

## HERODS, ALL 5 OF THEM

### In the Gospels and Acts

- Herod the Great, ruled 74 BC-4 A.D.
  - \* king of Judea
  - \* killed Bethlehem babies [*Matt 2*]
  - \* some say of Arab descent but family practiced Jewish religion
  - \* known for many building projects: the 2nd Temple in Jerusalem (*John 2.20*), elaborate summer palace at Masada, port at Caesarea, Herodium (*his tomb*), palace at Jericho, fortresses at Machaerus & Kipros, as well as temples to Roman gods.
  - \* responsible for the Massacre of the Innocents

Note: Jesus was born during the year before Herod died, i.e. 4 BC
- (Herod) Archaelus, *Matt 2.22*
  - \* son of Herod the Great
  - \* in office in Jerusalem when Joseph & Mary returned to Israel after fleeing to Egypt
  - \* only mentioned in passing
- Herod Antipas, tetrarch, killed John the Baptist [*Matt 14.1 Luke 3.1 Mk 6.17*] 4-39 AD
  - \* Pilate sent Jesus to Herod Antipas at Jesus' trial
  - \* son of Herod the Great
  - \* also known as tetrarch
  - \* had John the Baptist beheaded
- Herod Agrippa I, 37-44 AD
  - \* persecuted the Church
  - \* killed James, arrested Peter [*Acts 12*]
  - \* sometimes identified as Philip, son of Herod the Great
  - \* "eaten of worms," [*Acts 12.23*]
- Herod Agrippa II, Paul's trial [*Acts 24,25*] 48-61 A.D.
  - \* agreed with Felix that Paul was not guilty of breaking Roman laws
  - \* agreed to sent Paul to Nero
  - \* "almost thou persuades me to be a Christian." Acts 26.28