

PREFACE

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Since completing the revision of this book, I have seen several works which I should ideally have taken into account. Most important of these is Martin Goodman, *The Ruling Class of Judaea*, Cambridge, 1987, the most serious social history of first century Judaea yet written. Furthermore, though I remain convinced of the essential truth of my conclusions, I now think I should have paid more attention to the role of the Jewish upper classes of Palestine outside Judaea, and that, while it may be true that the Destruction facilitated the amalgamation of different *Judaeans* factions, it may also have served to weaken ties between Judaeans on the one hand and Galilaeans, Idumaeans, etc., on the other. I will try to correct these omissions in the future.

Some technical information: my usual method of citation is to provide full bibliographical information in the first citation of a modern work and subsequently to use a short version of the work's

title—complete information may in any case be found in the Bibliography. Some modern works are always cited by an abbreviated title: these are listed following the Table of Contents. Journals are cited by the abbreviations listed in *L'Année Philologique*. I also usually cite Biblical and Rabbinic works by the standard abbreviations. Those unfamiliar with the titles of the Talmudic tractates may find them listed in such common reference works as the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (*JE*) or the *Encyclopedia Judaica* (*EJ*), or in any introduction to the Talmud, for example that of Hermann Strack; at any rate, many titles are listed in full in the Index of Passages. All translations are my own, though my debt to the Loeb Josephus and to Abraham Schalit's Hebrew translation of Antiquities will be obvious.

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