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The Herodian Dynasty

Herod's Children

1. Antipater 
2. Philip I (Herod II) 
3. Aristobulus 
4. Alexander 
5. Philip II
6. Archelaus
7. Antipas

4 in the New Testament

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1. Philip I (Herod II)

- Mark 6:17 –

“For Herod himself had sent and had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, because he had married her.”

*See also Matthew 14:3 & Luke 3:19

How It Happened

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- Herod the Great's execution of his two sons born by his Hasmonean wife Mariamne, Alexander and Aristobulus IV, left the latter's daughter Herodias orphaned and a minor.
- Herod engaged her to Philip I (Herod II), her half-uncle, and her connection to the Hasmonean bloodline supported her new husband's right to succeed his father.

Where is he in the NT?

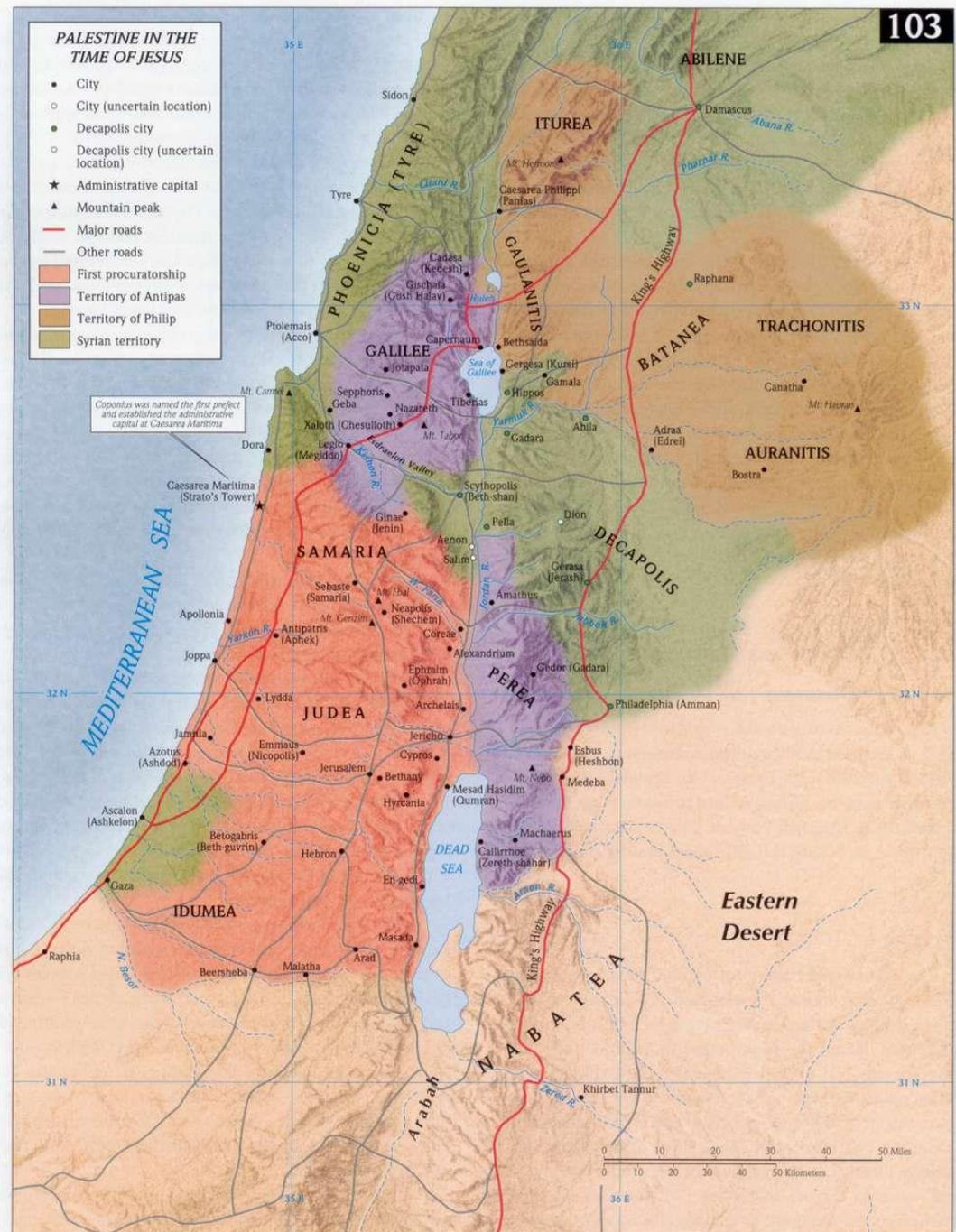
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- Recall that Herod's oldest son, Antipater, was executed for plotting to poison his father, which seemed to leave Philip I (Herod II), the eldest surviving son of Herod the Great, as first in line for the throne.
- However, his mother's knowledge of the poison plot, and failure to stop it, led to his being dropped from this position in Herod's will just days before he died.
- Philip I (Herod II) lived in Rome with Herodias as a private citizen until she later divorced him and married his brother, Antipas.



2. Philip II (the tetrarch)

Philip inherits the northeast part of his father's kingdom, which included Iturea and Trachonitis.



What to Know: Philip II

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- Philip married his niece Salome, the daughter of Herodias and Philip I (Herod II); he was 39 years her senior. (By the way, this made Salome both aunt and sister-in-law to her own mother...)
- Philip rebuilt the city of **Caesarea Philippi**, calling it by his own name to distinguish it from **Caesarea Maritima**, which was the seat of the **Roman government**.
- We do not hear of him by name in the NT, but Jesus does take the disciples to “the region of **Caesarea Philippi**” in Matthew 16.

What to Know: Archelaus

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- Archelaus had been named Herod's successor in the most recently updated will, seemingly replacing Antipas, who was named in a previous will.
- He appeals to Caesar Augustus, and he is given the largest portion of the kingdom.

Archelaus' Reign

- One of his first acts is the execution of 2 teachers and 40 youths in the Temple.
- Later, he divorces his first wife, Mariamne, daughter of Aristobulus IV, to marry Glaphyra, the widow of Alexander, who had remarried and also divorced her 2nd husband to marry Archelaus.
- His flagrant violation of the Mosaic law, along with continued cruelty, roused the ire of the Jews, who complained to Augustus.
- Archelaus fell into disrepute and was deposed in A.D. 6, and Samaria, Judea, and Idumea became the Roman province of Iudaea.

Archelaus in the NT

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- **Matthew 2:21-23a** –

“So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that **Archelaus** was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, and came and lived in a city called Nazareth.”

What to Know: Antipas

- Herod's youngest son; he would govern Galilee and Perea for 42 years.
- **Wishing to be a builder like his father, he rebuilt Sepphoris and fortified Betharan (Livia, later Julias) in Perea.**
- Antipas' greatest achievement was the city of Tiberias on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee, which became known as the Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1).

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Antipas in the NT

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- He came into conflict with John the Baptist following the aforementioned illegal and immoral marriage to Herodias.
- He imprisons (Matthew 11:1-6) and then executes John the Baptist at the request of Salome (Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29).

Antipas in the NT

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- In Luke 13:32, while in Perea, Jesus calls Antipas “that fox.”
- In Matthew 14:1-2, Antipas thinks that Jesus might be John the Baptist reborn.
- Perhaps the most well-known interaction in Scripture is his meeting with Jesus in Jerusalem on Good Friday morning.

Luke 23:6-12



Did You Know?

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- Among the followers of Jesus and members of the early Christian movement mentioned in the New Testament are Joanna (Luke 8:3; 24:10), the wife of one of Antipas' stewards, and Manaen (Acts 13:1), a "foster-brother" or "companion" of Antipas.
- It has been conjectured that these were sources for early Christian knowledge of Antipas and his court.

The Next Generation

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- Aristobulus IV (former heir, executed by Herod), the father of Herodias, had a son named Herod Agrippa I.
- He was educated in Rome alongside the children of Tiberius and a close friend of the Roman Emperor Caligula.
- He would reign as King of Judea from A.D. 41-44.

Herod Agrippa I in the NT

Persecutor of
the Church:
Acts 12:1-19



Herod Agrippa I in the NT

His Death: Acts 12:20-23



Agrippa I had 3 Children

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1. Herod Agrippa II
2. Bernice
3. Drusilla

All 3 appear in the New Testament.

Drusilla

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Drusilla married the king of Emesa, but left him to marry Felix, governor of Judea.

The apostle Paul spoke before Felix in Caesarea.

Look at Act 24:24-26

Bernice

- Bernice was married to her uncle and second husband, Herod king of Chalcis, when she left him to live with her brother, Herod Agrippa II.
- **When rumors of incest arose, she married Polemo of Cilicia, but soon returned to live with her brother again.**
- The incestuous relationship became the gossip in Rome (Josephus confirms).
- **She later became a mistress of Emperor Titus.**

Herod Agrippa II

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- Unpopular among his Jewish subjects because of his Roman allegiances.
- He was expelled by the Jewish people in A.D. 66 when the Jewish Revolt began.
- During the First Jewish-Roman War of 66–73, he sent 2,000 men, archers and cavalry, to support Vespasian, showing that, although a Jew in religion, he was entirely devoted to the Roman Empire; he even accompanied Titus on some campaigns.



Acts 25:13-26:32

Herod Agrippa II

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- Lived out his final years in Rome as a nobleman.
- He developed a close friendship with Josephus, which colors his accounts of the time.
- Agrippa II dies around A.D. 100, and the Herodian Dynasty comes to an end.



Next Week:

Pontius Pilate

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