

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS
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TO VITAL SUBJECTS

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CATALOGUE OF IMPORTANT SUBJECTS IN THE WORKS OF FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

All references are to the 'Antiquities' unless otherwise noted, as "'Wars'" or "'Apion'". References are by Book, Chapter, Section. Example Book 4: Chapter 8: Section 3, = 4:8:3. We have included only the references which amplify the Biblical record.

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