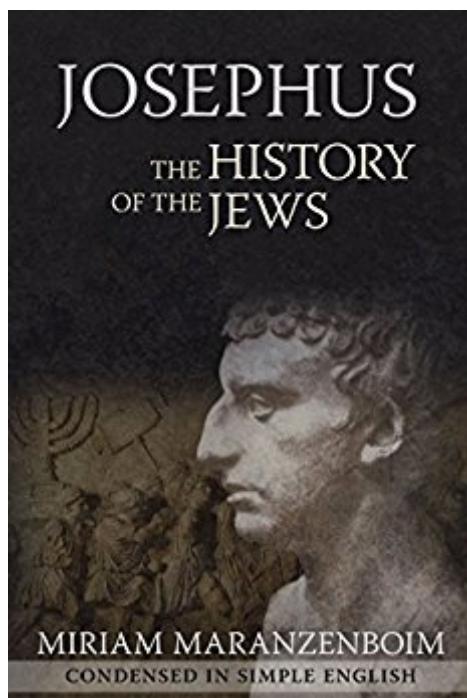


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# Josephus: The History Of The Jews Condensed In Simple English



## **Synopsis**

After 2,000 years, his writings remain an important and relevant source for historians and Bible Scholars. Josephus - The History of the Jews Condensed in Simple English takes one of his most important works and presents it to modern readers in condensed simple English the first update of his Antiquities in nearly 300 years. Treasures of faith and history await your discovery on each page. Find out about a prophetic and friendly meeting between Alexander the Great and the high priest, Jaddua. Learn important details about the first and second temples essential for understanding the spirituality and religious politics in those times. Original illustrations, a map, a table of equivalents, and a colorful timeline help further contribute to the stories Josephus wrote for generations to come including you!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Have just started reading and at the beginning Miriam compares what she has written to the original. I am able to read her version and it's very understandable. I have never read the original and from the one page of comparison, I would not have been able to get through more than two or

three pages. Now I am able to read the whole book. It may take a while, but it's easy reading and I also find it interesting since, while the Bible has what we need to believe, there are some things not mentioned. Now it is clearer to me why Ham (Noah's son) was cursed and also approximately how many children our forefathers had. This is definitely an important book and much is here that is not in other history books. Well recommended

I am happy with this book.

Note to those reading this: I have my own copy, but I did not buy it from and so am not a verified buyer. *Josephus: The History of the Jews Condensed in Simple English* For those who are interested in the writings of Josephus, I cannot recommend this book enough. I have been teaching English as a second language for more than 20 years. I am also a technical writer. Over the years I have watched people lose their command of the English language. All of this is probably due to the digital age where communication is reduced to a bare minimum. It is to this generation, that does not have the patience to analyze a text, let alone work through the convoluted style of writing used in the 1700s that Maranzenboim's book is directed. Nevertheless, anyone who appreciates the importance of Josephus to our understanding of history from the first century, particularly of the Jewish people and Rome's interactions with them, will find this book a bargain! Maranzenboim is the first person in decades to take this challenging text and turn it into something truly readable and comprehensible. It includes a brilliant color timeline, original artwork, and a true summarization and simplification of the original translation into English of *The History of the Jews* by Josephus. I can think of a lot of uses for this book: home schooled students studying the history of the Jewish people; Bar/Bat Mitzvah students, amateur historians, and more. Some people may think this book is an oversimplification, but in an age where people just don't have the patience to read difficult text, I would suggest that this book should be the first step towards getting into the deeper stuff. For many, this book will be enough, and you won't be sorry. Instead of hearing about what Josephus wrote, you'll be able to say, I read Josephus! Happy reading!

In *Josephus: The History of the Jews Condensed in Simple English*, Miriam Maranzenboim does a great favor to anyone interested in the historical period from the time of Jesus and the destruction of the Second Temple. Many of us have heard fascinating quotes from Flavius Josephus, but when we actually picked up the book and tried to read it, we became quickly discouraged by its length and difficult language. Now for the first time, Maranzenboim opens up the possibility for everyone to

enjoy this fascinating and important book. As the author writes in her Introduction, she doesn't claim to be an historian but is good with words and loves history, and both qualities are immediately obvious to the reader. She even gives us a three page example in the beginning comparing her simplified translation and the original translation so that we can understand the work she did, clearly a labor of love.

I met Miriam at a conference this year and she told me about the book written to make Josephus more understandable. Well, I have tried to read the original Josephus several times and it was JUST TOO TEDIOUS to keep my attention - and the type was too small. I read the sample for Miriam's book and it is so much more readable. I am looking forward to reading Josephus at last. Good job Miriam!

I have been working on reading this book. It is easy to read and Mariam Maranzenboim did a great job of putting it into a readable form. It is much like the Bible in that it is taking me awhile to read it and keep up with all the other things I have to do. I have always been interested in history and especially biblical history. This adds much to my knowledge of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 a.d and I started there. Now I have begun at the beginning. Hope to finish it this summer.

I've been searching and waiting for something like this since I started to study at Christian Collage. I always wanted to read the writings of Josephus as it was the most trustworthy and valuable source of Jesus' time beside the Bible. But what I've got was something that I couldn't fully understand. I'm glad that there is someone actually see the needs and translate it into simple modern English. So that more and more people can understand the the historical background in Jesus' time with the Jewish people.

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