

FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

An Index to Vital Subjects contained
in the works of Flavius Josephus, 37-94 A.D.

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CATALOG of IMPORTANT SUBJECTS in the WORKS of FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

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JOSEPHUS

Lover of Truth "Philalethes" p.viii Stebbing's Introduction to Kregel ed.

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