Judaism and Christianity: The First Jewish Revolt Origins of Christianity

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Terms

Zealots Albinus Florus

Pallas sicarii Battle of Beth Horon

Jotapata Vespasian Titus Flavian dynasty Eleazar Masada

Rabbinic Judaism Jamnia

Suetonius, Life of Claudius

Since the Jews constantly made disturbances at the instigation of Chrestus, he expelled them from Rome. He allowed the envoys of the Germans to sit in the orchestra, led by their naive self-confidence; for when they had been taken to the seats occupied by the common people and saw the Parthian and Armenian envoys sitting with the senate, they moved of their own accord to the same part of the theater, protesting that their merits and rank were no whit inferior.

A good article on the mix of truth and literary license in Josephus' account of Masada

http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/religion/portrait/masada.html