

Part I
**“Herod Agrippa The 1st Persecutes
& Martyrs The Church In Jerusalem!”**

Acts 12:1-5

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Q: “Who Is **King Herod (Agrippa I / Herod II)?” [11 B.C. – 44 A.D.]**

A: He is the Grandson of **Herod The Great & His **Hasmonean Queen Mariamne****

A: He is the Eldest Son of **His Father Aristobulus Who Was Executed in 7 B.C.**

When Young Agrippa Was Only Four Years Old

Q: “What Became Of Young **Prince Agrippa?”**

A: He Was Also the Son of His **Mother Bernice,**

Who Was the **Daughter Of Salome I,**

Who Was In Turn, The **Sister of Herod the Great.**

**A: His Mother Sent Him Away to Rome to be Raised in the Same Household
With Young Gaius Caligula & Tiberius Claudius - Both Later Emperors of Rome**

Q: “What Became of Roman Regent **Marcus Julius Agrippa After He Grew Up In Rome?”**

A: When **Gaius Caligula Became **Emperor****

After the Death Of Tiberius Augustus (14 – 37 A.D.),

He Bestowed on Agrippa I the **Tetrarchies of Northern Syria,**

Belonging to His Uncles **Phillip & Lysanias in 37 A.D.**

A: **Emperor Gaius Caligula Deposed & Sent**

****Agrippa’s Brother-In-Law - Antipas** Into Exile in the Year 37 A.D.**

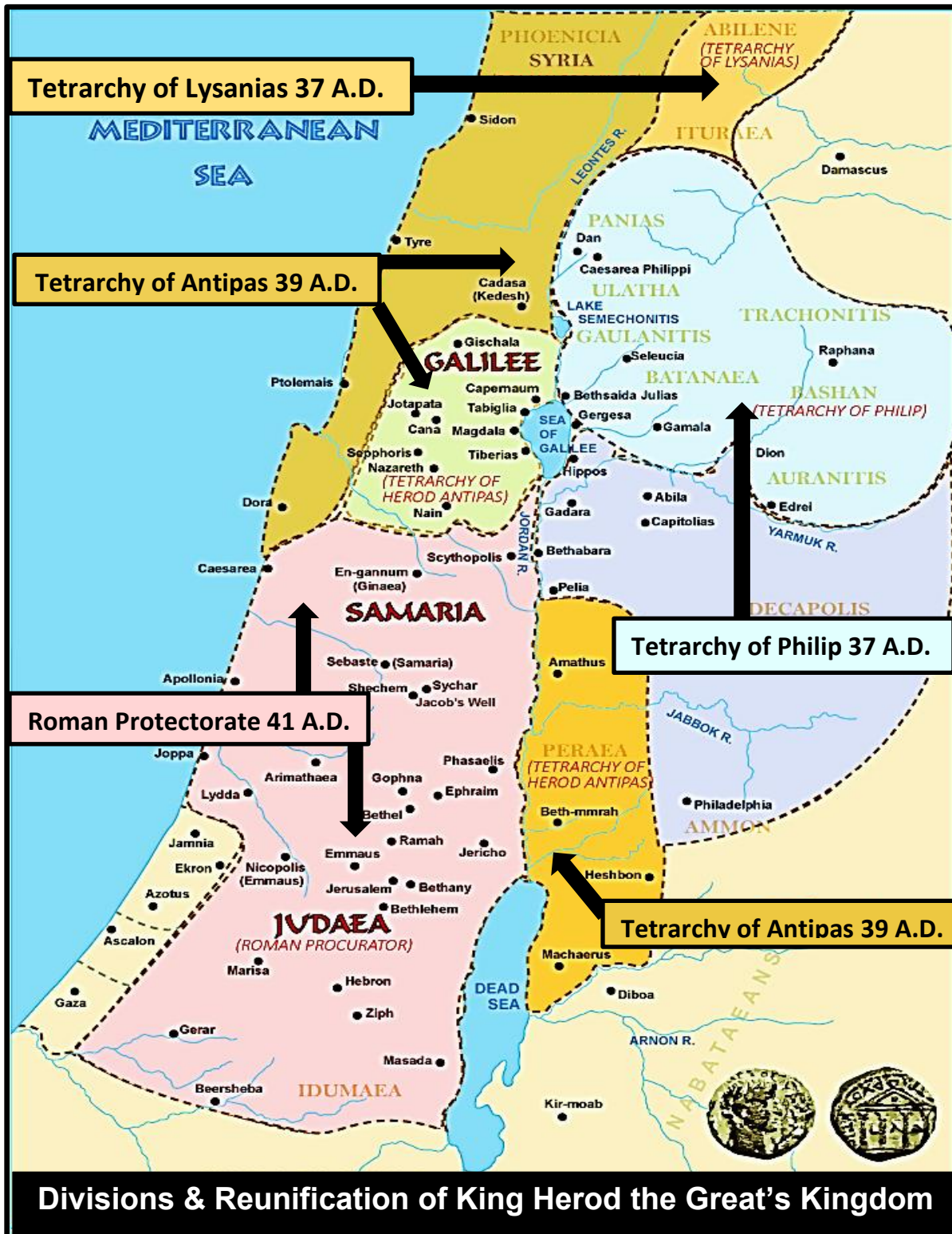
Later in 39 A.D. He Bestowed on Agrippa the **Tetrarchy of Galilee & Peraea**

A: Finally, Later in 41 A.D. - After the Assassination of Gaius Caligula,

The **Emperor Tiberius Claudius Bestowed on Agrippa the **Roman Protectorate of Samaria & Judea****

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King Herod the Great's Kingdom Was Restored Under The Rule of Herod Agrippa I His Grandson!



“Then He (King Herod Agrippa I / Herod II) killed James (Son of Zebedee) the Brother of John with the sword.”
Acts 12:2

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Q: “Who Is James (Son of Zebedee) the Brother of John?”

A: James Was the Son of Zebedee, His Father & His Mother, Salome

A: He is the Brother of John, the Apostle

A: He is 1 of the Original 12 Apostles & the 1st Apostle to be Martyred for the Faith

Q: “Why Did King Herod (Agrippa I / Herod II)

Decide to Put to Death James the Apostle?”

A1: Because He Was Put In Charge By His Childhood Friends,
The Former Roman Emperor Gaius Caligula & The Present Caesar Tiberius Claudius,
To Keep the Peace Without Having A Roman Procurator & Governor
Present Throughout the Land of Palestine (Modern Day – Israel)

A2: He Was Also According To Roman Doctrine
To Befriend & Pacify the Jewish People & Their Orthodox Religious Leaders,
So, That They Remained At Peace With One Another & Rome

NOTE

Jesus’ Prophecy Concerning The Future Suffering For The Faith

That Both James & John Would Endure - Now Begins To Come To Pass!

Then James and John, the Sons of Zebedee, came to Him (Jesus), saying, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask!” And He (Jesus) said to them, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They (James and John) said to Him (Jesus), “Grant us that we may Sit, one on Your Right Hand and the other on Your Left (Hand), in Your Glory!” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to Drink the Cup (of Anguish & Grief) that I Drink, and be Baptized with the Baptism (of Pain & Suffering) that I AM Baptized with?” They (James and John) said to Him (Jesus), “We are able!” So, Jesus said to them, “You will indeed Drink the Cup (of Anguish & Grief) that I Drink, and with the Baptism (of Pain & Suffering) I AM Baptized with, you also will be Baptized; but to Sit on My Right Hand and on My Left (Hand), is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared!”

Mark 10:35-40 (NKJV)

Q: “Why Did King Herod (Agrippa I / Herod II)

Decide To Also Arrest & Put Peter The Apostle In Prison?”

A: He Saw That His Execution of James the Apostle Had Already Started To Pay Dividends.

So, He Thought Why Not Really Show His True Intentions, Authority, & Power,
By Ordering the Arrest & Imprisonment of Peter the Apostle, & Leader of the Christian Church
“And because He (King Herod Agrippa I / Herod II) saw that It (Persecution / Martyrdom)
pleased the Jews, He proceeded further to seize Peter also.”

Acts 12:3a

Q: “But What Was Herod Agrippa’s True Intentions Regarding Peter’s Arrest & Imprisonment?”

“Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread (Passover Feast). So, when He (King Herod Antipas I / Herod II) had arrested Him (Peter), He also put Him (Peter) in prison, and delivered Him to four squads of soldiers to keep Him, intending to bring Him out before the People after the Passover (Feast).”

Acts 12:3b-4

Q: “Why Did King Herod (Agrippa I / Herod II) Decide To Wait To Bring Peter Out To Judge Him After The Passover Feast Was Over?”

REMEMBER - “What Happened At Another Passover Feast In 30 A.D. (33 A.D.)?”

NOTE The Intention of the Jewish Authorities
Back When Then Wanted To Arrest & Put To Death Jesus Christ!

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Now when He (Jesus) came into the Temple, the Chief Priests and the Elders of the People confronted Him (Jesus) as He was Teaching, and said, “By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?” But Jesus answered and said to them, “I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what Authority I do these things: The Baptism of John, where was it from? From Heaven or from men?” And they reasoned among Themselves (Jewish Religious Authorities), saying, “If we say, ‘From Heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe Him (John the Baptist)?’ But if we say, ‘From men,’ we fear the multitude, for all count John (the Baptist) as a Prophet.” So, They (Jewish Religious Authorities) answered Jesus, “We do not know!” And He (Jesus) said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what Authority I do these things!” Jesus then Taught, “Hear another Parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.’ So, they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?” They (Jewish Religious Authorities) said to Him, “He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to Them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The Stone which the builders rejected has become the Chief Cornerstone. This was the Lord’s Doing, and It is marvelous in our eyes?’ Therefore, I Say to you, the Kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. And whoever falls on this Stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder!” When the Chief Priests and the Pharisees heard His Parables, They understood that He was speaking about Them (Jewish Religious Authorities). But when They sought to lay hands on Him (Jesus), They feared the Multitudes (People), because they took Him for a Prophet. Matthew 21:33-45 (NKJV)

* [This All Took Place During the Feast of the Passover – Matthew Chapters 21 to 28] *

Q: “How Did The Faithful People of God / The Church Decide To Act To

This Persecution & Martyrdom Upon God’s People & Especially For Peter’s Situation?”

A: They Prayed In Absolute Faith & Complete Trust In God Alone For Peter’s Deliverance!

“Peter was therefore kept in prison, But Constant Prayer was Offered to God for Him by the Church.”

Acts 12:5

Let Us No Matter What Happens To Us Or The World Around Us,
Remain Faithful To Carrying Out God’s Mission,
Of Sharing His Grace, Love, Mercy, & Desire To Forgive Everyone,
While We Draw Breath Here On The Earth!

Let Us Continue To Preach, Teach, Testify, & Bear Witness,
To The Good News Of The Gospel Of Jesus Christ Our Lord!

Let Us Gather Together For Prayer In Faith,
Asking For Miracles (Signs & Wonders), Power, & Protection!

Let Us Encourage, & Provoke One Another, To All Godliness & Holiness,
And Even More So As We See, The Day Of His Second Coming Approaching!

“Let Us (The Church) Hold Fast the Confession of Our Hope Without Wavering, for He Who Promised Is Faithful. And Let Us (The Church) consider one another, in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and So Much the More as You See the Day (of His Second Coming) Approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25 (NKJV)