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Books.google.ru - Understandably, throughout Christian history, the "Works of Josephus" have been indispensable in helping us reconstruct the history and world of the New Testament. After all, Josephus tells us firsthand about the Herodian family, the temple, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, and the Essenes. He mentions I. Josephus’ Contribution to New Testament Backgrounds A. General Areas of Contribution Josephus was born in Jerusalem in A.D. 37/38 and became a historian writing principally about the Jewish people up until his death ca. 100. Four of his works are extant: 1) The Jewish War; 2) The Jewish Antiquities; 3) Vita (life) and 4) Against Apion. A. General Areas of Contribution. Josephus was born in Jerusalem in A.D. 37/38 and became a historian writing principally about the Jewish people up until his death ca. 100. Four of his works are extant: 1) The Jewish War; 2) The Jewish Antiquities; 3) Vita (life) and 4) Against Apion. These works provide us with knowledge of the New Testament era which we otherwise would not possess. Flavius Josephus, as has been stated by several scholars was the creator of "Jesus who was called Christ." There are too many things in the works of Josephus that correlate to the New Testament for that to be in any way coincidence, including James the brother of Jesus, and John the Baptist. It would be a virtual impossibility for Christians to "add" all of these correlations to the works of Josephus at a later date as the removal of all of these would leave the works of Josephus like a deflated tire... so much content would be gone that it would no longer make any sense! Wha