

John 18:28-19:16

The Bad Boys of Scripture: The Herodian Dynasty!

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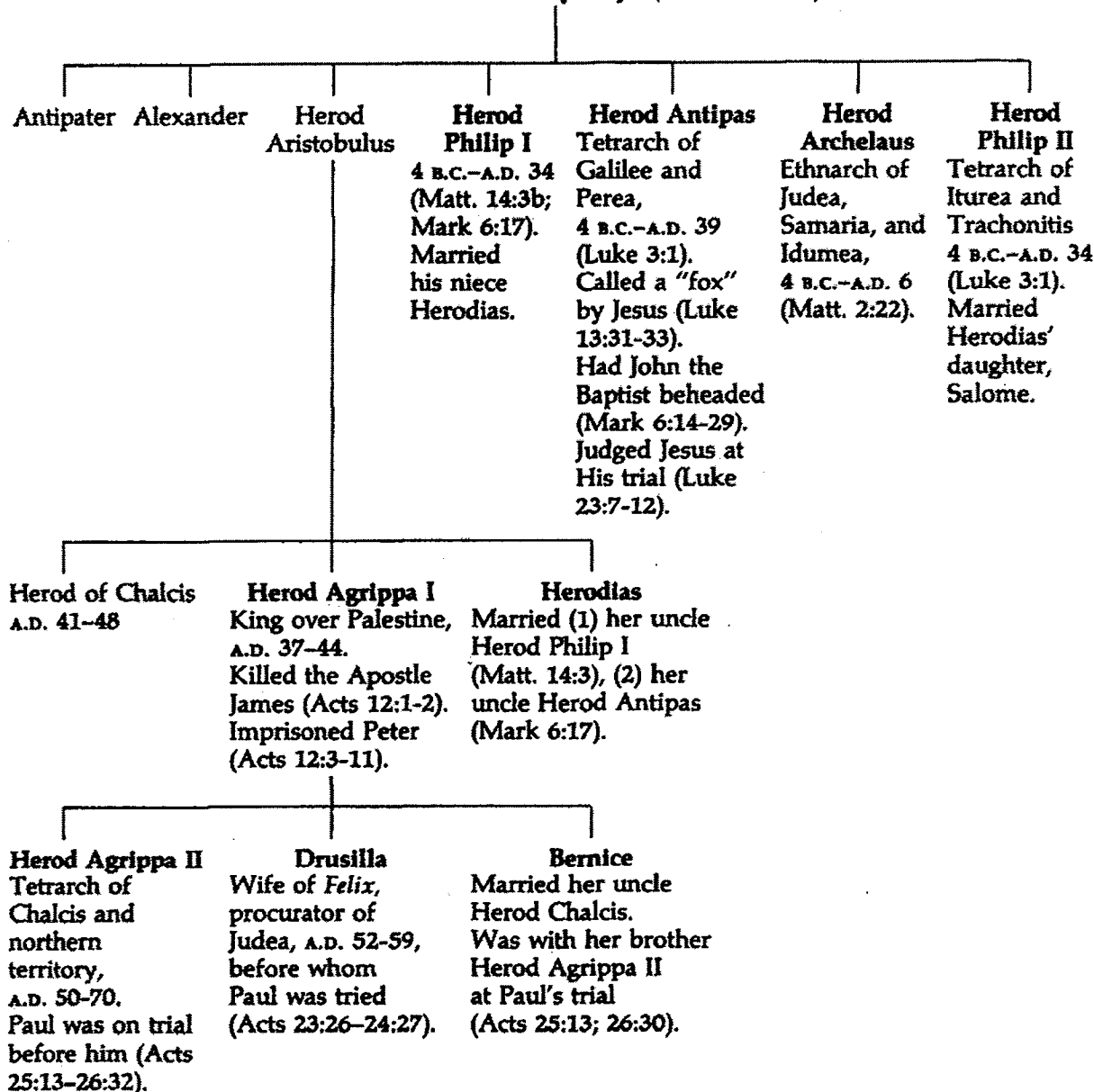
INTRO: In effort to appreciate the historical integrity and the spiritual riches of the four Gospels it helps to understand the earthly powers that be. Be it Pontious Pilate, King Herod, or the sinister Sanhedrin. Note Luke 1:1-7; Luke 2:1-3; Luke 3:1-4. Matthew 2.

2 Key Things concerning the mighty Caesar Augustus:

- 1.
- 2.

Herod the Great

King of Palestine, 37-4 B.C. (Luke 1:5)
Killed Bethlehem baby boys (Matt. 2:1-17)



Practical Takeaways

1) "There is nothing _____ under the sun."

(Ecclesiastes 1)

2) "When God wants to judge a nation, He gives them _____."

(Hoseas 13:11; Daniel 2:20-22; Deut. 28:14-15, 28-37; Psalm 125:3; Romans 13:1-7)

3) Rejoice and Fear Not! Our Savior-King is the true _____
and the one and only Son of God!

(Note Isaiah 9:6-7; Daniel 7:14; CityAlight- Ancient of Days; Rejoice, the Lord is King!)

4) Let the Church of Jesus Christ pray with increased fervency _____
and Revelation 22:20.

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Caesar Augustus: was the founder of the mighty Roman Empire and its first Emperor, ruling from 27 BC until his death in AD 14. "Augustus claimed it was the spirit of Julius Caesar entering heaven. If Caesar was a god then, as his heir, Augustus was the *son of a god* and he made sure that everybody knew it." Keep in mind the Romans were polytheists not monotheists. Augustus helped usher in a period of peace and prosperity! For more listen to my Luke 2:1-7 sermon, *A Remarkable Christmas Providence*, from 1/15/23.

***Caesar Tiberius-** was the adopted son of Caesar Augustus and the Roman Emperor from 14 AD to 37 AD. "Tiberius was one of Rome's greatest generals. But he came to be remembered as a dark, reclusive, and somber ruler who never really desired to be emperor; Pliny the Elder called him "the gloomiest of men."

***Pontius Pilate:** (Luke 3:1, 13:1, 23:14; Matt. 27; Mark 15; John 18:28-19:38; Acts 3:13, 4:26-27, and 1 Tim. 6:13). Pilate was the fifth Roman appointed Governor of Judea from 26 AD to 36 AD. Historians believe that Sejanus, the head of the Roman Praetorian guard, recommended that Pilate be appointed "Prefect of Judea" by Tiberius (the Roman Emperor). Pilate's official headquarters and palace was located in Caesarea though he traveled to Jerusalem for important court cases and during Jewish holidays. Pilate was shrewd, ambitious, and at times quite brutal. Note last Sunday's 8/6/23 sermon

Procula- the wife of Pontius Pilate (Matthew 27:19-26).

Annas: the unofficial High Priest of Israel (AKA- the Jewish Godfather). Annas was the most powerful Jewish leader in Israel. In many ways he continued to pull the strings in relation to the Sanhedrin (the Jewish Supreme Court). Annas was powerful, corrupt, wealthy, and ambitious (*see John 18:12-14, 19-24 sermon from 7/16/23*)

Caiaphas: the current High Priest and son-in-law to Annas. Caiaphas oversaw the Jewish portion of the trial of Jesus of Nazareth (see Matthew 26:57-27:10). After the resurrection of Lazarus Caiaphas prophesied (unknowingly) that it is better for one man to die than for the entire nation to perish (note John 11:47-57). Caiaphas was respected, ruthless, powerful, and rich. <https://www.lakecountrybible.org/sermons/>

The Sanhedrin- Made up the supreme religious, political, and judicial court of the Jews. Prior to AD 70 the Sanhedrin was comprised of 70 members plus the High Priest. They were known for enacting strict rules, for their magnificent beards, and for wearing lengthy robes. The chief priests (Mt. 27:41), the scribes (Acts 5:34), and the leading men of Jerusalem (elders) made up the Sanhedrin.

For Further Reflection/Application: *Lord help us to be doers of the Word and not just hearers!*

What is the most important thing you heard today? How were you encouraged, challenged, and/or convicted? What do you want to study further as a result of today's message?

Review the 4 Practical Takeaways from today's history heavy sermon. Which one encouraged you the most and which one did you find the most convicting?

What songs underscore some of the main points from today's message?

How did Pontius Pilate come to be the 5th Governor of Judea? How was this appointment connected to the Herodian Dynasty/family tree?

Are you named after someone? If so, Who? Why? Highlight the significance of names in Scripture. Read Matthew 1:21 and find a few examples like this. Have you ever met a Herod or Pilate before?

Caesar Augustus was viewed as the son of a god and a prince of peace. Herod the Great viewed himself as the king of the Jews. Who is Ruler the greatest of them all? Who is the true Son of God, Prince of peace, and King of kings? Is Jesus your Lord and Savior? Your God and King? What difference do it make?

John 18:12-14, 19-24 (note sermon July 16, 2023)

Even During a Miscarriage of Justice of Unparalleled Proportions, the LORD Reigns!

- 1) The Dishonorable House of Annas (John 18:12-14; Mark 15:10)
- 2) The Great Inquisition. (John 18:19-20; 19:6-7; Luke 23:3)
- 3) The Table-Turning Questions. (John 18:21-23)
- 4) The Pointless Change of Venue. (John 18:24; *this was a kangaroo court*)

Peter's tragic denial unfolds in three, unforgettable scenes:

Scene 1/Strike 1 (John 18:15-17)

Scene 2/Strike 2 (John 18:25)

Scene 3/Strike 3 (John 18:26-27)

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You, That You may be feared. Psalm 130:3-4 → See July 23, 2023 sermon.

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