

The Herods - Part 1

HEROD THE GREAT

- King of Judea from 40/37 B.C. - 4 B.C.
- Son of Antipater and Kypros
- Was an Edomite
- Appointed procurator of Judea by Julius Caesar
- Was advised by Antony and Octavian
- Made "King of the Jews" by Roman Senate in 40 or 37 B.C.
- Was married 10 times
 - Doris
 - Pallas
 - Mariamne I
 - Phaedra
 - Mariamne II
 - Elpis
 - Malthace
 - To a daughter of Salome
 - Cleopatra
 - To a niece
- A prolific builder
- Reconstructed the Temple at Jerusalem
- Was despised by the Jews
- Jesus was born shortly before Herod's death (Matthew 2:1) — "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem."
- Ordered the slaughter of the Jewish male babies (Matthew 2:16) — "Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men."

HEROD ARCHELAUS

- Ruled Judea from 4 B.C. - A.D. 6
- Also called Herod the Tetrarch
- Was the eldest son of Herod the great by his Samaritan wife, Malthace
- Ruled Judea in Herod's place but without the title of king
- Was advised by Antony and Octavian
- Had the worst reputation of all of Herod's sons (Matthew 2:22)

HEROD ANTIPAS

- Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea until A.D. 39
- The youngest son of Herod the Great by Malthace
- Brother of Herod Archelaus
- Married a daughter of Areta IV, King of Nabatea, but divorced her to marry Herodian, the wife of his half-brother, Herod Philip (Luke 3:19-20)
- Pilate sent Jesus to him for judgment (Luke 23:7-12)
- Built the city of Tiberias on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee
- Was disposed of his tetrarchy in A.D. 39 and spent the remainder of his life in exile

