

~HEROD 5 (138)

.. Herod Philip

.. Herod Philip

- Son of **Herod** the Great by Mariamne II, daughter of High Priest Simon. Philip was the first husband of Herodias, who divorced him to marry his half brother Herod Antipas. He is mentioned incidentally in the Bible at;
- For **Herod** had arrested John and bound him and put him away in prison on account of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother. (**Matthew 14:3**)
- For **Herod** himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him in prison on account of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. (**Mark 6:17**)
- For John had repeatedly said to **Herod**; It is not lawful for you to be having the wife of your brother. (**Mark 6:18**)
- But **Herod** the district ruler, for being reproved by him concerning Herodias the wife of his brother and concerning all the wicked deeds that **Herod** did. (**Luke 3:19**)
- The name **Herod** Philip is used to distinguish him from Philip the tetrarch, for the latter, according to Josephus, was also a son of **Herod** the Great by another wife, Cleopatra of Jerusalem.
- Philip was apparently in line for succession to his father's throne, as next eldest after his half brothers Antipater, Alexander, and Aristobulus, all three of whom their father executed. **Herod's** earlier will listed him as in line after Antipas.
- But he was passed over in **Herod's** final will, the kingdom going to Archelaus. Josephus relates that Herod blotted Philips name out of his will because Mariamne II, Philips mother, had been aware of the plot of Antipater against Herod but had not revealed it.

- Philip had a daughter, Salome, by **Herodias**. She was evidently the one who danced before **Herod** Antipas and, because of her mother's coaching, asked for the head of John the Baptizer.
- At that particular time **Herod**, the district ruler, heard the report about Jesus (**Matthew 14:1**)
- And said to his servants; This is John the Baptist. He was raised up from the dead, and this is why the powerful works are operating in him. (**Matthew 14:2**)
- For **Herod** had arrested John and bound him and put him away in prison on account of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother. (**Matthew 14:3**)
- For John had been saying to him; It is not lawful for you to be having her. (**Matthew 14:4**)
- However, although he wanted to kill him, he feared the crowd, because they took him for a prophet. (**Matthew 14:5**)
- But when **Herod's** birthday was being celebrated the daughter of Herodias danced at it and pleased **Herod** so much (**Matthew 14:6**)
- That he promised with an oath to give her whatever she asked. (**Matthew 14:7**)
- Then she, under her mother's coaching, said; Give me here upon a platter the head of John the Baptist. (**Matthew 14:8**)
- Grieved though he was, the king out of regard for his oaths and for those reclining with him commanded it to be given. (**Matthew 14:9**)
- And he sent and had John beheaded in the prison. (**Matthew 14:10**)
- And his head was brought on a platter and given to the maiden, and she brought it to her mother. (**Matthew 14:11**)
- Finally his disciples came up and removed the corpse and buried him and came and reported to Jesus. (**Matthew 14:12**)

- At hearing this Jesus withdrew from there by boat into a lonely place for isolation, but the crowds, getting to hear of it, followed him on foot from the cities. (**Matthew 14:13**)
- For **Herod** himself had sent out and arrested John and bound him in prison on account of Herodias the wife of Philip his brother, because he had married her. (**Mark 6:17**)
- For John had repeatedly said to **Herod**; It is not lawful for you to be having the wife of your brother. (**Mark 6:18**)
- But **Herodias** was nursing a grudge against him and was wanting to kill him, but could not. (**Mark 6:19**)
- For **Herod** stood in fear of John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and he was keeping him safe. And after hearing him he was at a great loss what to do, yet he continued to hear him gladly. (**Mark 6:20**)
- But a convenient day came along when **Herod** spread an evening meal on his birthday for his top-ranking men and the military commanders and the foremost ones of Galilee. (**Mark 6:21**)
- And the daughter of this very **Herodias** came in and danced and pleased Herod and those reclining with him. The king said to the maiden; Ask me for whatever you want, and I will give it to you. (**Mark 6:22**)
- Yes, he swore to her; Whatever you ask me for, I will give it to you, up to half my kingdom. (**Mark 6:23**)
- And she went out and said to her mother; What should I ask for? She said; The head of John the baptizer. (**Mark 6:24**)
- Immediately she went in with haste to the king and made her request, saying; I want you to give me right away on a platter the head of John the Baptist. (**Mark 6:25**)
- Although he became deeply grieved, yet the king did not want to disregard her, in view of the oaths and those reclining at the table. (**Mark 6:26**)
- So the king immediately dispatched a body guardsman and commanded him to bring his head. And he went off and

beheaded him in the prison (**Mark 6:27**)

- **And brought his head on a platter, and he gave it to the maiden, and the maiden gave it to her mother. (**Mark 6:28**)**
- **When his disciples heard of it they came and took up his corpse and laid it in a memorial tomb. (**Mark 6:29**)**