

# Minor Works of Josephus



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by Flavius Josephus (37-c.100)  
Translated by William Whiston (1667-1752)

There are 3 parts to this collection.

(1) *Against Apion* is a two-volume defense of Judaism as classical religion and philosophy, stressing its antiquity, as opposed to what Josephus claimed was the relatively more recent tradition of the Greeks. Some anti-Judean allegations ascribed by Josephus to the Greek writer Apion, and myths accredited to Manetho are also addressed.

(2) *Discourse To The Greeks Concerning Hades* describes the author's views on the afterlife against the prevailing view of the "Greeks" (i.e., the Greco-Romans) of his day. Although generally still reprinted in editions of Whiston's *Josephus*, later scholars have realized that this attribution is incorrect. This brief discourse, at least in its original form, is now attributed to the church father Hippolytus.

(3) *The Life of Josephus* is an autobiographical text written by Josephus in approximately 94-99 CE – possibly as an appendix to his *Antiquities of the Jews* – where the author for the most part re-visits the events of the War, apparently in response to allegations made against him by Justus of Tiberias. (Summary from Wikipedia)

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