

HEROD

name given to family ruling parts of Palestine from 40 B.C. to 100 A.D.

HEROD ANTIPATER

- not mentioned in the New Testament
- father of Herod the Great
- **10 of his descendants** played major roles in the lives of Jesus and of the apostles.
- descended from Abraham through Isaac and Esau (rather than through Isaac and Jacob)
- their ancestors had not gone to Egypt with Joseph and returned with Moses
- converted to the Jewish religious practice of the descendants of Jacob
- followed Roman social practices
- rebuilt the Temple of Solomon in Jerusalem
- offended the Jews by placing an eagle, the emblem of Roman rule, on the Temple; his last act in life was overseeing execution of the Jews who tore it down

HEROD THE GREAT

- **Matt. 2:1-19; Luke 1:5**
- given title "King of the Jews" (37-4 B.C.) by the Romans (never accepted by Jews; not from line of David)
- "king" over the 4 political districts in Israel (**Judea, Samaria, Galilee, Idumea**) and several lesser territories
- the wise men from the East asked him where the King of the Jews was to be born
- ordered the slaughter of all boys under the age of two years
- after fleeing to Egypt, Joseph didn't bring family back to Nazareth til after his death
- after his death, Rome divided his kingdom between his sons (none of them were called "King of the Jews")

HEROD ARCHELAUS

- **Matt. 2: 22**
- son of Herod the Great
- ruled **Judea, Samaria, and Idumea** after the death of his father
- Joseph was afraid of him (decided to take his family north to Galilee)
- violent man; ruled badly; Romans removed him after ten years (replacing him with a Roman)

HEROD ANTIPAS

- **Matt. 14:1-10; Mark 6:14-28, 8:15; Luke 3:1,19-20, 9:7-9, 13:31-32, 23:6-12; Acts 4:27**
- called *Herod the Tetrarch* in the New Testament
- another son of Herod the Great
- tetrarch of **Galilee** and **Perea**
- married Herodias (cousin; divorced from an uncle, then his brother Philip)
- imprisoned & killed John the Baptist (who preached against his marriage) when step-daughter Salome requested his head on a platter
- Jesus warned the disciples against the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod (Mk. 8:15)
- the fox that the Pharisees warned Jesus about (Mk. 8:15)
- presided over Jesus' trial
- with Pontius Pilate, the Roman procurator, determined Jesus' death sentence
- HERODIANS - aristocratic group of Jews favored his policies & thus supported Roman govt.

HEROD PHILIP

- **Matt. 14:3-4; Mark 6:17; Luke 3:1,19**
- another son of Herod the Great
- tetrarch of **Iturea** and **Trachonitis**
- once married to cousin Herodias (who later divorced Philip to marry Antipas)

HEROD AGRIPPA I

- **Acts 12:1-23**
- appointed by Rome to rule over most of Palestine, incl. **Galilee, Perea, Judea, Samaria**
- son of Aristobulus; grandson of Herod the Great; brother of Herodias
- ordered the execution of James (the apostle; brother of John)
- imprisoned Peter to please the Jews
- eaten by worms & died when didn't give glory to God

HEROD AGRIPPA II

- **Acts 25:13-27, 26:1-32**
- son of Herod Agrippa I (great-grandson of Herod the Great)
- brother of Drusilla and of Bernice (accompanied him at public functions)
- heard Paul's defense (asking for his right to be tried as a Roman citizen)
- "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." (26:28); song
- Herodian dynasty ended with his death

HERODIAS

- **Matt. 14:3-11; Mark 6:17-28; Luke 3:19-20**
- daughter of Aristobulus; granddaughter of Herod the Great; sister of Herod Agrippa I
- married Philip, then Antipas (rebuked by John the Bap. for unlawful marriage)

SALOME

- **Matt. 14:6-11; Mark 6:22-28**
- daughter of Herodias; step-daughter of Herod Antipas
- requested the head of John the Baptist on a platter (at her mother's prompting)

DRUSILLA

- **Acts 24: 24**
- another daughter of Herod Agrippa I; sister of Bernice and Agrippa II
- married to Felix, the Roman procurator/governor of Judea (like Pilate) who presided over Paul's trial

BERNICE

- **Acts 25:13-23, 26:30**
- daughter of Herod Agrippa I; sister of Drusilla and Agrippa II (with him when heard Paul's defense)