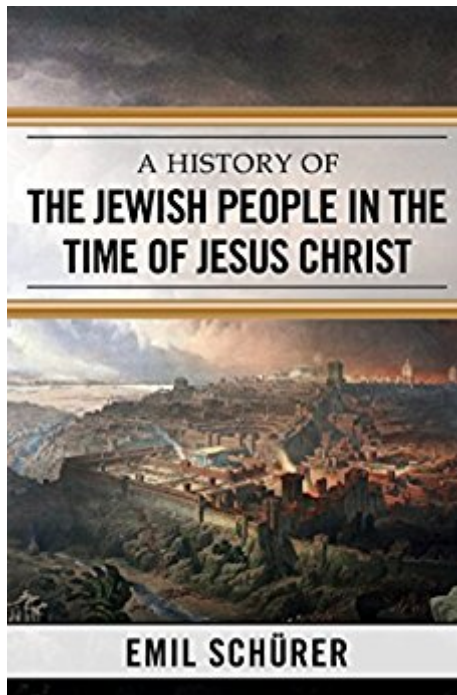




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# **A History Of The Jewish People In The Time Of Jesus Christ**



## Synopsis

“Simply nothing has escaped his eagle eye; even the most hidden remarks on a problem have been detected by him and entered in his book.” • Carl Clemen, *The Biblical World*

Emil Schürer's work is the authoritative study of Jewish history during classical times. This work does not just cover the lifetime of Jesus, but instead it takes the reader from 175 B.C. through to the end of the rebellion under Hadrian in 135 A. D. Schürer, in the first two volumes of his work, uncovers the political leaders of the Jewish people during this period as they struggled for freedom under the threat and oppression of the Roman Empire. Through volumes three and four Schürer exposes the cultural and religious underpinnings of the Jewish people over these centuries: how the temple of Jerusalem functioned, how they related to the Hellenistic world that surrounded them, how their leaders created laws and ruled while remaining under Roman jurisdiction, as well as theological debates that were being made at this time. Schürer also examines not just the Jewish society centred around Jerusalem, but also those spread further afield across Asia and the Mediterranean.

“Dr. Schürer has produced a work which has no parallel | a perfect and indispensable work.” • Dr. Adolf Harnack

Emil Schürer was a German theologian, made famous for his study of the Jewish people during the time of Jesus Christ. He studied in Erlangen, Berlin and Heidelberg, and took his doctorate in Leipzig. *A History of the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus Christ* was first published in 1891 and Schürer died in 1910.

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## Customer Reviews

A number of people here have referred to this as the best resource of its kind and used other such glowing remarks. As a professor of New Testament and a specialist in Second Temple Period Judaism, I simply have to say, "no." This is an attractive and affordable edition of a "classic" work, but the work was completed a decade before World War I. Have we learned nothing about Second Temple Period Judaism in the century (plus) since Schurer wrote this? The Dead Sea Scrolls, that library of Jewish texts apparently used and hidden by the Qumran community (and quite likely representing a branch of the Essenes) would only be discovered forty-some years after Schurer died. Archaeology of the region has made significant advances in the century since Schurer. The study of ancient Judaism itself has been revolutionized by thinking of it no longer as the legalistic foil to Christianity, but as a religion of grace and response (a re-thinking of Judaism and the old stereotype motivated not least by the fact of the Holocaust). I'm not advising against buying this set; I am strongly advising against approaching it as if, in the 21st century, it is still the go-to resource for the study of "the Jewish People in the Time of Jesus." Far better: An Introduction to Second Temple Judaism by Lester Grabbe; Early Judaism: A Comprehensive Overview, edited by John Collins and Daniel Harlow; Greeks, Romans, Jews by James Newsome. Perhaps best (though costlier): The Cambridge History of Judaism (volumes 2 and 3 will cover this period well).

I really didn't like it. It wasn't what I expected.

Great history!

Great as a text book, just not a good read

Good

I hate going bad reviews. This is the worst book I ever saw. The format is a mess. The publisher

tried to partially alleviate this by moving the first two chapters entirely to the back of the book where the index and bibliography belong. The author switches between English, Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek at leisure. There is NO apparent organization. It's such a mess I can not believe anyone would publish it.

Truly a masterpiece.

Not as easy to read as other works, but really good info

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