



“The Rise and Fall of King Herod”

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Introduction – *The Herods play a significant role in the Gospels and in the life of the early church.*

I. The Rise of King Herod.

- A. “Herod” is a title given to the male rulers who were descendants of Herod the Great.
- B. Herod the Great was a usurper of the throne of David, and lived in constant fear of losing his power.
- C. Herod the Great was succeeded by his sons and grandsons.
 - 1. Herod Archelaus – ruled over Samaria, Judea, and Edom until 6 AD.
 - 2. Herod Antipas – ruled over Samaria, Judea and Galilee until 39 AD.
 - 3. Herod Philip – ruled over Iterea and other regions.
 - 4. Herod Aristobulus – was sent to live in Rome when he was 12.
 - 5. Herod Agrippa I –
 - 6. Herod Agrippa II -

II. The Ruthlessness of King Herod.

- A. The Herods were in constant fear of losing their power, and tried to win the favor of the Jewish population.
- B. The Herods had a dark side.
 - 1. Herod the Great –
 - 2. Herod Antipas –
 - 3. Herod Agrippa I

III. The Ruin of King Herod.

- A. The Herods who ruled with cruelty were met with painful, untimely deaths.
 - 1. Herod the Great –
 - 2. Herod Agrippa I –
- B. But. . . the Word of God continued to grow!

Conclusion. Four timely lessons:

- 1. Danger - -
- 2. Pride - -
- 3. God’s justice - -
- 4. God’s Word - -