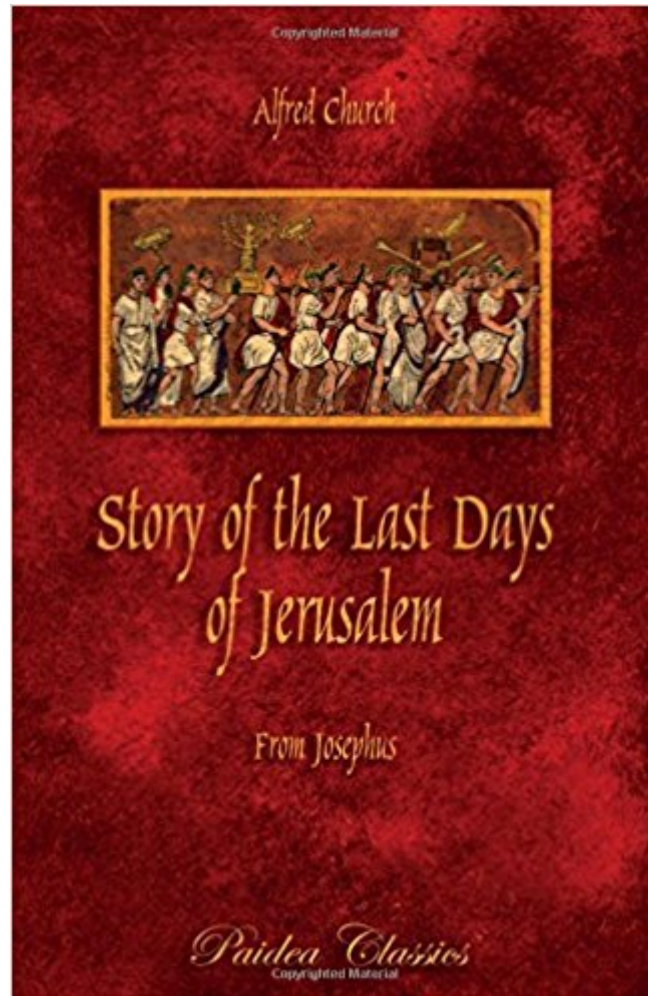




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This review concerns only the edition of this book by First Rate Publishers. This edition omits the introduction by Alfred Church, does not have page numbers, and is printed with incredibly small print. There are no illustrations so the pages of small text are quite intimidating, even for my middle school student. The text is clear and not smudged, so at least there's that.

We used this resource as part of our homeschooling curriculum for the study of the time period, the revolt against Rome and the destruction of Jerusalem. Written in living-book fashion the book is engaging and well-suited a read-aloud for the family. A short book, it only took us about two weeks to read.

I read this book as a read-aloud with my kids and all of us were amazed at what happened. This was our first exposure to Josephus and his writings. Josephus tells the story from the perspective on the ground as it happened. I was amazed at how Jerusalem fell and reading a first hand account. Josephus takes you all the way to the predicted fall of the Temple. Alfred Church did a fantastic job putting the book together. This truly is a great addition to our library.

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