

## [F-10] The Herods of Scripture

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**Herod I (Herod the Great)** {75 B.C. To 4 B.C.} [Reigned from 37 B.C. To 4 B.C.]

Had **seven sons**:

**Antipater II, Alexander, Aristobulus IV, and Herod II** (also referred to as **Herod Philip I**). Of these, he executed the first three for various reasons. He wrote the fourth, **Herod Philip I**, out of his will. The next three sons were **Antipas, Archelaus, and Philip (Herod Philip II)**. He executed his favorite son, **Antipater**, only five days before his death for plotting against him? Herod's first wife Miriamne had two sons whom he had drowned in the palace swimming pool next door due his suspicions of them. According to tradition Herod died from a combination of chronic kidney disease, intense itching, painful intestinal problems and a rare infection that causes gangrene of the genitalia. Started rebuilding the temple known as Herod's temple around 13 B.C. [see John 20:23] which was completed about the time of Jesus' crucifixion [See Mat. 24:1; Lk. 21:5; Jn. 2:20; Jn, 20:23].

Herod's kingdom was divided by the Romans between Herod's three living sons: **Herod Antipas, Archelaus, and Philip** and were referred to as tetrachs [meaning four] [Mat. 14:1] but as far as we know the provinces were only divided into three sections with **Archelaus** receiving the largest portion and the rest divided between **Antipas** and **Philip**.

**Herod Antipas** {21 B.C. - 39 A.D.} [According to tradition was executed during the reign of Nero (54 A.D. - 68 A.D.) Ruled over the province of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime. Executed John the Baptist. Herodias divorced her husband **Herod Philip** [probably for political reasons] and became **Herod Antipas'** wife which John the Baptist denounced as being against the law. **Herod Antipas** was referred to by Jesus as "that old fox" [Lk. 13:32] Pilate sent Jesus to him because Pilate heard that Jesus was from Galilee which **Herod** ruled over.

**Herod Archelaus** {22 B.C. - 18 A.D.} reigned following his father's death [Mat. 2:22] over the largest portion of Judea and Samaria. Was deposed by Rome around 18 A.D. due to his unpopularity.

**Herod Agrippa I** {11 B.C. - 44 A.D.} **Son of Herod Antipas** and grandson of **Herod the Great**. Reigned over Judea from around 41 A.D. To 44 A.D. Had John the brother of James executed [Acts 12:2] and put Peter in prison [Acts 12:3]. Died of worms [Acts 12:23].

**Herod Agrippa II** {27 A.D. - 93 A.D.} **Son of Herod Agrippa I**, grandson of Herod Antipas, great grandson of **Herod the Great**. Heard Paul's testimony before Festus {Acts 25:13 - 26:32}

See Josephus.