

~HEROD 6 (563)

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- Son of **Herod** the Great by his wife Cleopatra of Jerusalem. He was brought up in Rome. He married Salome the daughter of **Herod** Philip and Herodias.
- When his father died, Augustus Caesar divided the kingdom, giving Philip the tetrarchy of Ituraea, Trachonitis, and other nearby districts, with a yearly revenue of 100 talents.
- Perhaps Ituraea was added later and is therefore omitted by Josephus. He ruled for more than 30 years. Josephus says; In his conduct of the government he showed a moderate and easy-going disposition.
- Indeed, he spent all his time in the territory subject to him. Josephus goes on to say that Philip sat in judgment wherever he happened to be and heard cases without delay.
- He died at Julias and was buried with great pomp. Since he left no sons, Emperor Tiberius added his tetrarchy to the province of Syria. [\[Jewish Antiquities, XVIII, 106-108, iv, 6\]](#)
- Philip's name is mentioned once in the Bible in connection with the dating of John the Baptizers ministry.
- In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and **Herod** was district ruler of Galilee, but Philip his brother was district ruler of the country of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was district ruler of Abilene. ([Luke 3:1](#))
- The text here, along with historical information about the reigns of Augustus and Tiberius, shows that John's ministry began in **29 C.E.**

A PARTIAL GENEALOGY OF THE HEROD'S

(Names of men are in all capitals)

ANTIPATER I

ANTIPATER II and Cypros (his wife)

PHASAEAL

HEROD THE GREAT

- After Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of **Herod** the king, look! Astrologers from eastern parts came to Jerusalem. (**Matthew 2:1**)
- Saying; Where is the one born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when we were in the east, and we have come to do him obeisance. (**Matthew 2:2**)
- At hearing this King **Herod** was agitated, and all Jerusalem along with him. (**Matthew 2:3**)
- And on gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born. (**Matthew 2:4**)
- They said to him; In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is how it has been written through the prophet. (**Matthew 2:5**)
- And you, O Bethlehem of the land of Judah, are by no means the most insignificant city among the governor's of Judah, for out of you will come forth a governing one, who will shepherd my people, Israel. (**Matthew 2:6**)
- Then **Herod** secretly summoned the astrologers and carefully ascertained from them the time of the stars appearing. (**Matthew 2:7**)
- And, when sending them to Bethlehem, he said; Go make a careful search for the young child, and when you have found it report back to me, that I too may go and do it obeisance. (**Matthew 2:8**)
- When they had heard the king, they went their way, and, look! the star they had seen when they were in the east went ahead of them, until it came to a stop above where the young child was. (**Matthew 2:9**)
- On seeing the star they rejoiced very much indeed. (**Matthew 2:10**)

- And when they went into the house they saw the young child with Mary its mother, and, falling down, they did obeisance to it. They also opened their treasures and presented it with gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ([Matthew 2:11](#))
- However, because they were given divine warning in a dream not to return to **Herod**, they withdrew to their country by another way. ([Matthew 2:12](#))
- After they had withdrawn, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying; Get up, take the young child and its mother and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I give you word. For **Herod** is about to search for the young child to destroy it. ([Matthew 2:13](#))
- So he got up and took along the young child and its mother by night and withdrew into Egypt. ([Matthew 2:14](#))
- And he stayed there until the decease of **Herod**, for that to be fulfilled which was spoken by Yehowah through his prophet, saying; Out of Egypt I called my son. ([Matthew 2:15](#))
- Then **Herod**, seeing he had been outwitted by the astrologers, fell into a great rage, and he sent out and had all the boys in Bethlehem and in all its districts done away with, from two years of age and under, according to the time that he had carefully ascertained from the astrologers. ([Matthew 2:16](#))
- Then that was fulfilled which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying; ([Matthew 2:17](#))
- A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and much wailing, it was Rachel weeping for her children, and she was unwilling to take comfort, because they are no more. ([Matthew 2:18](#))
- When **Herod** had deceased, look! Yehowah's angel appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ([Matthew 2:19](#))
- And said; Get up, take the young child and its mother and be on your way into the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the soul of the young child are dead. ([Matthew 2:20](#))
- So he got up and took the young child and its mother and

entered into the land of Israel. ([Matthew 2:21](#))

- But hearing that Archelaus ruled as king of Judea instead of his father **Herod**, he became afraid to depart for there. Moreover, being given divine warning in a dream, he withdrew into the territory of Galilee. ([Matthew 2:22](#))
- In the days of **Herod**, king of Judea, there happened to be a certain priest named Zechariah of the division of Abijah, and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ([Luke 1:5](#))

JOSEPH

PHERORAS

Salome

WIVES OF HEROD THE GREAT

Doris

ANTIPATER

Mariamne I

ALEXANDER

ARISTOBULUS

HEROD King of Chalcis

- **AGRIPPA I King of Palestine**
- About that particular time **Herod** the king applied his hands to mistreating some of those of the congregation. ([Acts of Apostles 12:1](#))
- He did away with James the brother of John by the sword. ([Acts of Apostles 12:2](#))
- As he saw it was pleasing to the Jews, he went on to arrest Peter also. As it was, those were days of the unfermented cakes. ([Acts of Apostles 12:3](#))
- And laying hold of him, he put him in prison, turning him over to four shifts of four soldiers each to guard him, as he intended to produce him for the people after the Passover. ([Acts of Apostles 12:4](#))
- Consequently Peter was being kept in the prison, but prayer to God for him was being carried on intensely by the congregation. ([Acts of Apostles 12:5](#))

- Now when **Herod** was about to produce him, that night Peter was sleeping bound with two chains between two soldiers, and guards before the door were keeping the prison. (**Acts of Apostles 12:6**)
- Well, when it became day, there was no little stir among the soldiers over what really had become of Peter. (**Acts of Apostles 12:18**)
- **Herod** made diligent search for him and, when not finding him, he examined the guards and commanded them to be led off to punishment, and he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent some time there. (**Acts of Apostles 12:19**)
- Now he was in a fighting mood against the people of Tyre and of Sidon. So with one accord they came to him and, after persuading Blastus, who was in charge of the bedchamber of the king, they began suing for peace, because their country was supplied with food from that of the king. (**Acts of Apostles 12:20**)
- But on a set day **Herod** clothed himself with royal raiment and sat down upon the judgment seat and began giving them a public address. (**Acts of Apostles 12:21**)
- In turn the assembled people began shouting; A god's voice, and not a man's! (**Acts of Apostles 12:22**)
- Instantly the angel of Yehowah struck him, because he did not give the glory to God, and he became eaten up with worms and expired. (**Acts of Apostles 12:23**)
- **AGRIPPA II** King of Chalcis, later given territory formerly of Philip the tetrarch, and other areas.
- Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived in Caesarea for a visit of courtesy to Festus. (**Acts of Apostles 25:13**)
- Here Agrippa said to Festus; I myself would also like to hear the man. Tomorrow, he said; You shall hear him. (**Acts of Apostles 25:22**)

- **Therefore, on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice came with much pompous show and entered into the audience chamber together with military commanders as well as men of eminence in the city, and when Festus gave the command, Paul was brought in. (Acts of Apostles 25:23)**
- **And Festus said; King Agrippa and all you men who are present with us, you are beholding this man concerning whom all the multitude of the Jews together have applied to me both in Jerusalem and here, shouting that he ought not to live any longer. (Acts of Apostles 25:24)**
- **But I perceived he had committed nothing deserving of death. So when this man himself appealed to the August One, I decided to send him. (Acts of Apostles 25:25)**
- **But concerning him I have nothing certain to write to my Lord. Therefore I brought him forth before you, and especially before you, King Agrippa, in order, that, after the judicial examination has taken place, I might get something to write. (Acts of Apostles 25:26)**
- **For it seems unreasonable to me to send a prisoner and not also to signify the charges against him. (Acts of Apostles 25:27)**
- **Agrippa said to Paul; You are permitted to speak in behalf of yourself. Then Paul stretched his hand out and proceeded to say in his defense. (Acts of Apostles 26:1)**
- **Concerning all the things of which I am accused by Jews, King Agrippa, I count myself happy that it is before you I am to make my defense this day. (Acts of Apostles 26:2)**
- **Wherefore, King Agrippa, I did not become disobedient to the heavenly sight. (Acts of Apostles 26:19)**
- **But both to those in Damascus first and to those in Jerusalem, and over all the country of Judea, and to the nations I went bringing the message that they should repent and turn to God by doing works that befit repentance. (Acts of Apostles 26:20)**
- **On account of these things Jews seized me in the temple and attempted to slay me. (Acts of Apostles 26:21)**

- **However, because I have obtained the help that is from God I continue to this day bearing witness to both small and great, but saying nothing except things the Prophets as well as Moses stated were going to take place. (Acts of Apostles 26:22)**
- **That the Christ was to suffer and, as the first to be resurrected from the dead, he was going to publish light both to this people and to the nations. (Acts of Apostles 26:23)**
- **Now as he was saying these things in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice; You are going mad, Paul! Great learning is driving you into madness! (Acts of Apostles 26:24)**
- **But Paul said; I am not going mad, your Excellency Festus, but I am uttering sayings of truth and of soundness of mind. (Acts of Apostles 26:25)**
- **In reality, the king to whom I am speaking with freeness of speech well knows about these things, for I am persuaded that not one of these things escapes his notice, for this thing has not been done in a corner. (Acts of Apostles 26:26)**
- **Do you, King Agrippa, believe the Prophets? I know you believe. (Acts of Apostles 26:27)**
- **But Agrippa said to Paul; In a short time you would persuade me to become a Christian. (Acts of Apostles 26:28)**
- **At this Paul said; I could wish to God that whether in a short time or in a long time not only you but also all those who hear me today would become men such as I also am, with the exception of these bonds. (Acts of Apostles 26:29)**
- **And the king rose and so did the governor and Bernice and the men seated with them. (Acts of Apostles 26:30)**
- **But as they withdrew they began talking with one another, saying; This man practices nothing deserving death or bonds. (Acts of Apostles 26:31)**
- **Moreover, Agrippa said to Festus; This man could have been released if he had not appealed to Caesar. (Acts of Apostles 26:32)**

Mariamne III

- **Drusilla Wife of Felix**
- Some days later Felix arrived with Drusilla his wife, who was a Jewess, and he sent for Paul and listened to him on the belief in Christ Jesus. ([Acts of Apostles 24:24](#))
- **Bernice**
- Now when some days had passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived in Caesarea for a visit of courtesy to Festus. ([Acts of Apostles 25:13](#))
- Therefore, on the next day, Agrippa and Bernice came with much pompous show and entered into the audience chamber together with military commanders as well as men of eminence in the city, and when Festus gave the command, Paul was brought in. ([Acts of Apostles 25:23](#))
- And the king rose and so did the governor and Bernice and the men seated with them. ([Acts of Apostles 26:30](#))
- **Herodias Mother of Salome**
- 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](#))
- 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](#))

Salampsio

Cypros

Mariamne II

HEROD PHILIP First husband of Herodias

- 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**)

Salome

Cleopatra of Jerusalem

- **PHILIP** Tetrarch of Ituraea, Trachonitis, and nearby districts
- In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and **Herod** was district ruler of Galilee, but Philip his brother was district ruler of the country of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was district ruler of Abilene. (**Luke 3:1**)

Malthace

- **ARCHELAUS** King of Judea, later an ethnarch
- But hearing that Archelaus ruled as king of Judea instead of his father **Herod**, he became afraid to depart for there. Moreover, being given divine warning in a dream, he withdrew into the territory of Galilee. (**Matthew 2:22**)
- **ANTIPAS** Tetrarch of Galilee and Perea, popularly referred to as King, second husband of **Herodias**.
- 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**)
- Now it got to the ears of King **Herod**, for the name of Jesus became public, and people were saying; John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and on that account the powerful works are operating in him. (**Mark 6:14**)
- But others were saying; It is Elijah. Still others were saying; It is a prophet like one of the prophets. (**Mark 6:15**)
- But when **Herod** heard it he began to say; The John that I beheaded, this one has been raised up. (**Mark 6:16**)
- 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**)
- In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and **Herod** was district ruler of Galilee, but Philip his brother was district ruler of the country of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was district ruler of Abilene. (**Luke 3:1**)

- 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**)
- Added also this to all those deeds. He locked John up in prison. (**Luke 3:20**)
- In that very hour certain Pharisees came up, saying to him; Get out and be on your way from here, because **Herod** wants to kill you. (**Luke 13:31**)
- And he said to them; Go and tell that fox, Look! I am casting out demons and accomplishing healing today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be finished. (**Luke 13:32**)
- On hearing that, Pilate asked whether the man was a Galilean. (**Luke 23:6**)
- And, after ascertaining that he was from the jurisdiction of **Herod**, he sent him on to Herod, who was also himself in Jerusalem in these days. (**Luke 23:7**)
- When **Herod** saw Jesus he rejoiced greatly, for over a considerable time he was wanting to see him because of having heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign performed by him. (**Luke 23:8**)
- Now he began to question him with a good many words, but he made him no answer. (**Luke 23:9**)
- However, the chief priests and the scribes kept standing up and vehemently accusing him. (**Luke 23:10**)
- Then **Herod** together with his soldier guards discredited him, and he made fun of him by clothing him with a bright garment and sent him back to Pilate. (**Luke 23:11**)
- Both **Herod** and Pilate now became friends with each other on that very day, for before that they had continued at enmity between themselves. (**Luke 23:12**)
- Pilate then called the chief priests and the rulers and the people together (**Luke 23:13**)

- **And said to them; You brought this man to me as one inciting the people to revolt, and, look! I examined him in front of you but found in this man no ground for the charges you are bringing against him. (Luke 23:14)**
- **In fact, neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us, and, look! Nothing deserving of death has been committed by him. (Luke 23:15)**
- **Even so, both Herod and Pontius Pilate with men of nations and with peoples of Israel were in actuality gathered together in this city against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. (Acts of Apostles 4:27)**
- **Now in Antioch there were prophets and teachers in the local congregation, Barnabas as well as Symeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who was educated with Herod the district ruler, and Saul. (Acts of Apostles 13:1)**
- **Herod the Great had five other wives, and 15 children in all.**