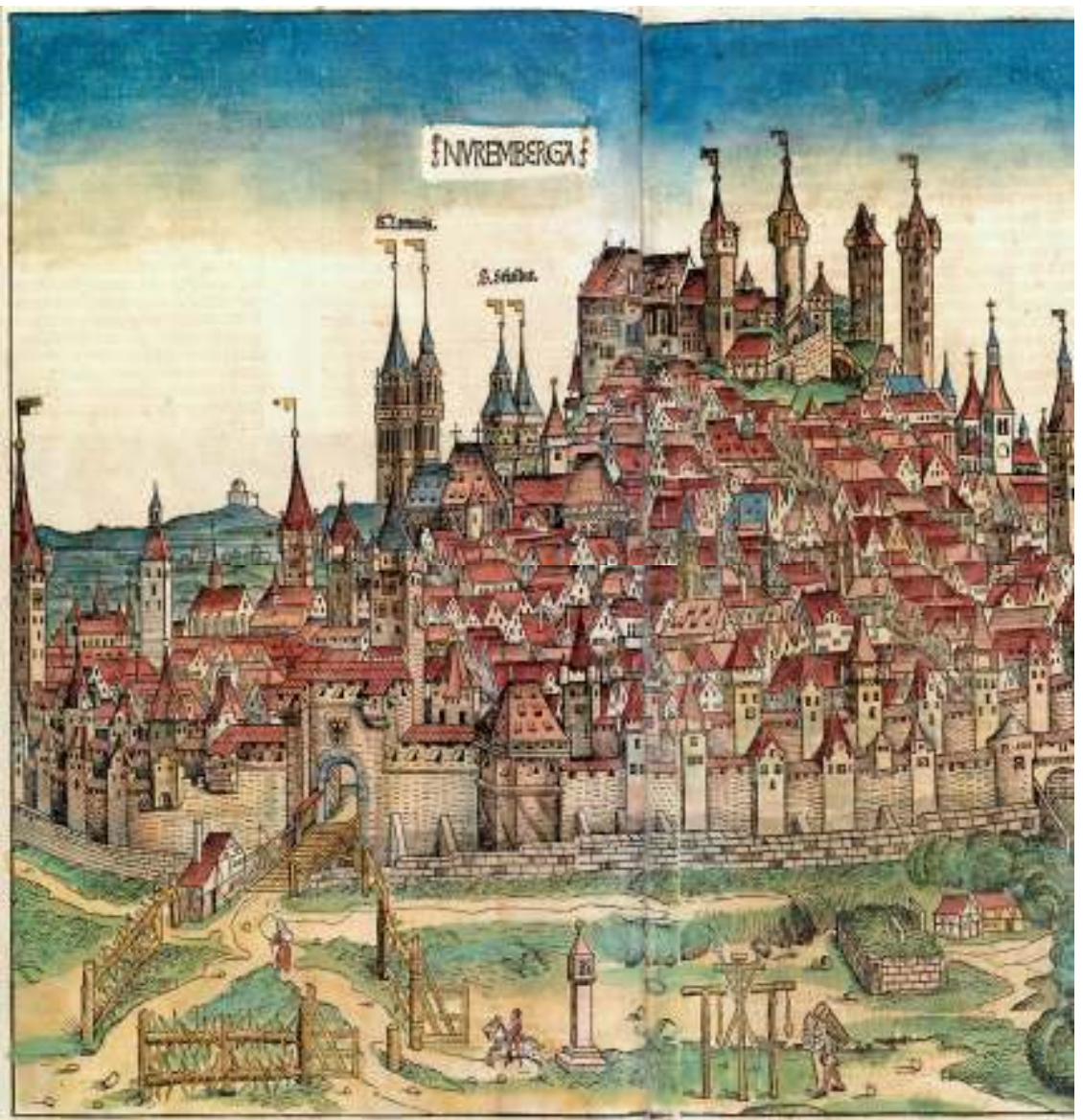


Josephus

Jonathan Appus



Josephus in the Nuremberg Chronicle

Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia



Flavian Dynasty

...a [Roman](#) imperial [dynasty](#), which ruled the [Roman Empire](#), between 69 AD and 96 AD, encompassing the reigns of [Vespasian \(69-79\)](#), and his two sons [Titus \(79-81\)](#) and [Domitian \(81-96\)](#)

IOSIPPVS
DE BELLO IV.
DAICO.

Deinde decem Iudæorum capti-
uitates & Decalogus cum ele-
ganti commentariolo Rab-
bi Aben Esra.

*Hiscæ accesserunt Collectanea aliquot,
quæ Sebastianus Lepusculus Easi-
liensis colligebat, de quibus ui-
dere poteris uerso folio.*

Omnia Hebraicolatina.
§

*Cum Gratia & priuilegio Cæsareo ad
quinquennium.*

BASILEÆ.



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A Leaf from the 1466 Manuscript
National Library of Poland



Now I have undertaken the present work...

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.

*Testimony of Flavius Josephus
(Testimonium Flavianum)*

He was [the] Christ. And when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst 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 third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him.

Testimony of Flavius Josephus
(Testimonium Flavianum)

And the tribe of Christians, so named from him,
are not extinct at this day.

Testimony of Flavius Josephus
(Testimonium Flavianum)

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... .

Antiquities of the Jews



Bronze coins
minted by
Porcius Festus,
procurator of
Judea from
approximately
59 AD to 62 AD

Now some of the Jews thought that the destruction of Herod's army came from God, and that very justly, as a punishment of what he did against John, that was called the Baptist: for Herod slew him, who was a good man...

“Antiquities,” Book 18, Chapter 5

FAMOUS

AND MEMORABLE
WORKS OF JOSEPHUS,
A MAN OF MUCH HONOUR
AND LEARNING AMONG
THE JEWS.

Faithfully translated out of the Latin, and French, by
Tho. Lodge, Doctor in Physick.

Whereunto are newly added the references of the Scriptures
throughout the History, and afterwards collected into a Table.

*Disquisitio Epistolae ad Sagaros.
Tunc recentia juvenilibus haec clarescent, cum fuerint multis cooperata
prioribus.*



LONDON,

Printed by *J. L.* for *Andrew Hebb*, and are to be sold
at the signe of the Bell in Saint Pauls
Church-yard. 1640.

The first English
translation of the
works of
Josephus
appeared in
1640 by Thomas
Lodge.

Consequently, to get rid of the report, Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace.

“Annals,” Book 15, Chapter 44

Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilatus, and a most mischievous superstition, thus checked for the moment, again broke out not only in Judaea, the first source of the evil, but even in Rome...

“Annals,” Book 15, Chapter 44

Mara Bar-Serapion
(Third Century AD)

Suetonius
(69-122 AD)

Pliny the Younger
(61-112 AD)

Thallus
(First Century AD)

Phlegon of Tralles
(80–140 AD)

Philo
20 BC-50 AD)

Celsus
(Second Century AD)

Lucian of Samosata
(born 115 AD)

Emperor Trajan
(53–117AD)

Epictetus
(55–135AD)

Numenius of Apamea
(Second Century AD)

Claudius Galenus
(129–200AD)

They reported that he had appeared to them three days after his crucifixion and that he was alive; accordingly, he was perhaps the Messiah concerning whom the prophets have recounted wonders.

“Antiquities,” Book 8, Chapter 8



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WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVE

Why



Why?



Why?



Ancient Roman road connecting Jerusalem to the coastal city of Jaffa (now Tel Aviv)





*The Isaiah scroll contains almost
the whole Book of Isaiah*

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Why?



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Pope Benedict XVI Viewing the Shroud in 2010



From Pollina, Sicily, manna is the sap of a narrow-leaf ash tree called *Fraxinus angustifolia*.



In August, the creamy white substance is collected and used as a sweetener.

John 20:29 (KJV)

²⁹Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.


What happens when Christ isn't the foundation?

Constantine, Boniface III		Catholic
Martin Luther		Lutheran
King Henry VII		Anglican
John Knox		Presbyterian
John Smyth		Baptist
John Wesley		Methodist
Joseph Smith		Mormon
Ellen G. White		7 th Day Adventist
Charles T. Russell		Jehovah's Witness
Mary Baker Eddy		Christian Science
Charles Fox Parham		Pentecostal

Acts 17:22-23 (KJV)

²²Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.

²³ For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.



Now the Bereans were of more noble character... for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11



Berea, Greece.