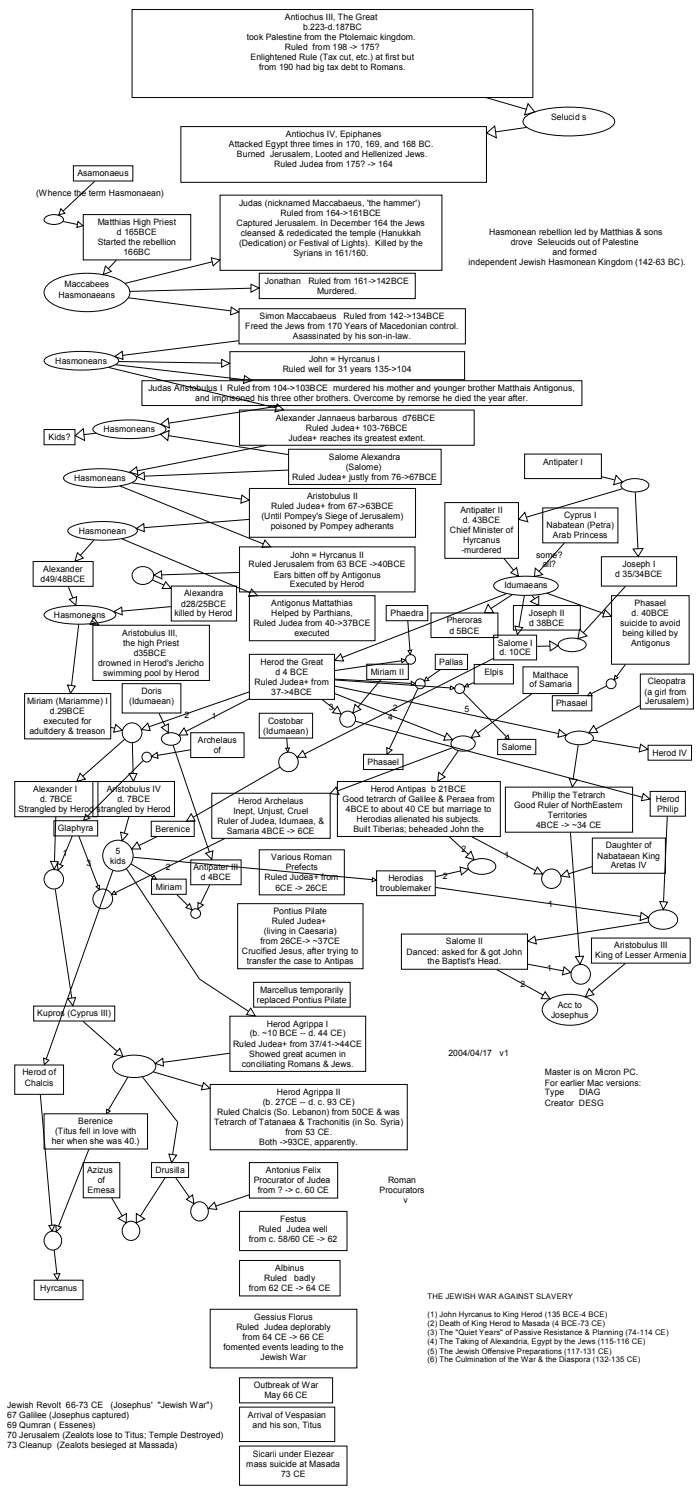The diagram below is essentially a set of personal visual notes made by me, Frederick N. Chase, over a period of several years. I have no formal training in history: this was simply an attempt to make sense out of things I'd encountered via having been born in the Bible belt.  The main source was an English translation of *The Jewish War* by [Josephus](.).

Antiochus III, The Great
b.223-d.187BC
took Palestine from the Ptolemaic kingdom.
Ruled from 198 -> 175?
Enlightened Rule (Tax cut, etc.) at first but
from 190 had big tax debt to Romans.

Seleucid s

Antiochus IV, Epiphanes
Attacked Egypt three times in 170, 169, and 168 BC.
Burned Jerusalem, Looted and Hellenized Jews.
Ruled Judea from 175? -> 164

Asamonaeus

(Whence the term Hasmonaean)

Matthias High Priest
d 165BCE
Started the rebellion
166BC

Judas (nicknamed Maccabaeus, 'the hammer')
Ruled from 164->161BCE
Captured Jerusalem. In December 164 the Jews
cleansed & rededicated the temple (Hanukkah
(Dedication) or Festival of Lights). Killed by the
Syrians in 161/160.

Hasmonean rebellion led by Matthias & sons
drove Seleucids out of Palestine and
formed
independent Jewish Hasmonean Kingdom (142-63 BC).

Maccabees
Hasmonaeans

Jonathan Ruled from 161->142BCE
Murdered.

Simon Maccabaeus Ruled from 142->134BCE
Freed the Jews from 170 Years of Macedonian control.
Assassinated by his son-in-law.

Hasmoneans

John = Hyrcanus I
Ruled well for 31 years 135->104

Judas Aristobulus I Ruled from 104->103BCE murdered his mother and younger brother Matthais Antigonus,
and imprisoned his three other brothers. Overcome by remorse he died the year after.

Kids?

Hasmoneans

Alexander Jannaeus barbarous d76BCE
Ruled Judea+ 103-76BCE
Judea+ reaches its greatest extent.

Antipater I

Hasmoneans

Salome Alexandra
(Salome)
Ruled Judea+ justly from 76->67BCE

Antipater II
d. 43BCE
Chief Minister of
Hyrcanus
-murdered

Cyprus I
Nabatean (Petra)
Arab Princess

Hasmoneans

Aristobulus II
Ruled Judea+ from 67->63BCE
(Until Pompey's Siege of Jerusalem)
poisoned by Pompey adherants

some?
all?

Joseph I
d 35/34BCE

Hasmonean

John = Hyrcanus II
Ruled Jerusalem from 63 BCE ->40BCE
Ears bitten off by Antigonus
Executed by Herod

Idumaeans

Alexander
d49/48BCE

Alexandra
d28/25BCE
killed by Herod

Antigonus Mattathias
Helped by Parthians,
Ruled Judea from 40->37BCE
executed

Phaedra

Pheroras
d 5BCE

Joseph II
d 38BCE

Phasael
d. 40BCE
suicide to avoid
being killed by
Antigonus

Hasmonean

Aristobulus III,
the high Priest
d35BCE
drowned in Herod's Jericho
swimming pool by Herod

Salome I
d. 10CE

Cleopatra
(a girl from
Jerusalem)

Doris
(Idumaean)

Herod the Great
d 4 BCE
Ruled Judea+ from
37->4BCE

Miriam II

Pallas

Elpis

Malthace
of Samaria

Phasael

Miriam (Mariamme) I
d.29BCE
executed for
adultery & treason

Costobar
(Idumaean)

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Archelaus
of

Phasael

Salome

Herod IV

Alexander I
d. 7BCE
Strangled by Herod

Aristobulus IV
d. 7BCE
strangled by Herod

Herod Archelaus
Inept, Unjust, Cruel
Ruler of Judea, Idumaea, &
Samaria 4BCE -> 6CE

Herod Antipas b 21BCE
Good tetrarch of Galilee & Peraea from
4BCE to about 40 CE but marriage to
Herodias alienated his subjects.
Built Tiberias; beheaded John the

Philip the Tetrarch
Good Ruler of NorthEastern
Territories
4BCE ->~34 CE

Herod
Philip

Glaphyra

Berenice

5
kids

Antipater III
d 4BCE

Various Roman
Prefects
Ruled Judea+ from
6CE -> 26CE

Herodias
troublemaker

Daughter of
Nabataean King
Aretas IV

Miriam

Pontius Pilate
Ruled Judea+
(living in Caesaria)
from 26CE-> ~37CE
Crucified Jesus, after trying to
transfer the case to Antipas

Salome II
Danced: asked for & got John
the Baptist's Head.

Aristobulus III
King of Lesser Armenia

Marcellus temporarily
replaced Pontius Pilate

Kupros (Cyprus III)

Acc to
Josephus

Herod of
Chalcis

Herod Agrippa I
(b. ~10 BCE -- d. 44 CE)
Ruled Judea+ from 37/41->44CE
Showed great acumen in
conciliating Romans & Jews.

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Herod Agrippa II
(b. 27CE -- d. c. 93 CE)
Ruled Chalcis (So. Lebanon) from 50CE & was
Tetrarch of Tatanaea & Trachonitis (in So. Syria)
from 53 CE.
Both ->93CE, apparently.

Berenice
(Titus fell in love with
her when she was 40.)

Azizus
of
Emesa

Drusilla

Antonius Felix
Procurator of Judea
from ? -> c. 60 CE

Roman
Procurators
v

Festus
Ruled Judea well
from c. 58/60 CE -> 62

Albinus
Ruled badly
from 62 CE -> 64 CE

Hyrcanus

THE JEWISH WAR AGAINST SLAVERY

(1) John Hyrcanus to King Herod (135 BCE-4 BCE)
(2) Death of King Herod to Masada (4 BCE-73 CE)
(3) The "Quiet Years" of Passive Resistance & Planning (74-114 CE)
(4) The Taking of Alexandria, Egypt by the Jews (115-116 CE)
(5) The Jewish Offensive Preparations (117-131 CE)
(6) The Culmination of the War & the Diaspora (132-135 CE)

Gessius Florus
Ruled Judea deplorably
from 64 CE -> 66 CE
fomented events leading to the
Jewish War

Outbreak of War
May 66 CE

Jewish Revolt 66-73 CE (Josephus' "Jewish War")
67 Galilee (Josephus captured)
69 Qumran ( Essenes)
70 Jerusalem (Zealots lose to Titus; Temple Destroyed)
73 Cleanup (Zealots besieged at Massada)

Arrival of Vespasian
and his son, Titus

Sicarii under Elezear
mass suicide at Masada
73 CE

When Hadrian became the Roman emperor in 118 C.E., he was sympathetic to the Jews.
He let them to return to Jerusalem and granted permission for the rebuilding of their Temple.
But he quickly went back on his word. He requested that the site of the Temple be moved.
He began deporting Jews to North Africa.

In 123 C.E., Jewish guerillas began launching surprise attacks against Romans.

In approximately 132 C.E., under the leadership of Shimon Bar-Kokhba, the Jews captured
approximately 50 strongholds in Palestine and 985 undefended towns and villages, including Jerusalem.

Hadrian sent into Judea one of his best generals from Britain, Julius Severus,
along with former governor of Germania, Hadrianus Quintus Lollius Urbicus.

Severus besieged & eventually demolished all 50 Jewish fortresses and 985 villages.

In 135 C.E., Hadrian's army besieged Bethar: every Jew in Bethar was killed.