

~JUDAS 2 (39)

(Ju'das) [from Hebrew, a form of the name Judah]

- **Judas** the Galilean, referred to by Gamaliel in his address to the Sanhedrin.
- After him **Judas** the Galilean rose in the days of the registration, and he drew off people after him. And yet that man perished, and all those who were obeying him were scattered abroad. (**Acts of Apostles 5:37**)
- At the time of the registration identified with Quirinius governor of Syria in **6 C.E.**, **Judas** led a Jewish uprising. Josephus mentions him a number of times and states that he, incited his countrymen to revolt, upbraiding them as cowards for consenting to pay tribute to the Romans and tolerating mortal masters, after having God for their lord.
- This man was a sophist who founded a sect of his own, having nothing in common with the others. [**The Jewish War, II, 118, viii, 1**]
- In one place Josephus called **Judas** a **Gaulanite**, which some would relate to an area East of the Sea of Galilee. Yet in other places the same historian says **Judas** was a **Galilean**, as did Gamaliel. [**Jewish Antiquities, XVIII, 3, i, 1, XVIII, 23, i, 6**]
- These rebels stressed liberty, but they did not succeed in getting it. **Judas** perished, and all those who were obeying him were scattered abroad.
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- Some of his descendants were also involved in uprisings. [**The Jewish War, II, 433-440, xvii, 8**][**VII, 25, viii, 1**]