

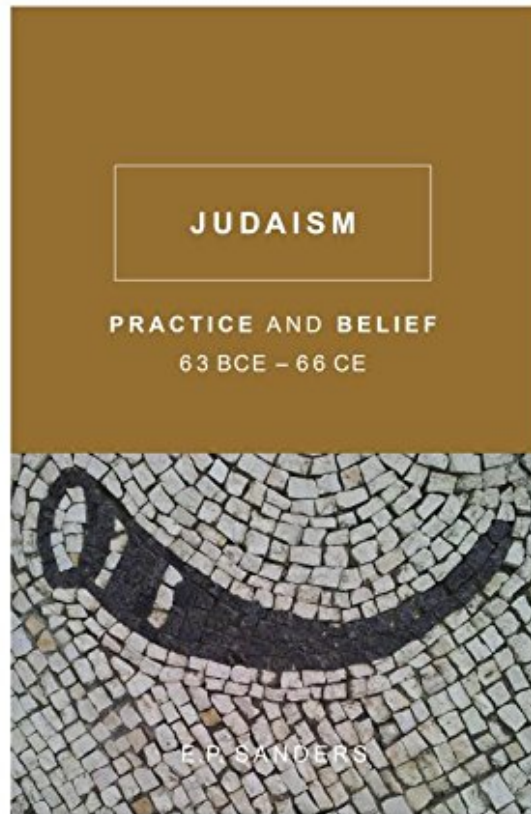
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the tithing system, and synagogue life. There is no way to read this book without coming away knowing more about first century Judaism. The author pushes hard to show that the Pharisees were more liberal than is often supposed. Sanders ascribes more weight to Josephus as a source, and treats the New Testament as less reliable (for me this was a weakness in his presentation). Nevertheless, I do recommend this work along with Wright's. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By CustomerAwesome book. Beyond my expectations. It came on time in excellent condition.

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