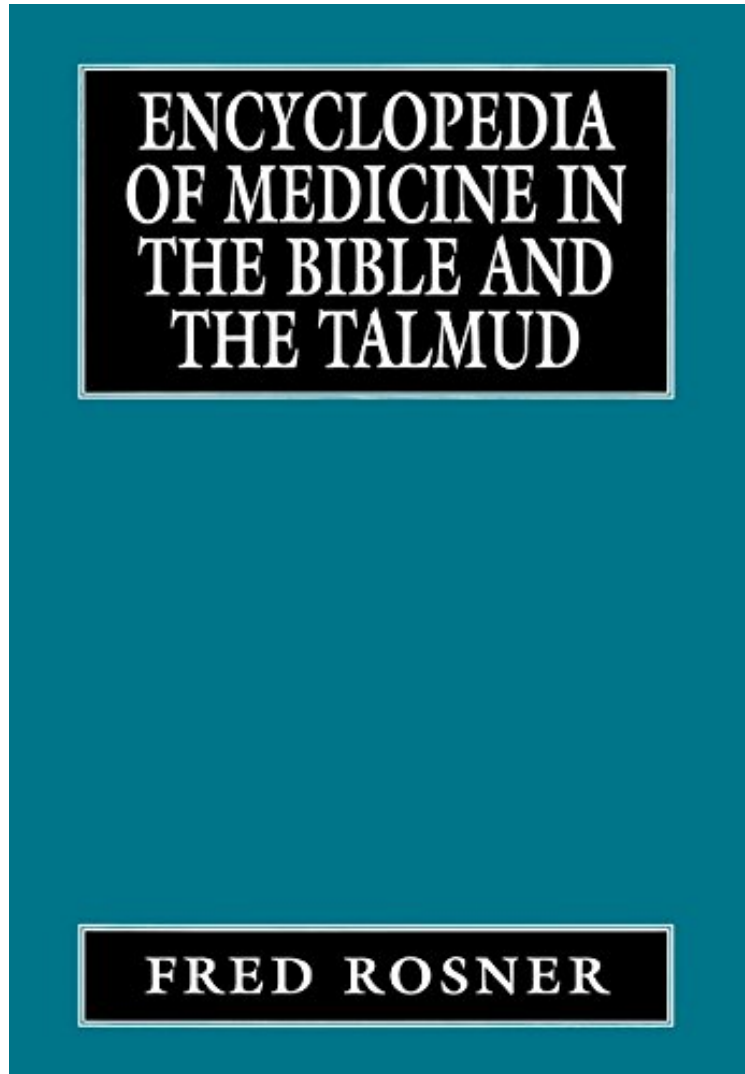


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Fred Rosner : Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Bible and the Talmud before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Bible and the Talmud:

2 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not What I Expected By Emily Jamison I was looking for a book that would detail remedies first-century Jews used for various maladies. For example, Paul wrote Timothy to use wine for his stomach. What did they use for pregnancy? Fever? Colds? I was expecting an encyclopedia of maladies and their remedies. This is an encyclopedia of maladies and their Jewish viewpoints. For example, 'all' the references on fevers up to the Middle Ages, as I recall. I didn't find it very useful, so I returned it and ordered 'Miracle Bible Cures' or something. This is useless also. Now I'm trying Medicine, Miracle and Magic by Howard Clark Kee. Hopefully that

will work! It appeared to be well researched, but not very useful. Later note: I found the book by Howard Clark Kee, mentioned above, fairly useful. You can see my review of it under that product.

Since the first systematic treatises on medicine in the Bible and Talmud were published in the seventeenth century, a great number of people, Jews and non-Jews, physicians, scientists, historians, clergy, and laymen have contributed, in varying degrees, to this field. The extraordinarily high number of Jews among Nobel Prize winners for medicine and physiology during the twentieth century attests to the age-old interest and expertise in medicine among Jews. Jewish medicine has recently been enriched by the addition of an entirely new rubric: Jewish medical ethics. Though deeply embedded in early biblical and rabbinic literature, Jewish medical ethics as a distinct discipline is only about forty years old and continues to flourish in response to the growing demand for ethical guidelines consonant with classic Jewish sources. The *Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Bible and the Talmud* includes many items related to Jewish medical ethics and serves as an important tool for those who wish to read about or research medical and related topics as found in traditional biblical and talmudic sources. The classic book on biblical and talmudic medicine, *Biblich-Talmudische Medizin* (originally published in 1911), was translated into English by Dr. Fred Rosner. This book gathers the medical and hygienic references found in the Jewish sacred, historical, and legal literatures. Dr. Rosner presents an extension and expansion on Preuss' book.

From *Library Journal*: Rosner (medicine, Mount Sinai Sch. of Medicine; *Medical Encyclopedia of Moses Maimonides*) has compiled, summarized in brief, and interpreted thousands of Old Testament and Talmudic references to hundreds of diseases and treatments, body parts and organs, and medical ethics. Alphabetically arranged, the topics include everything from abdomen, alum (used in a remedy for jaundice as well as a contraceptive potion), and animal experimentation to wine (which has a multitude of therapeutic medical uses), wounds, and yawning (which, during prayer, is considered arrogant). Abortion, contraception, homosexuality, physicians' fees, the efficacy of prayer in healing human illnesses, and visiting the sick are among the many interesting and timely bioethical issues covered. While this is a unique contemporary resource, vital to scholarly collections in the history of medicine, lay readers will find it a fascinating item to browse and an instructive reference tool as well. Warmly recommended. DMarcia Welsh, formerly of the Guilford Free Lib., CT Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. Dr. Fred Rosner's current literary offering to an avid readership that has benefited so greatly from his facile pen and lucid expositions for more than three decades will surely be welcomed enthusiastically. Those of us, whose professional lives bring us into daily contact with the ethical and moral dilemmas on the interface of medical practice, biblical and talmudic law custom, in addition to the thousands of learned laity, owe a special thanks to the author. *Encyclopedia of Medicine in the Bible and the Talmud* is a masterful presentation, in capsule form, of the basic concepts of Judaism as they relate to modern medicine and technology as well as a historical read of the biomedical subjects discussed in the early writings of the Talmudists. Selected references permit the student-reader to delve further into the subjects that hold his or her interest. It is an essential publication to be in every home and school library. (Moshe David Tendler, Ph.D.)

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