

Messiah's, Rebels, and Bandits 4 B.C.E. to 70 C.E.

Date	Incident/Prophet/bandits	Region	Under	Historical Reference
4 B.C.E.	Removal of Golden Eagle	Jerusalem	Herod	Ant. 17.149-167; J.W. 1.648-55
4 B.C.E.	Judas ben Hezekias	Galilee	Herod	Ant. 17.271-272; J.W. 2.56
4 B.C.E.	Simon, Herodian Slave	Perea	Herod	Ant. 17.273-277; J.W. 2.57-59; Tacitus Hist 5.9
4 B.C.E.	Antrogenes, the Shepherd	Judea	Herod	Ant. 17.278-281; J.W. 2.60-65
6 C.E.	Judah of Galilee & Zadok	Galilee	Coponius	Ant. 18.4, 23; J.W. 2.117; Acts 5:37
36	Unnamed Samaritan	Samaria	Pilate	Ant. 18.85-89
44-46	Tholomaeus	Idumea	Fadus	Ant. 20.5
44-46	Theudas	Judea	Fadus	Ant. 20.97-99; cf. Acts 5:36
47-48	Indecent exposure of a Roman soldier at Passover	Jerusalem	Cumanus	Ant. 20.108-112
48-52	Unnamed	Judea	Cumanus	Ant. 20.113-136; J.W. 2.228-46
35-55	Eleazar and Alexander	Judea & Samaria	Cumanus & Felix	Ant. 20.121; J.W. 2.235
47-48	Jacob and Simeon	Judea	Alexander	Ant. 20:102
52-60	Desert prophets	Judea	Felix	Ant. 20.167-168; J.W. 2.258-60
52-60	Egyptian	Jerusalem	Felix	Ant. 20:169-172; J.W. 2.261-263; Acts 21:38
60-62	Desert prophet	Judea	Festus	Ant. 20.188
64-66	Unnamed	Galilee		Ant. 20.255-257; J.W. 2.278-79
66	Bandits hired by Josephus	Galilee		J.W. 2.581-582; Life 77-79
66	Menahem	Jerusalem	Vespasian	J.W. 2.433-234, 244
65-67	Jesus ben Shaphat	Ptolemais	Vespasian	J.W. 3.449-452; Life 104-111
60-70	Jesus ben Ananias	Jerusalem	Vespasian	J.W. 6:300-309
67-70	John of Gischala	Jerusalem	Titus	J.W. 2.575; 4.121-46; 5:104-5
68-70	Simon bar Giora ¹	Gerasa	Titus	J.W. 2.521, 652-54 etc.

¹ Pertinent to the present discussion, Josephus attributes this war primarily to a messianic expectation (J.W. 6.312). Moreover, “As disingenuous and politically correct as Josephus’ interpretation may have been, his application of Num. 24.17 to Vespasian indirectly testifies to the messianic understanding of this passage. It also testifies to a messianism that envisioned a world ruler,” Evans, “Messianic Hopes,” 29.