

Controversy over the King

§ § 60-73

**The Messianic identity of Jesus Christ
is publicly opposed in preparation for
His sacrifice for the nation**

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Introduction of the King

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The Messianic identity of Jesus Christ is proved in his arrival, John's testimony, and approvals at his baptism and temptation

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Arrival

- Ancestry
- Advent
- Infancy/
Childhood

Ambassador

Approval

- Baptism
- Temptation
- Herald

The Authentication of the King

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The **Acceptance**
of His Person

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The **Authority**
of the King

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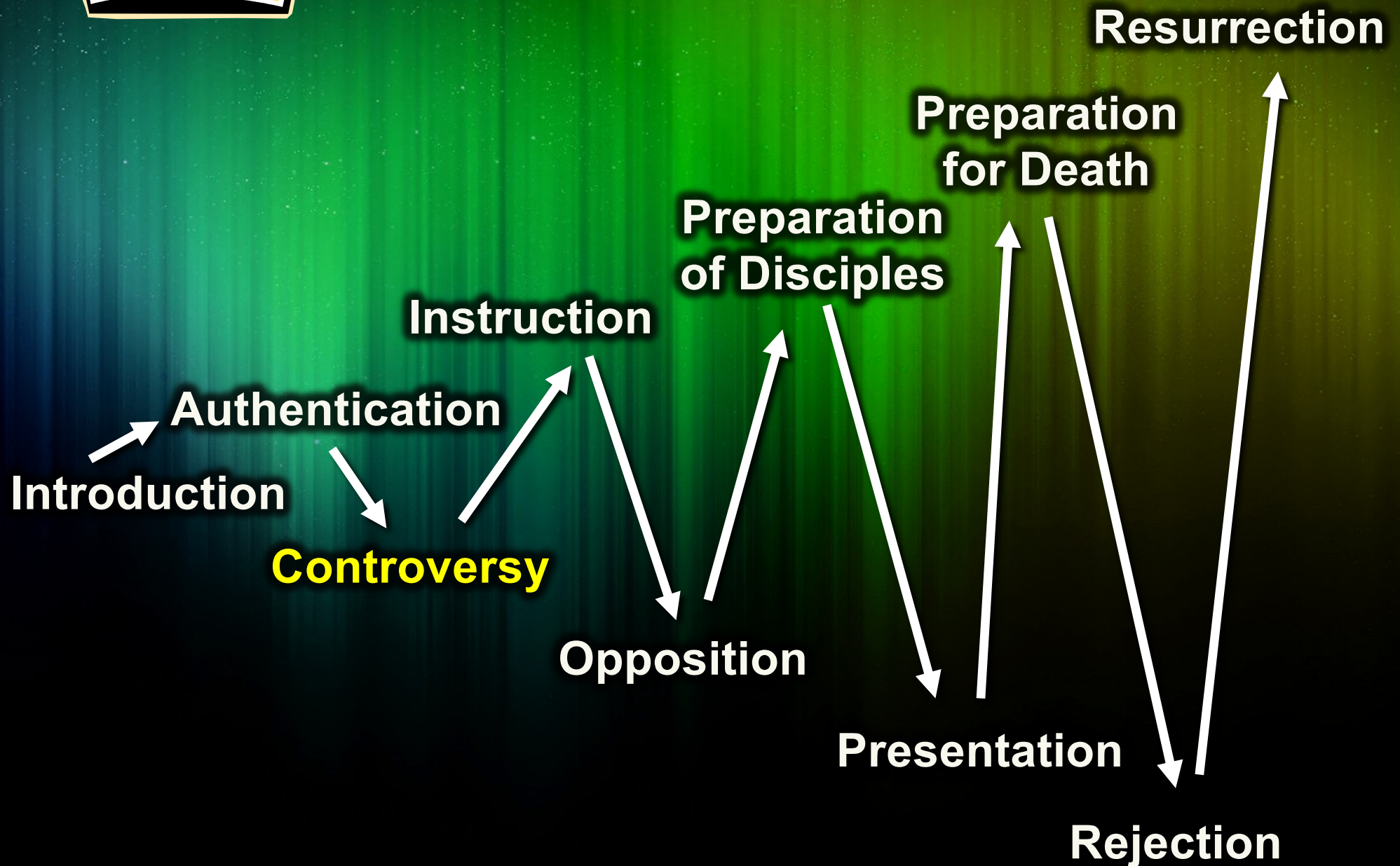


Pentecost Outline

1. Introduction of the King
2. Authentication of the King
3. **Controversy over the King**
4. Instruction of the Twelve by the King
5. Opposition to the King
6. Preparation of the Disciples by the King
7. Official Presentation of the King
8. Preparation for the Death of the King
9. Rejection of the King
10. Resurrection of the King



Increasing Polarization



Controversy over the King

Rejection

- Herod Antipas
- Galilee Cities
- Pharisees
- Nation of Israel
- Nazareth

Acceptance

- Woman at Simon's home
- Wealthy women supporting Jesus
- Israel after the Interadvent Age
- World, Sea, disease, death, & blindness

A. The Rejection of the Herald

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Matthew 11:2-19; Luke 7:18-35

**The rejection of John by Israel's leaders
is paralleled in the rising opposition to
Christ and His offer of the kingdom**

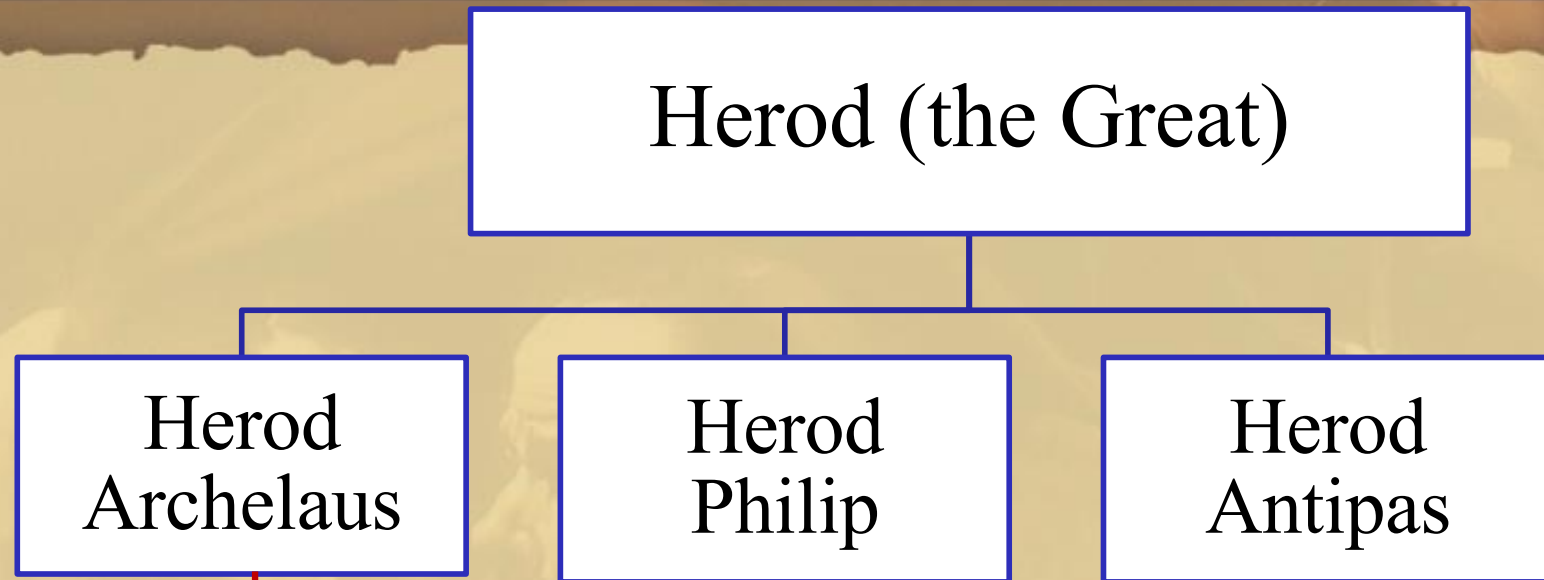
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Herod (the Great)

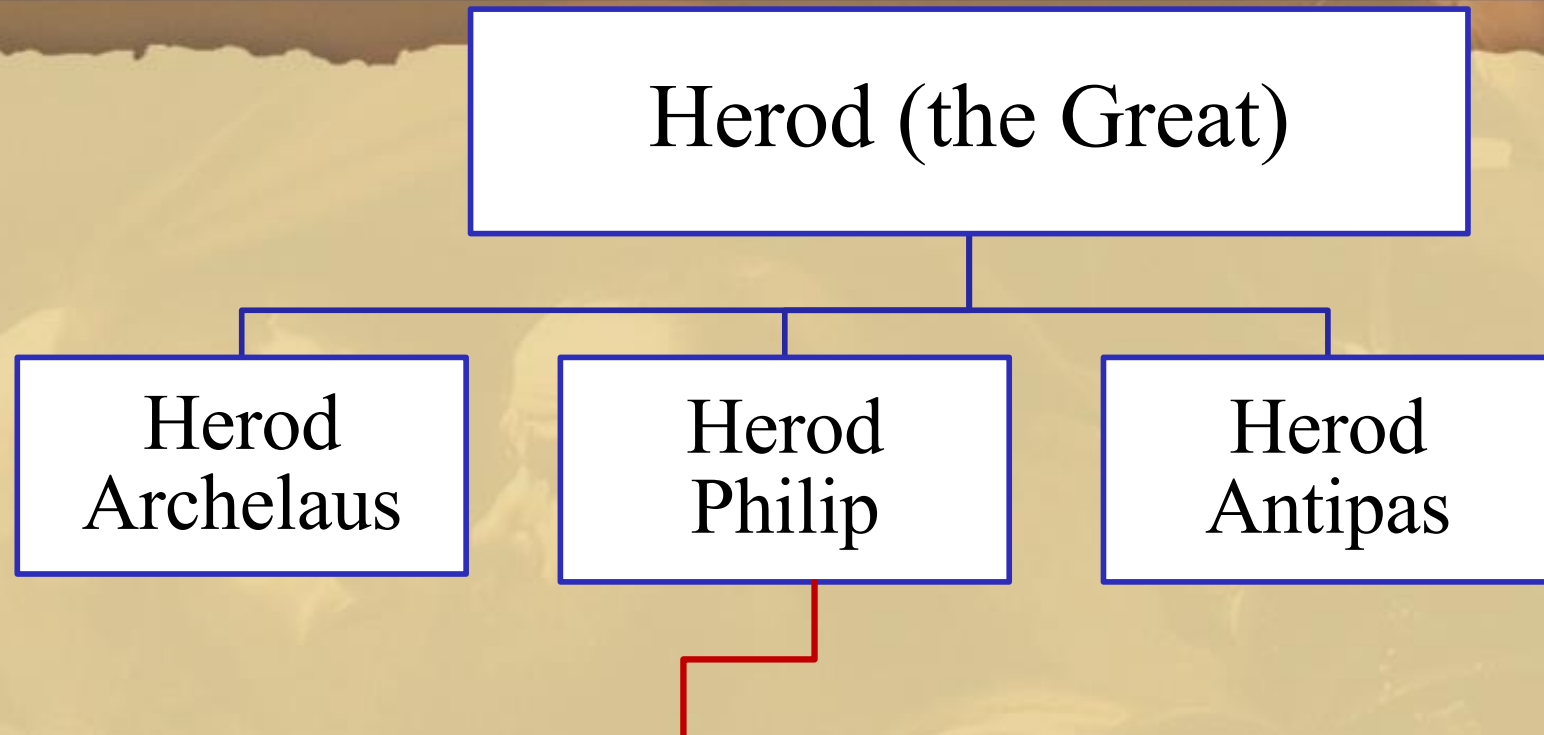
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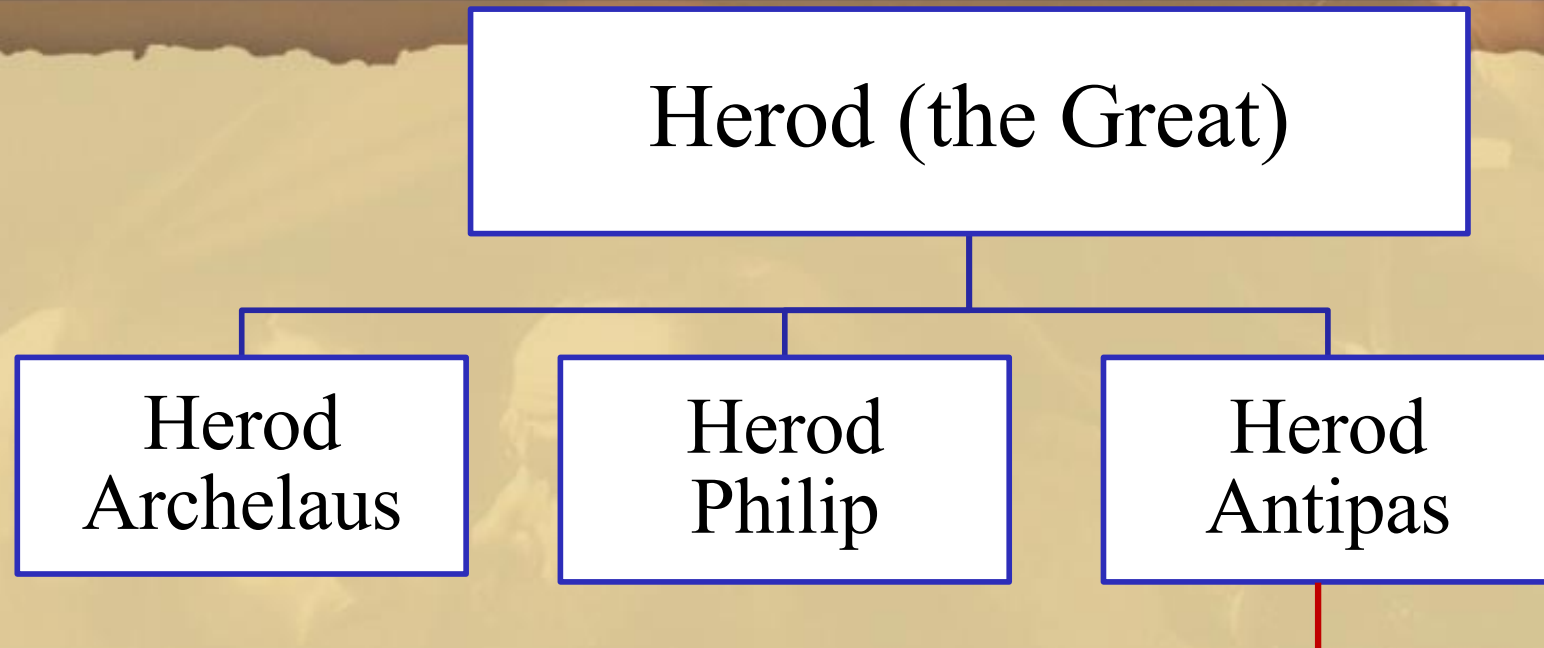
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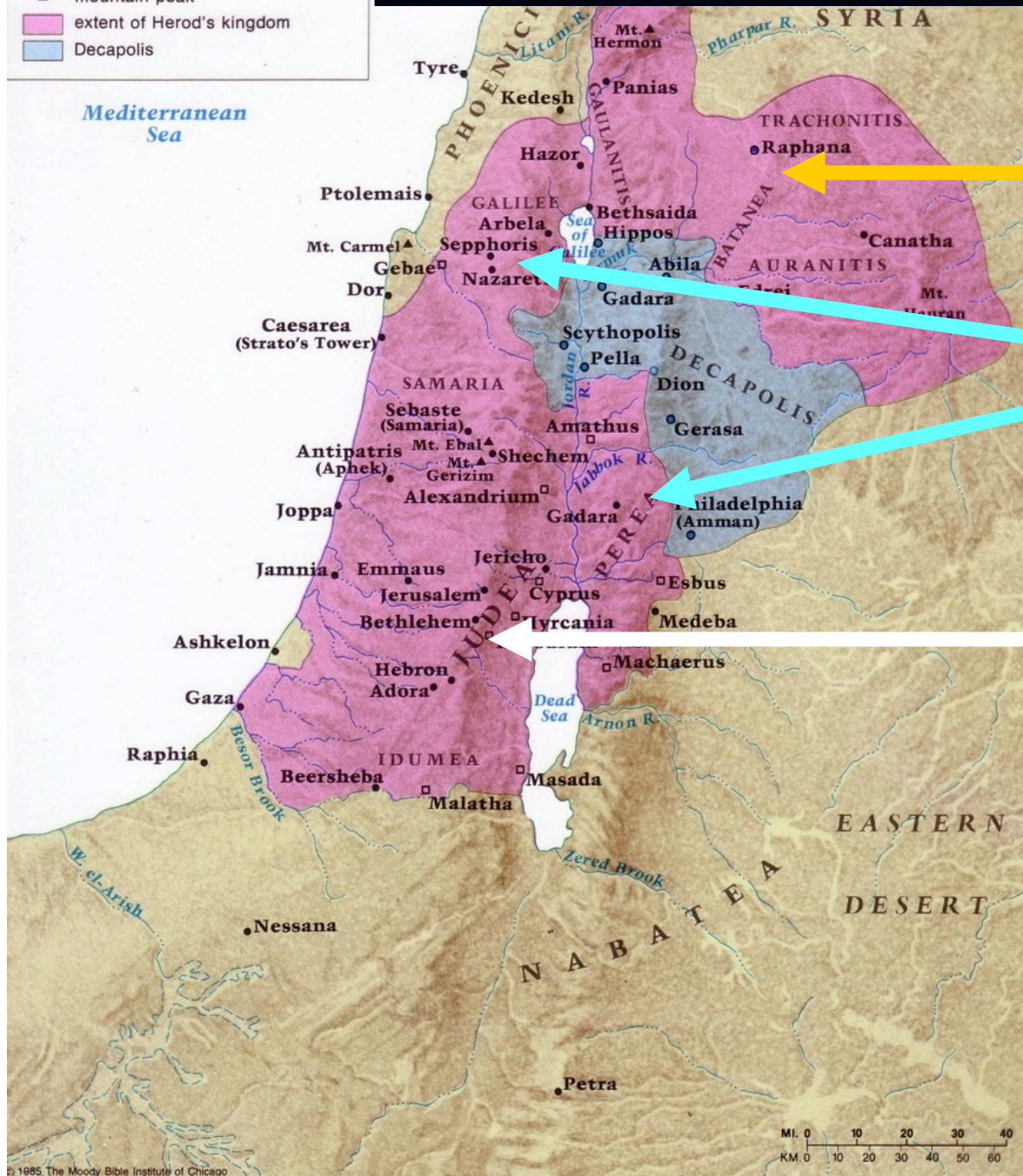
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Herod's Three Ruling Sons 80 & 89

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- Herodian fortress
- ▲ mountain peak
- extent of Herod's kingdom
- Decapolis

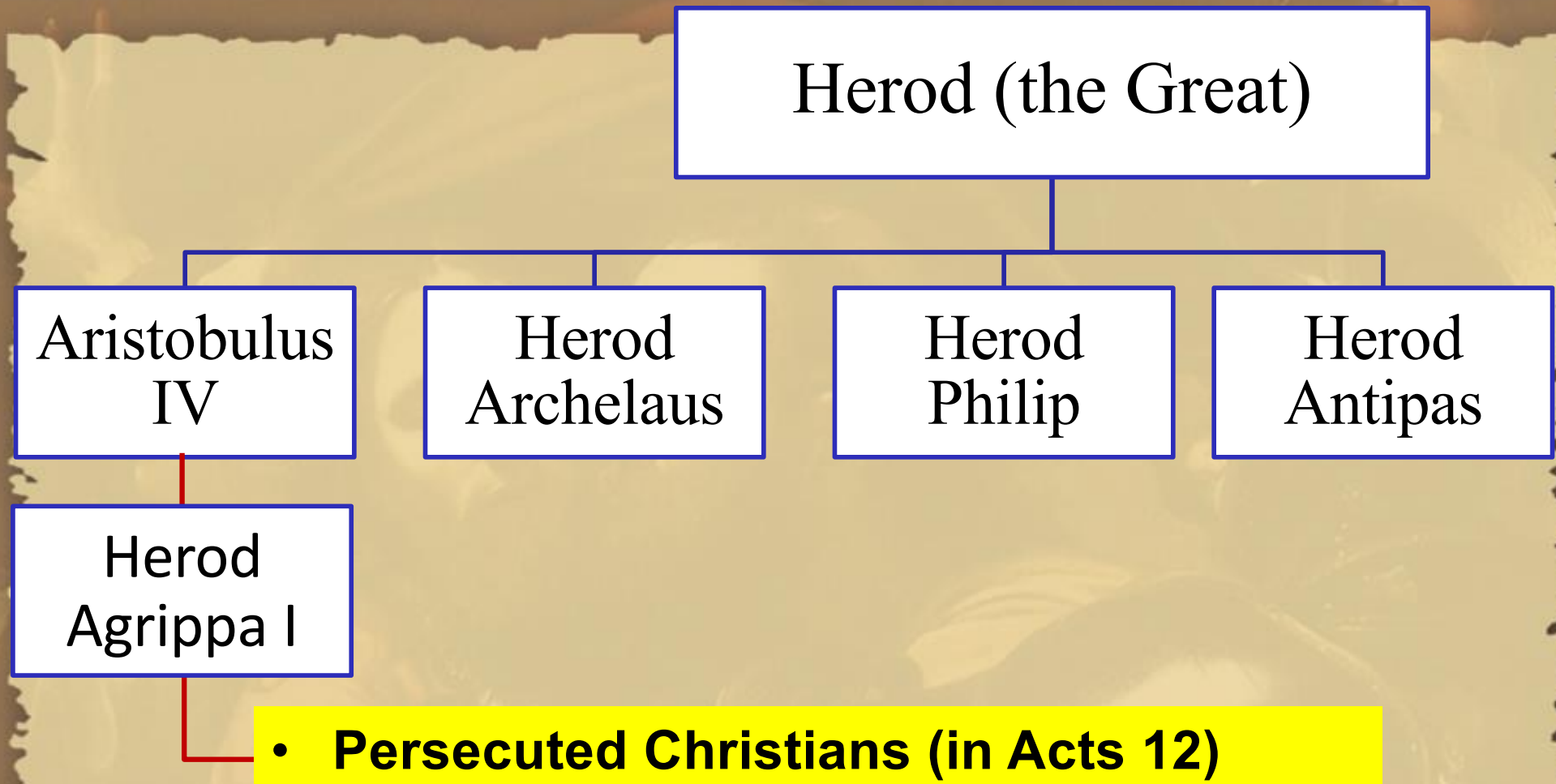


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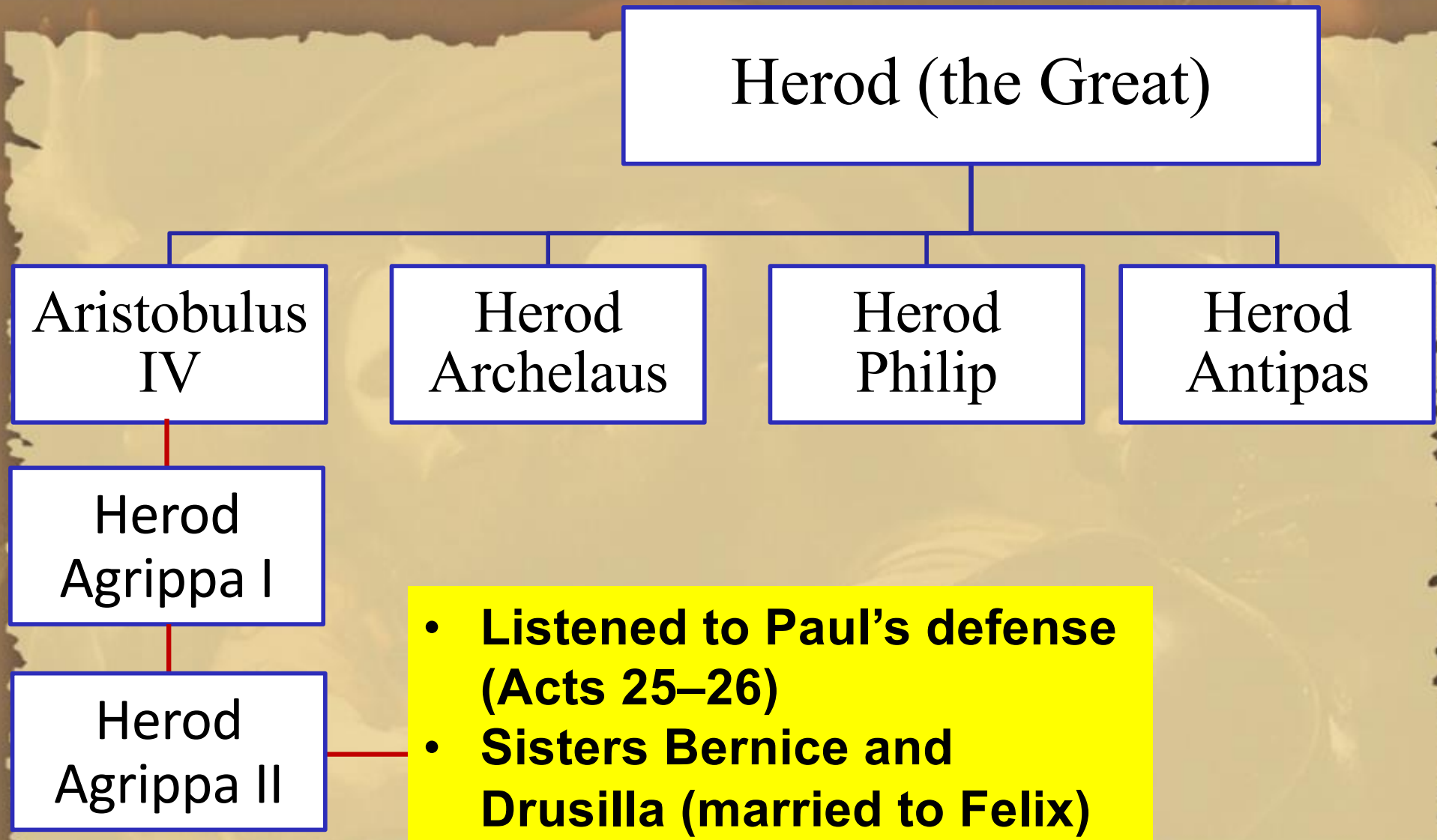
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JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PRISON

Matthew 14:1-12

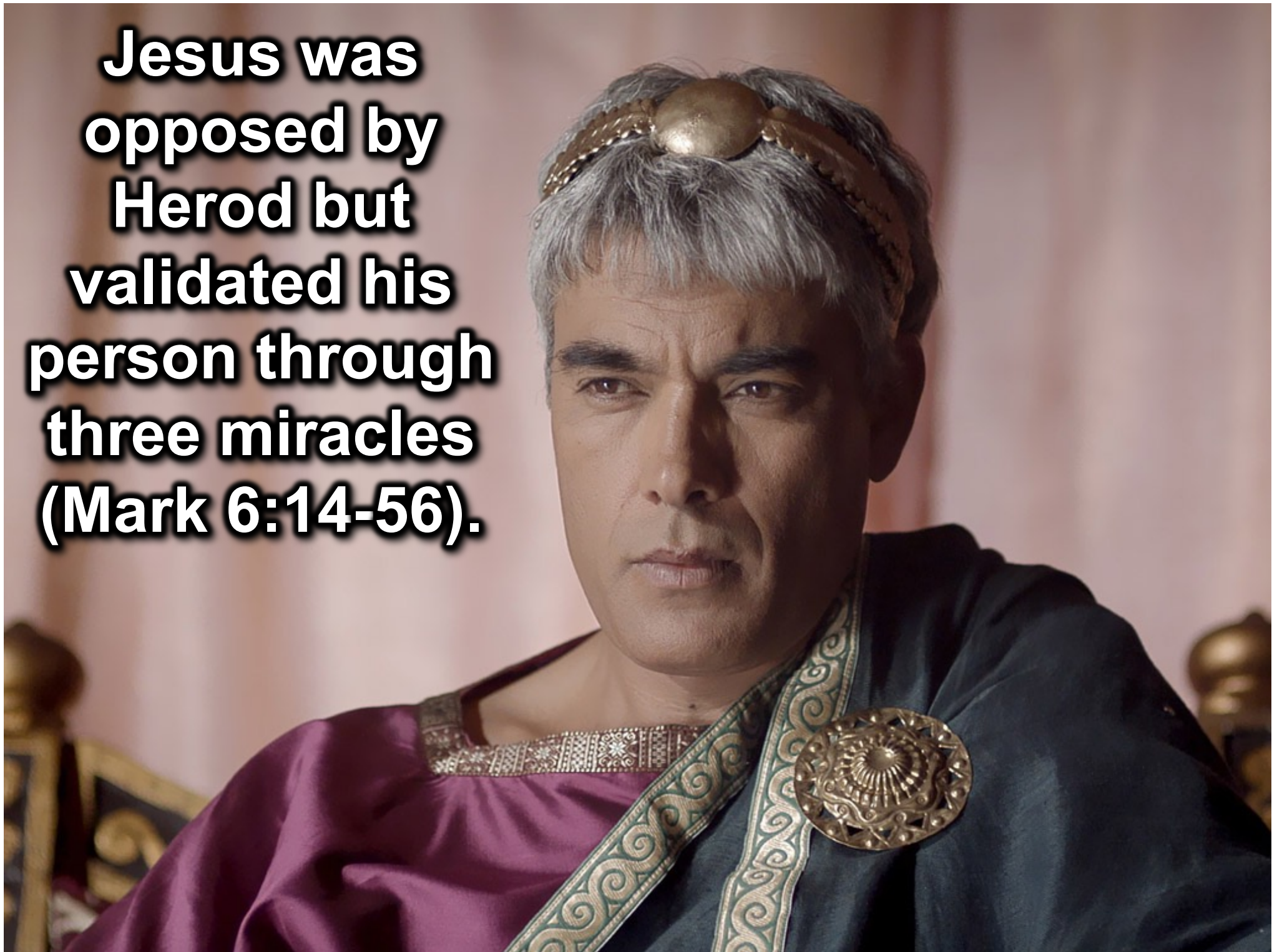
Mark 6:14-29



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**Jesus was
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B. The Curse of the Cities of Galilee

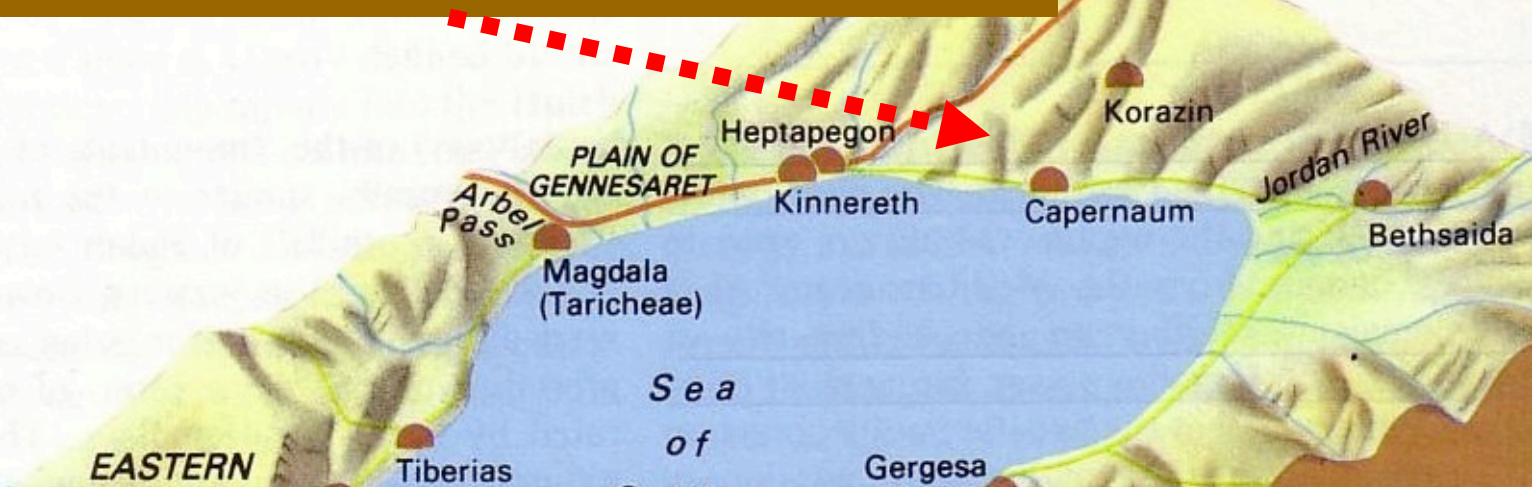
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Matthew 11:20-30

Christ curses Galilean cities that saw his miracles but would not believe to show how Gentiles received him more than the Jews.

The Tri-City Area

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Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not repent.

"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you Bethsaida!

If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? ... It will be more bearable for Sodom on the day of judgment than for you."

Matthew 11:20-24

1. Condemnation for Unbelief

Matthew 11:20-24

**Christ condemns the unbelieving Jewish
area of Galilee with greater judgment than
Gentiles who saw no signs**

2. Explanation of Unbelief

Matthew 11:25-27

Galilean cities persist in unbelief because of Israel's spiritual blindness stemming from a history of willful rejection of God's revelation

3. Invitation to Belief

Matthew 11:28-30

**Despite condemning them, Christ offers rest
from the taxing submission to Pharisaical
regulations by trusting in His person**

C. Reception by a Sinner

§ 62

Luke 7:36-50

**Christ reveals the self-righteous Pharisees
when they hear Him forgive a repentant
woman at Simon the Pharisee's home**

The **WOMAN**
with the
ALABASTER JAR



Mary
Magdalen
and the
Holy
Grail

As featured in
The
Da Vinci
Code

MARGARET STARBIRD

Was Mary
Magdalene
the Woman with the
Alabaster Jar?

*No. In Luke she is not
named but in the other
gospels she is clearly
Mary of Bethany*

*This was NOT like Luke 7:36-50
with Jesus and the Sinful Woman*



The Two Anointings of Jesus

Common to all four gospel accounts:



- 1. Unannounced visit by woman**
- 2. Anointed Jesus' head and/or feet**
- 3. Wiped his feet with her hair**
- 4. Complaint of waste by disciples/Judas**
- 5. Disciples rebuked by Jesus**
- 6. In a home**
- 7. Alabaster jar (except in John)**
- 8. Home owned by man called Simon**



The Two Anointings of Jesus



Luke 7:36–50

Early in Ministry

Weeping

**For worship, woman's
sins forgiven (Luke 7:48)**

**By unnamed harlot at
home of Simon the
Pharisee (Luke 7:40) in
an unknown town**

Matt. 26:6–13

Mark 14:3–9

John 12:1–11

During Passion Week

No weeping noted

**For burial, woman needed
no forgiveness**

**By Lazarus' sister Mary at
home of Simon the Leper
(Matt. 26:6; Mark 14:3) in
Lazarus' hometown of Bethany
(John 12:1)**

D. Witness to the King

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Luke 8:1-3

**Several believing women of financial means
show in Christ through their witness and
material support for His ministry**

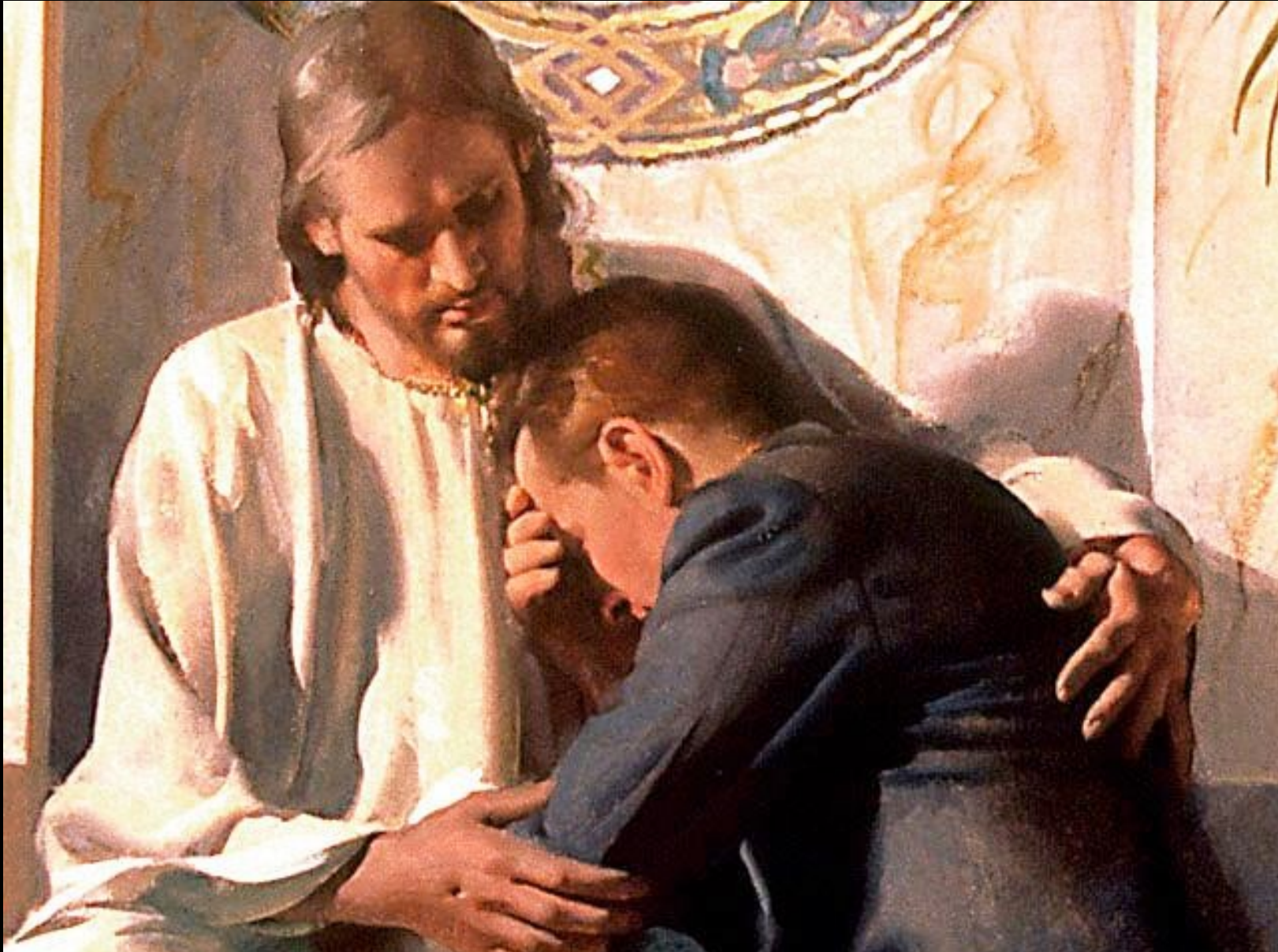
E. Rejection of Christ and His Offer by the Leaders

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Matthew 12:22-37; Mark 3:20-30

Jesus defends himself to Pharisees who attribute his exorcisms to Satan since Israel's destiny depended on their response

Does Christ Forgive All the Sins of a Believer?



- In your small group...

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Blasphemy Against the Spirit



- Have you ever known anyone who thought he or she had committed this sin?
- What happened?

Blasphemy Verses

1. Matt. 12:31-32 “So I tell you, every sin and blasphemy can be forgiven—except **blasphemy against the Holy Spirit**, which **will never be forgiven**.³² Anyone who speaks against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but **anyone who speaks against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven**, either in this world or in the world to come.
2. Mark 3:28-29 “I tell you the truth, all sin and blasphemy can be forgiven,²⁹ but **anyone who blasphemes the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven**. This is a sin with eternal consequences.”

Unacceptable Views of the Blasphemy

1. Using Christ's name in vain
2. A sinful lifestyle that causes a Christian to lose his salvation forever (not repentable)
3. Cessationists will not go to heaven

Unacceptable Views of the Blasphemy

4. This sin could only happen during His earthly ministry and thus cannot happen today. Jesus isn't physically here performing miracles—it must be committed to His face.
5. A non-Christian's unbelief which lasts until death

Unacceptable Views of the Blasphemy

6. Adultery

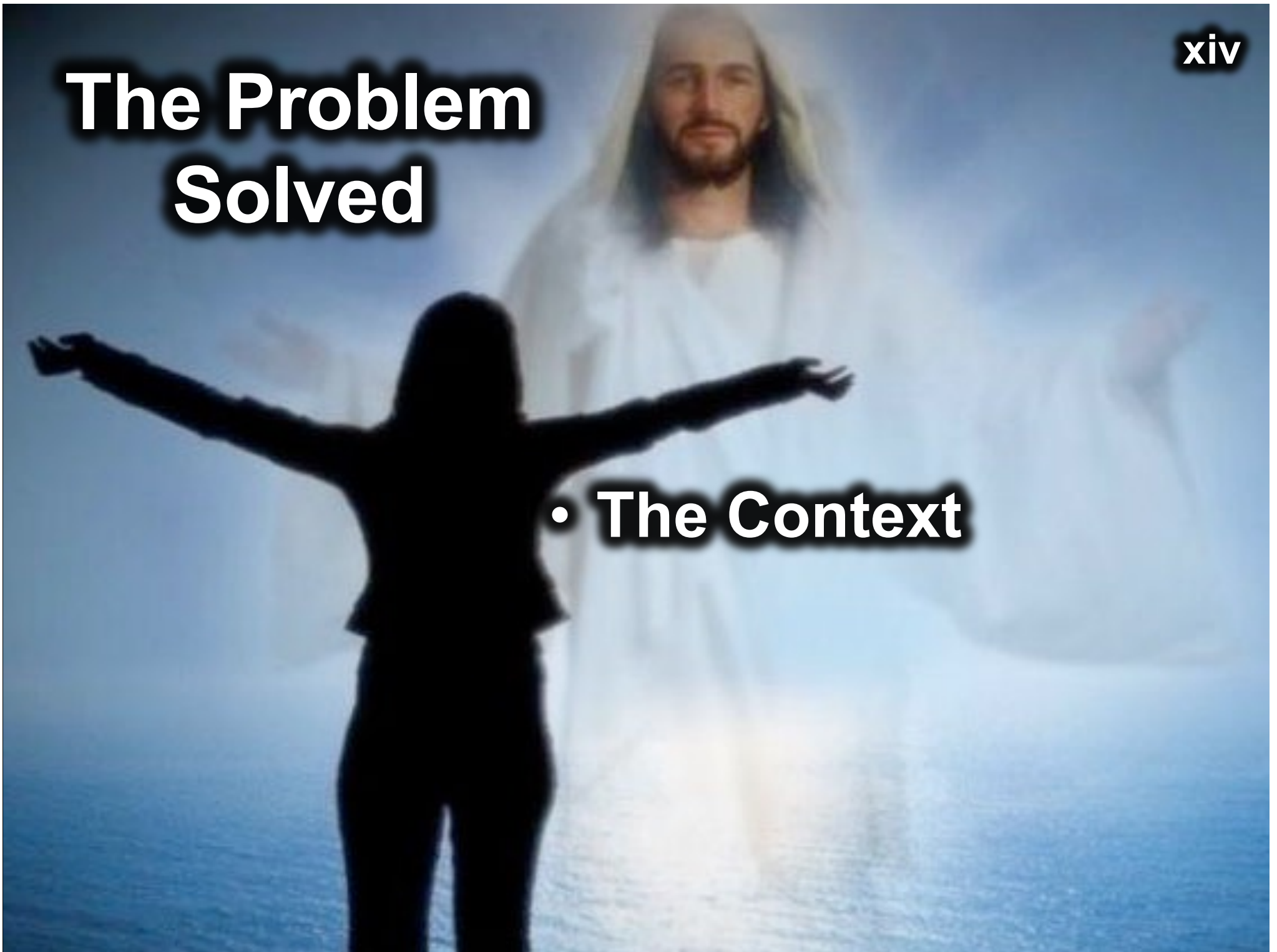
7. Divorce

8. Suicide



The Problem Solved

- The Context



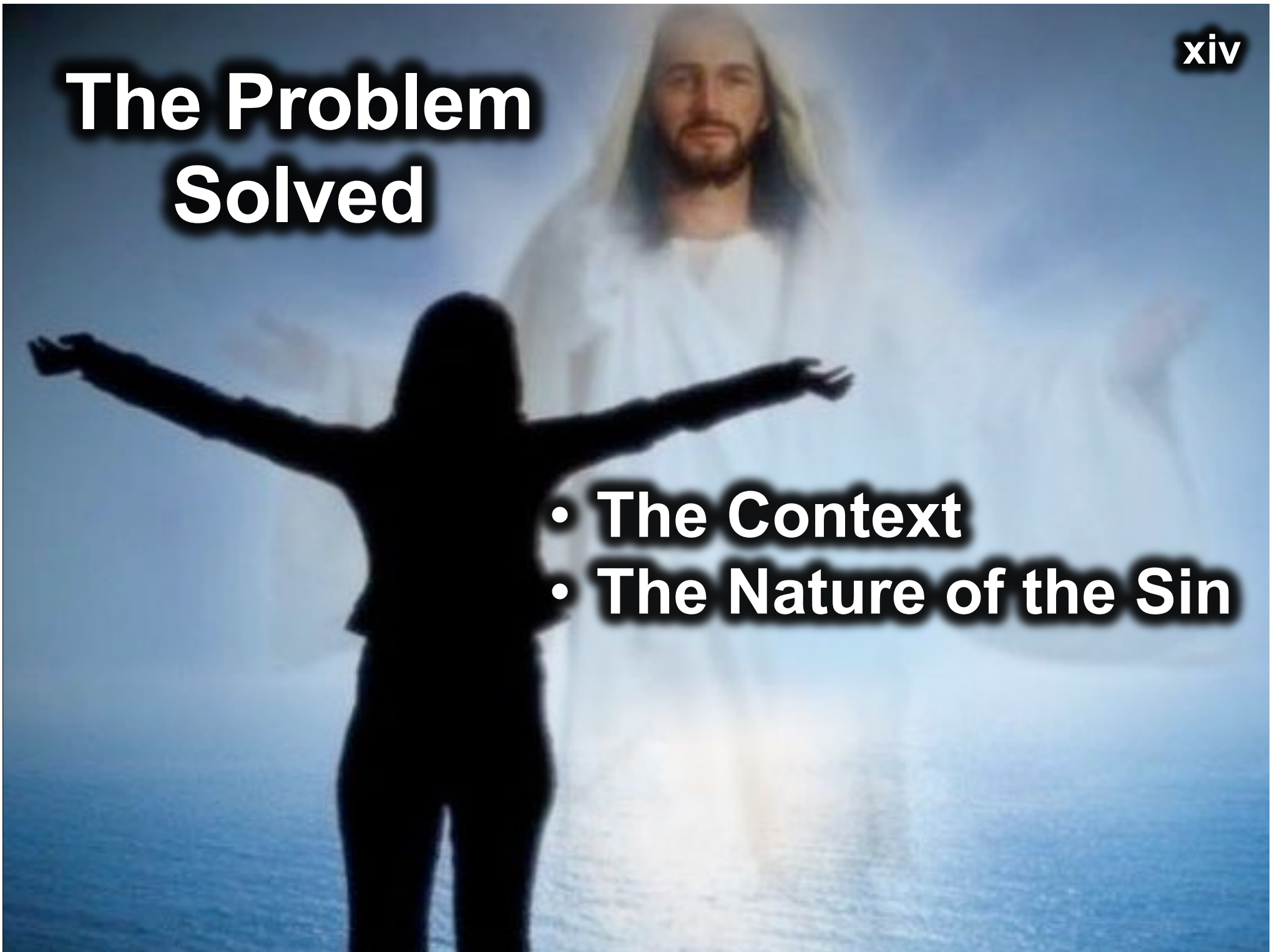
The Context of the Text

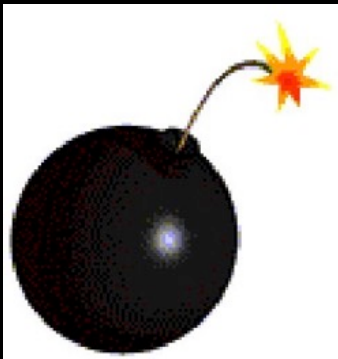


1. Christ healed a blind/mute (Matt. 12:22)
2. The crowds claimed, "He's Messiah!"
3. The Pharisees said, "He's demonic!"
4. Jesus gave a threefold response (12:25-29)

The Problem Solved

- The Context
- The Nature of the Sin





The Nature of the Sin

- 1. Spoken**
- 2. Against the Spirit**
- 3. Eternal results (i.e., only committed by unbelievers)**
- 4. False attribution**
- 5. Not "sin unto death" (1 John 5:16-17; 1 Cor. 11:30)**

Suggestions for Counseling

- A. Evangelism**
- B. Assurance**
- C. Repentance**



F. Request for a Sign by the Leaders

§ 65

Matthew 12:38-45

**Israel's leaders demand a miracle, so Christ
reveals their rejection by promising to
conquer death which Satan could never do**

**When the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame,
which brought honor to the name of the LORD, she
came to test him with hard questions.
—1 Kings 10:1 NLT—**



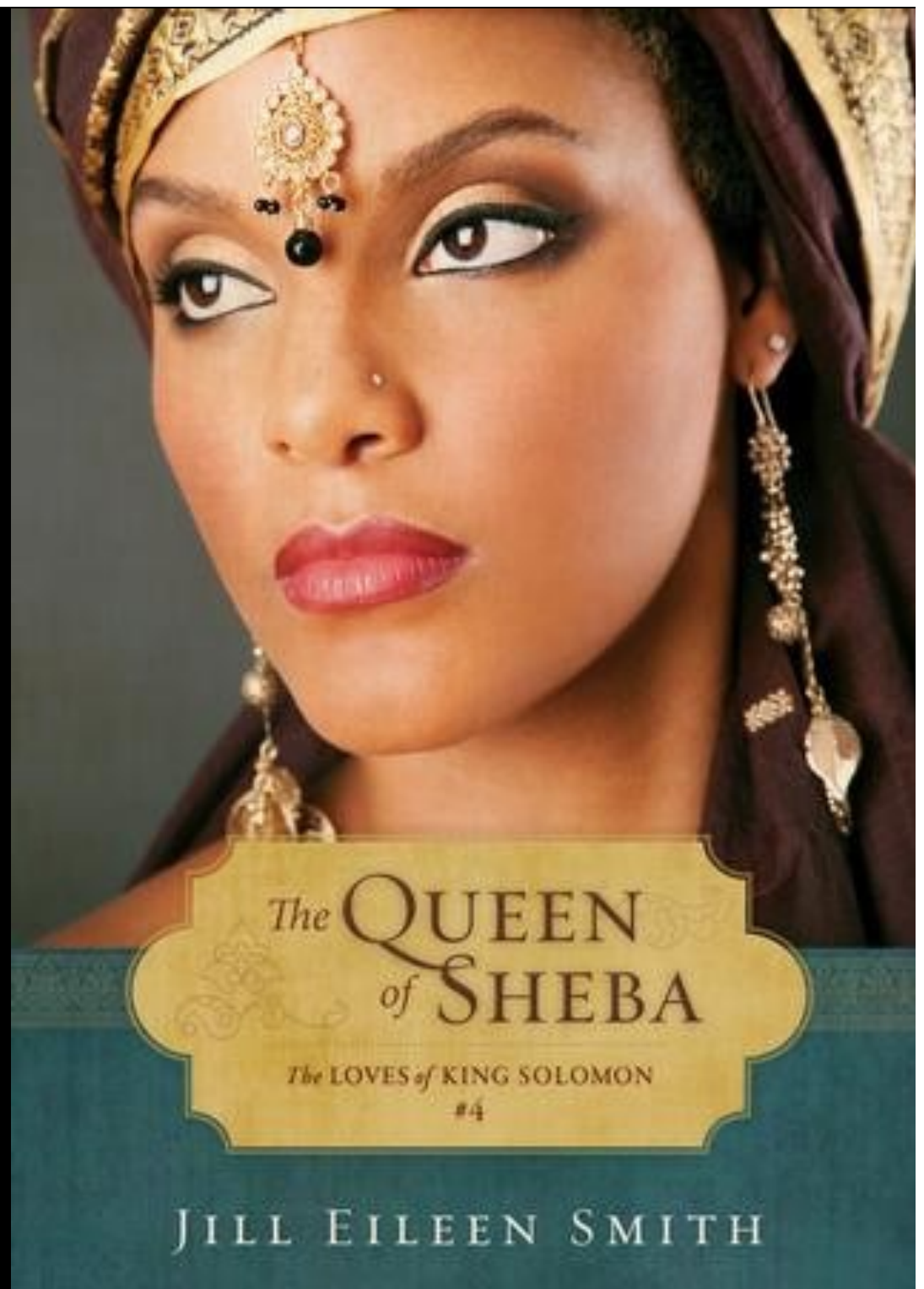
The Queen of Sheba

**She arrived in Jerusalem with a large group of attendants and a great caravan of camels loaded with spices, large quantities of gold, and precious jewels. When she met with Solomon, she talked with him about everything she had on her mind
—1 Kings 10:2 NLT—**



The Queen of Sheba

The Queen of Sheba



G. Rejection of the Nation by Christ

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Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21

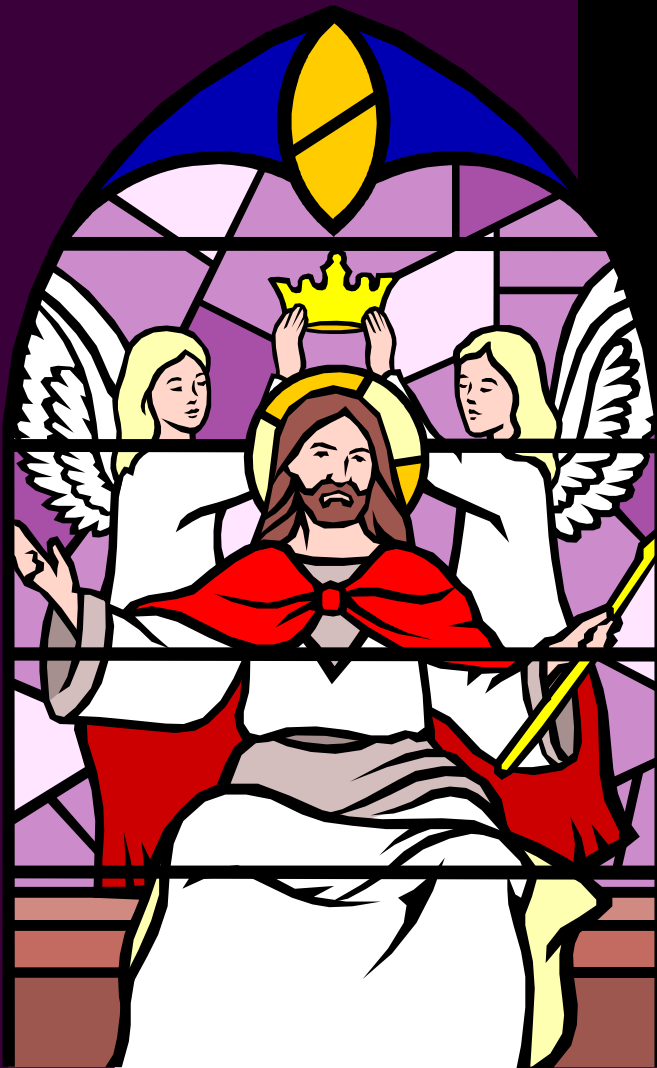
**In response to rejection by Israel's leaders,
Jesus sets aside Israel for a new form of
the kingdom in the Interadvent age**

Summary Statement

This book:

- (1) proves Jesus as *Messiah* for *unbelieving* Jews to trust Him, and
- (2) explains that the kingdom promised to Israel is *delayed* due to Israel's rejection of Jesus as King for *believing* Jews to see His present kingdom authority as residing in the Church.

Matthew



Messiah with Authority over the Church

Preliminary Evidence that Jesus is Messiah	Rejections and Interadvent Age	Final Evidence that Jesus is Messiah
Chapters 1–10	Chapters 11–27	Chapter 28
The King Offered	The King Rejected	The King Re-offered
Teaches Doves	Teaches Disciples	
Topical	Chronological	

Matthew 11:1–16:12

IV. (11:1–16:12) Christ is rejected as Messiah in anticipation of the final crucifixion rejection, so He introduces the Interadvent Age before His future reception and ministers to Gentiles to teach the postponement of the kingdom.

H. Revelation in View of Rejection

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Due to Israel's rejection, Christ reveals the nature of the kingdom in the present age in conjunction with displays of His power

1. The Course of the Kingdom in the Present Age

§ 67

Matthew 13:1-53; Mark 4:1-34; Luke 8:4-18

**Good and evil coexist in the Interadvent age
as God's Word starts small but reaches the
world before judgment and the Millennium**



Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15
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A close-up photograph of two stalks of grain against a dark background. The stalk on the left is wheat, with a dense, golden-brown head and long, thin awns. The stalk on the right is a tare, with a more open, spiky head and longer, more numerous awns.

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Matthew 13:24-30

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PARABLES BY THE SEA (outside the house to the multitudes)

1. THE SOILS (13:3-9, 18-23)

Planting

Issue: Why have Israel and the leaders rejected the Messiah?

Main Idea: Receptivity determines productivity, which is a heart issue.

2. THE TARES (13:24-30, 36-43)

Planting

Issue: What accounts for the false religiosity in the world?

Main Idea: Satan sowed a counterfeit kingdom in the world, which will not be fully revealed until the judgment.

3. THE MUSTARD SEED (13:31-32)

Growth

Issue: Will this Interadvent survive?

Main Idea: It will start small, but the new program will grow worldwide.

4. THE LEAVENING PROCESS (13:33)

Growth

Issue: How will this new kingdom grow?

Main Issue: The kingdom will grow from an internal dynamic (Holy Spirit), not from an external organization (Judaism).

The Parables of Matthew 13

1. THE HID TREASURE (13:44) *Value*

Issue: How valuable should this new-profound kingdom of God be to us?

Main Idea: God's kingdom is so valuable a man should give up everything to be part of it.

2. THE PEARL MERCHANT (13:45-46) *Value*

Issue: How valuable is this kingdom to Christ?

Main Idea: The kingdom was established through Christ's total self sacrifice.

3. THE DRAGNET (13:47-50) *Responsibility*

Issue: How wide should the invitation to the kingdom be made?

Main Idea: Evangelism should be done without discrimination.

4. THE HOUSEHOLDER (13:52) *Responsibility*

Issue: What are the responsibilities of disciples in the kingdom?

Main Idea: We must teach both old and new truths about God's kingdom program. One key new truth not taught in the OT is the church age of Jews and Gentiles without discrimination (Eph. 3:3-6, 9 vs. Zech. 8:23).

**The Parables of
Matthew 13**

2. Power Over Nature

§ 68

Matthew 8:18, 23-27; Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25

Jesus calms the Sea of Galilee as Lord over nature so His disciples would trust Him for everything until all creation submits to Him



Matthew 8:23-27

Mark 4:35-41

Luke 8:22-25

JESUS CALMS A STORM

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3. Power Over Demons

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Matthew 8:28-34; Mark 5:1-20; Luke 8:26-39

As Israel's leaders oppose Him, Jesus proves His authority over Satan by showing authority over demons that controlled pigs



Matthew 8:28-34

Mark 5:1-20

Luke 8:26-29

JESUS DELIVERS A WILD MAN

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4. Power Over Disease and Death

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Matthew 9:18-26; Mark 5:21-43; Luke 8:40-56

Christ shows his messianic authority by healing an unclean woman and raising Jairus' daughter by touching and being touched

5. Power Over Blindness

§ 71

Matthew 9:27-34

**Two blind men healed by Jesus prove him
as Messiah who can remove Israel's
spiritual blindness if the nation believes**



Matthew 9:32-34; Luke 11:14-23
JESUS DELIVERS A MUTE MAN

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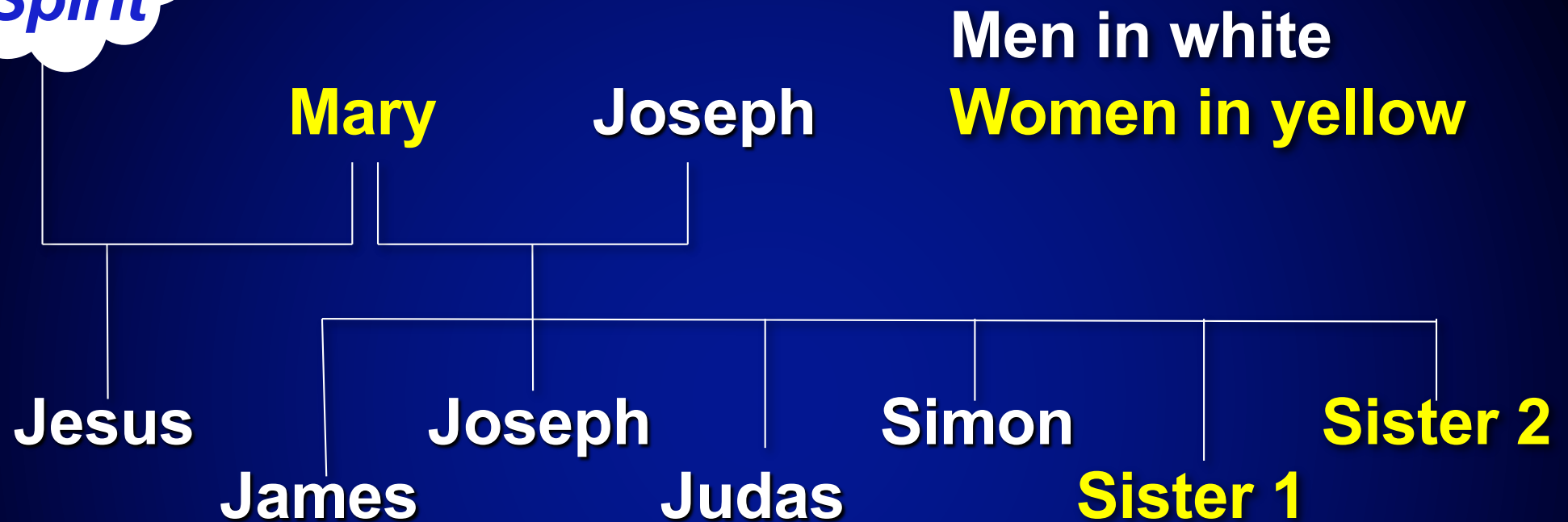
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Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:1-6a

Christ's rejection in His hometown for not being taught by an accredited teacher shows spiritual blindness in these unbelievers

Jesus' Family Persecuted Him

Holy Spirit



"Then they scoffed, 'He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And **his sisters** live right here among us.' They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him" (Mark 6:3 NLT).

J. Death of the Herald

§ 73

Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; Luke 9:7-9

The ultimate rejection of Christ and His kingdom is foreshadowed in Herod's execution of John for righteousness' sake

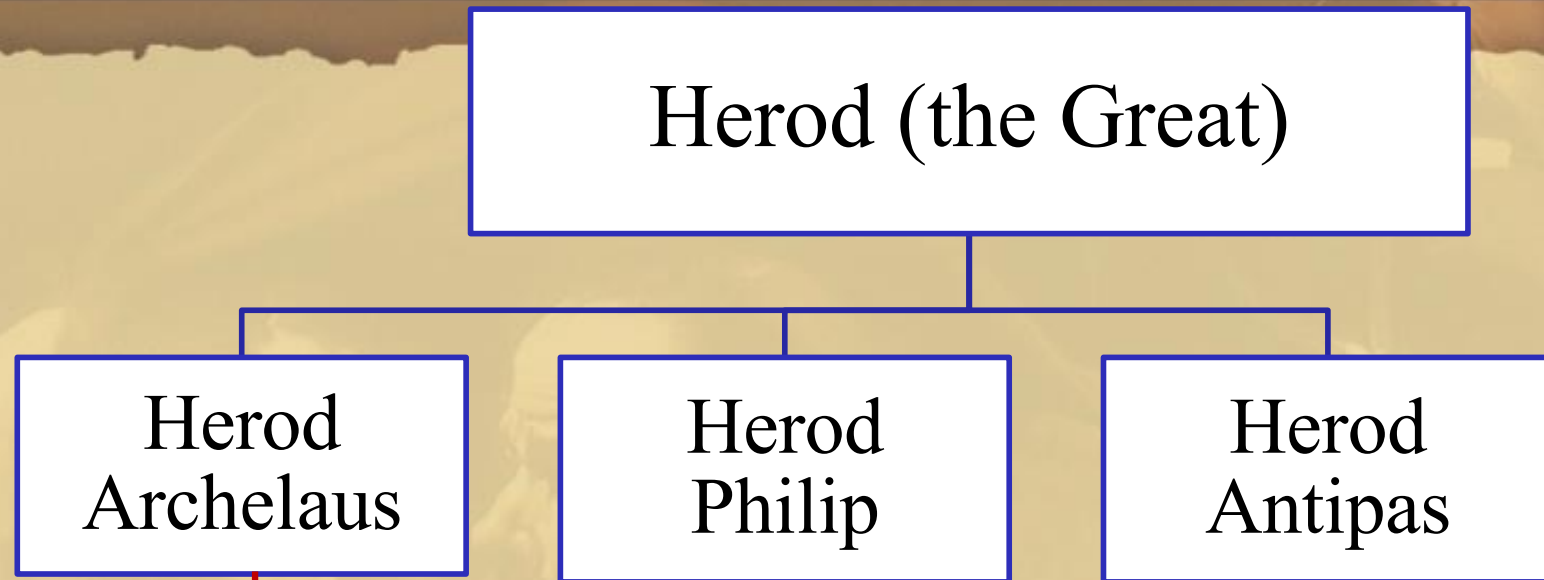
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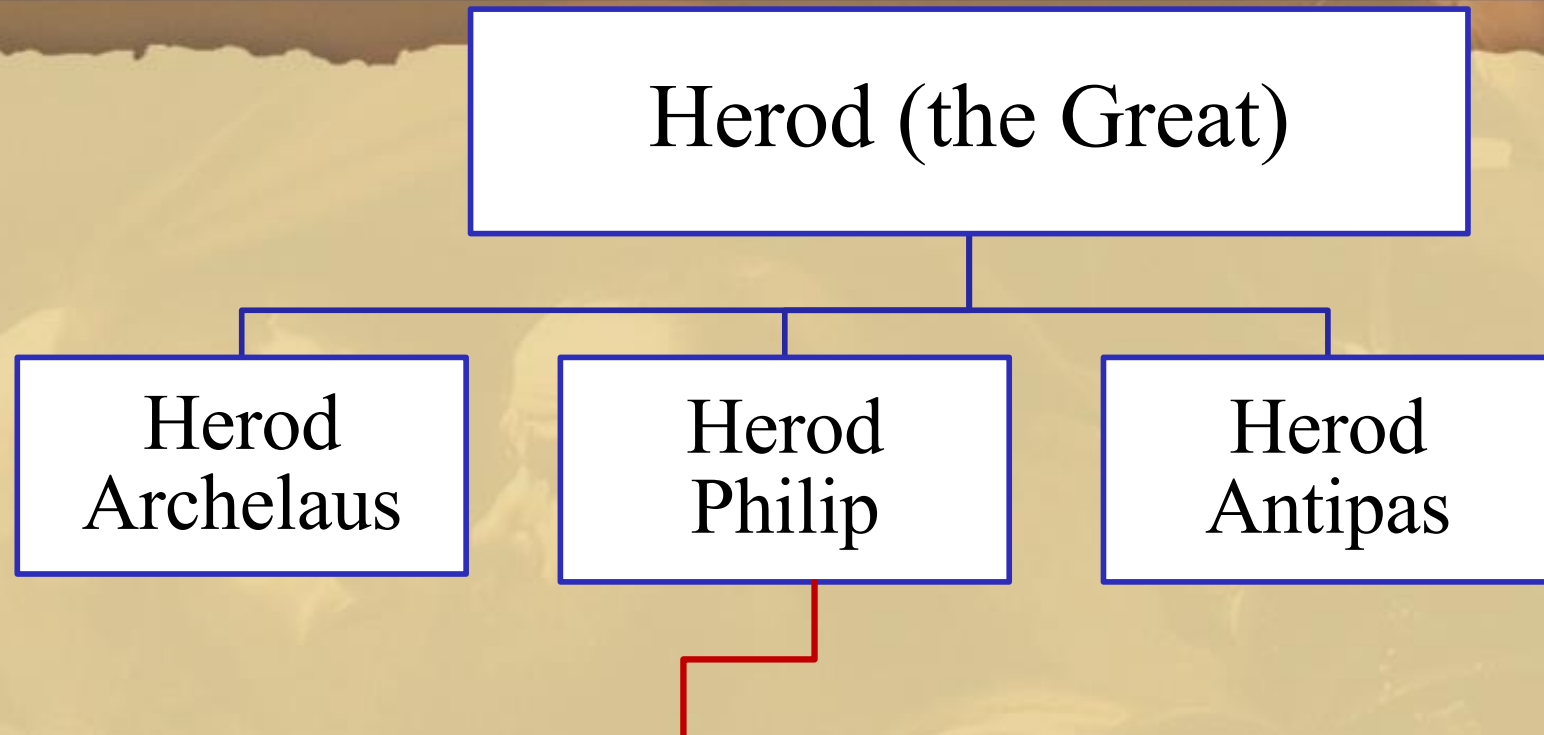
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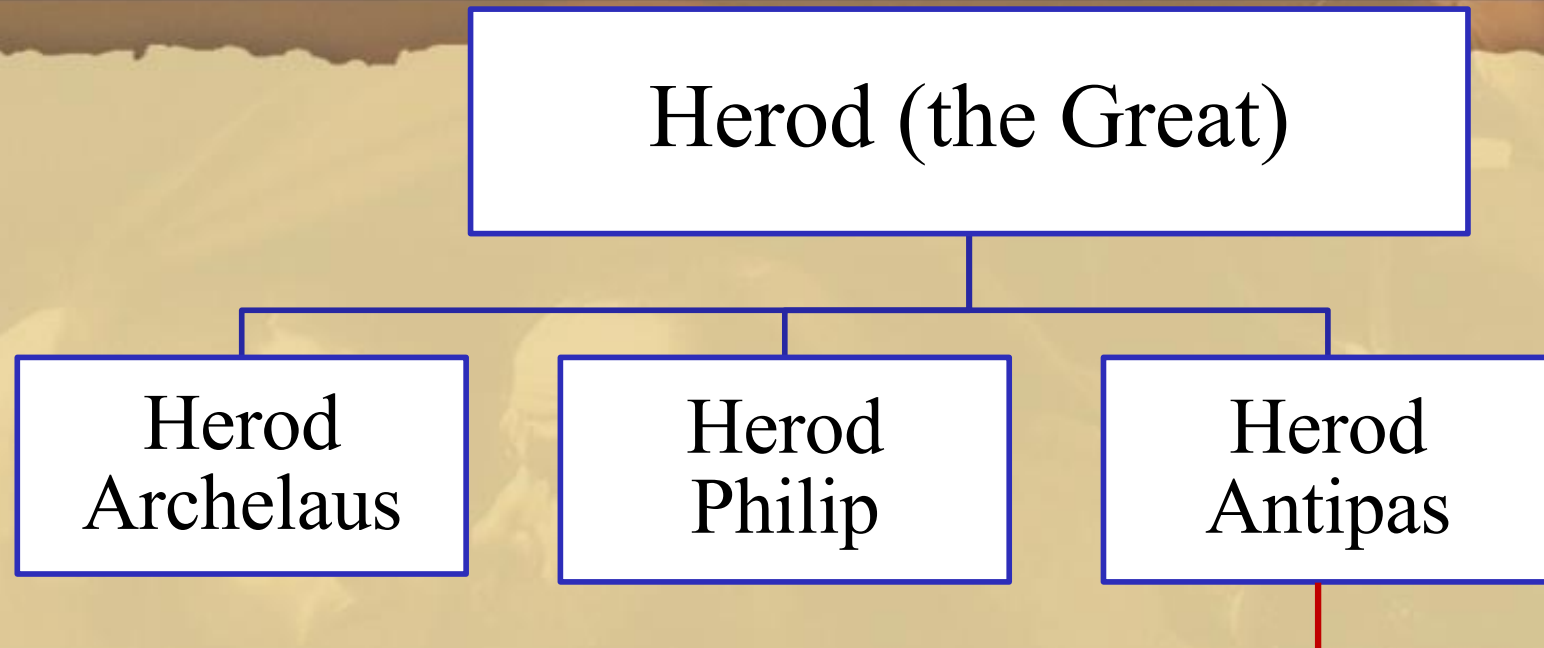
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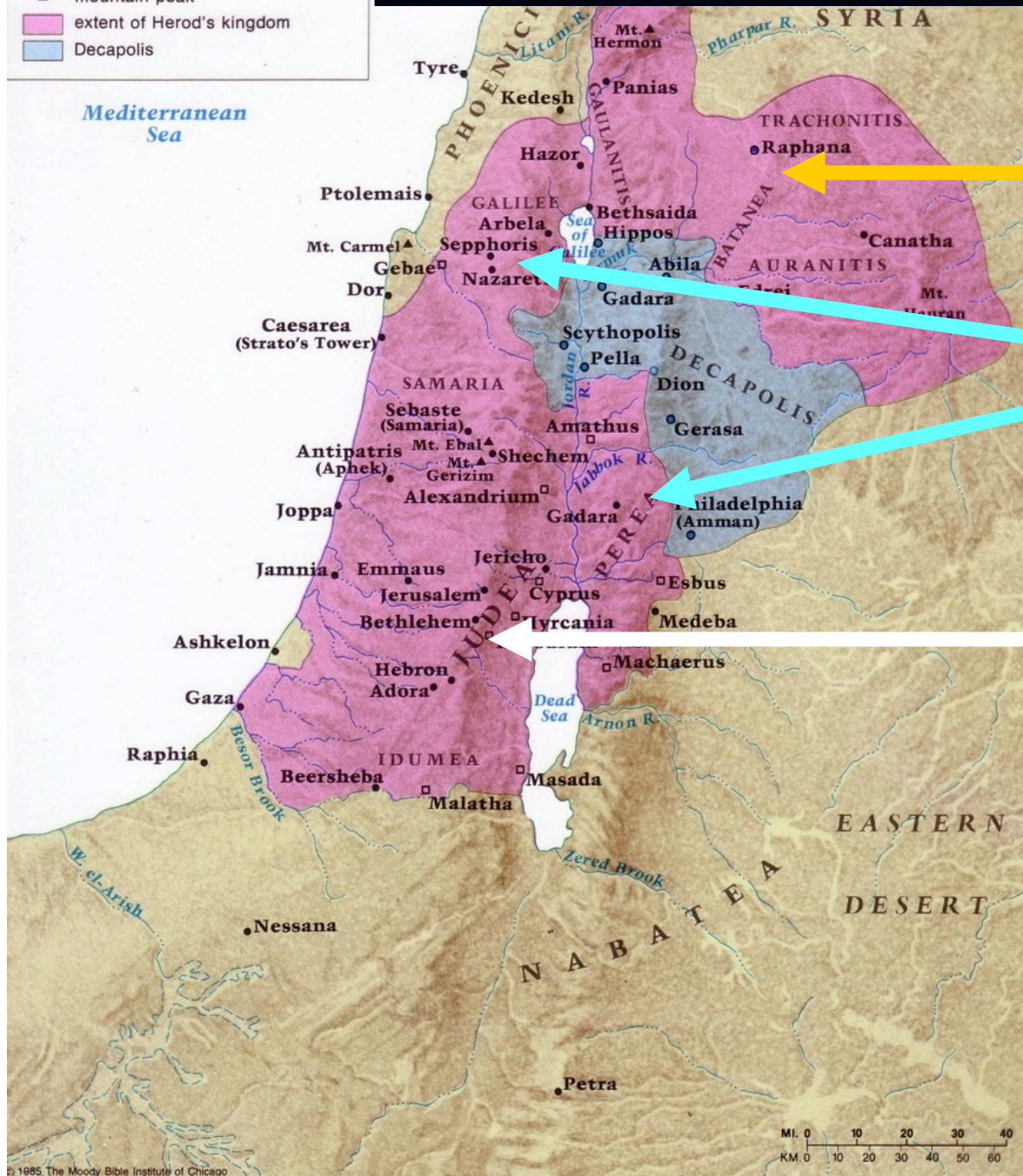
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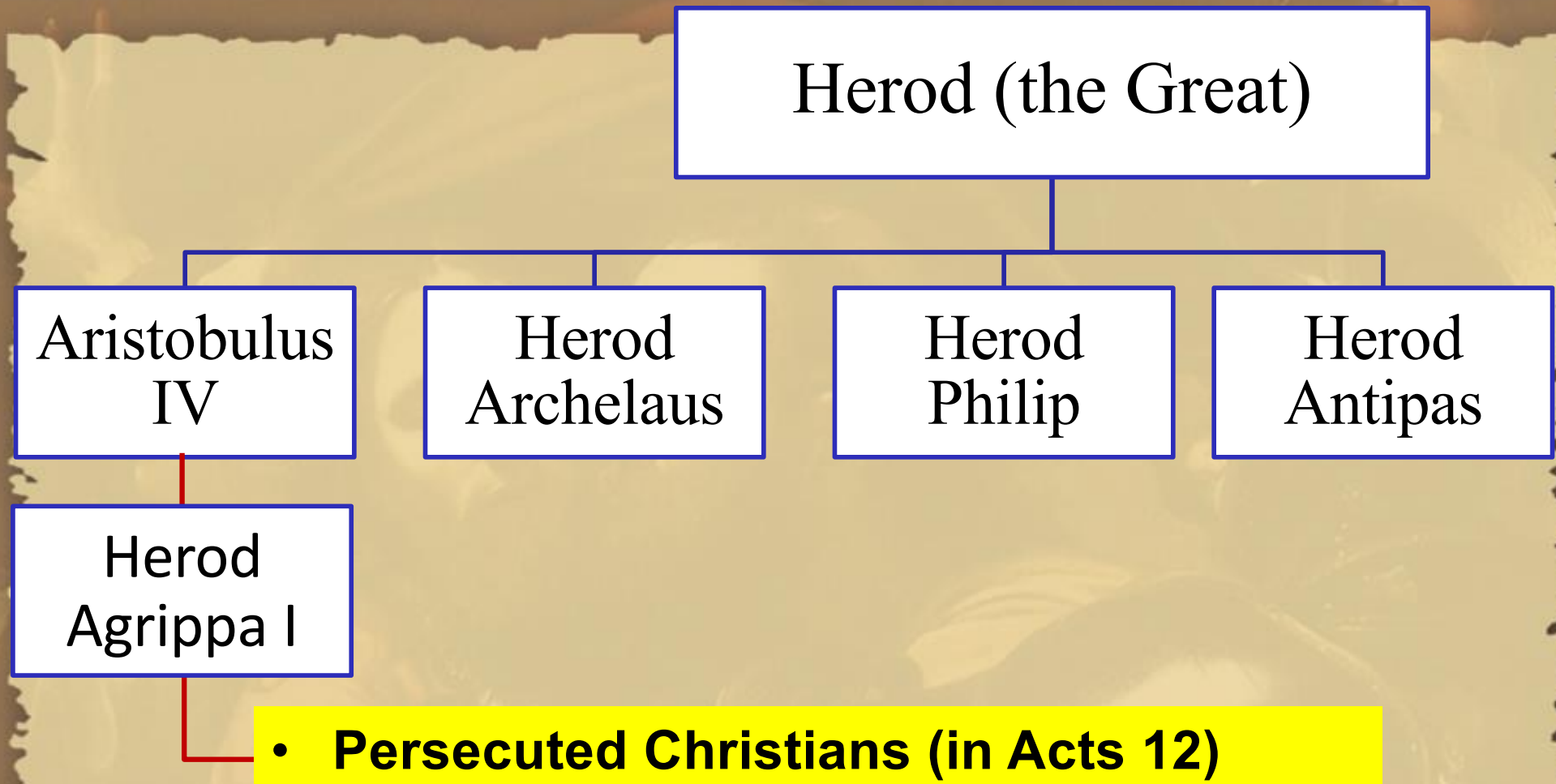


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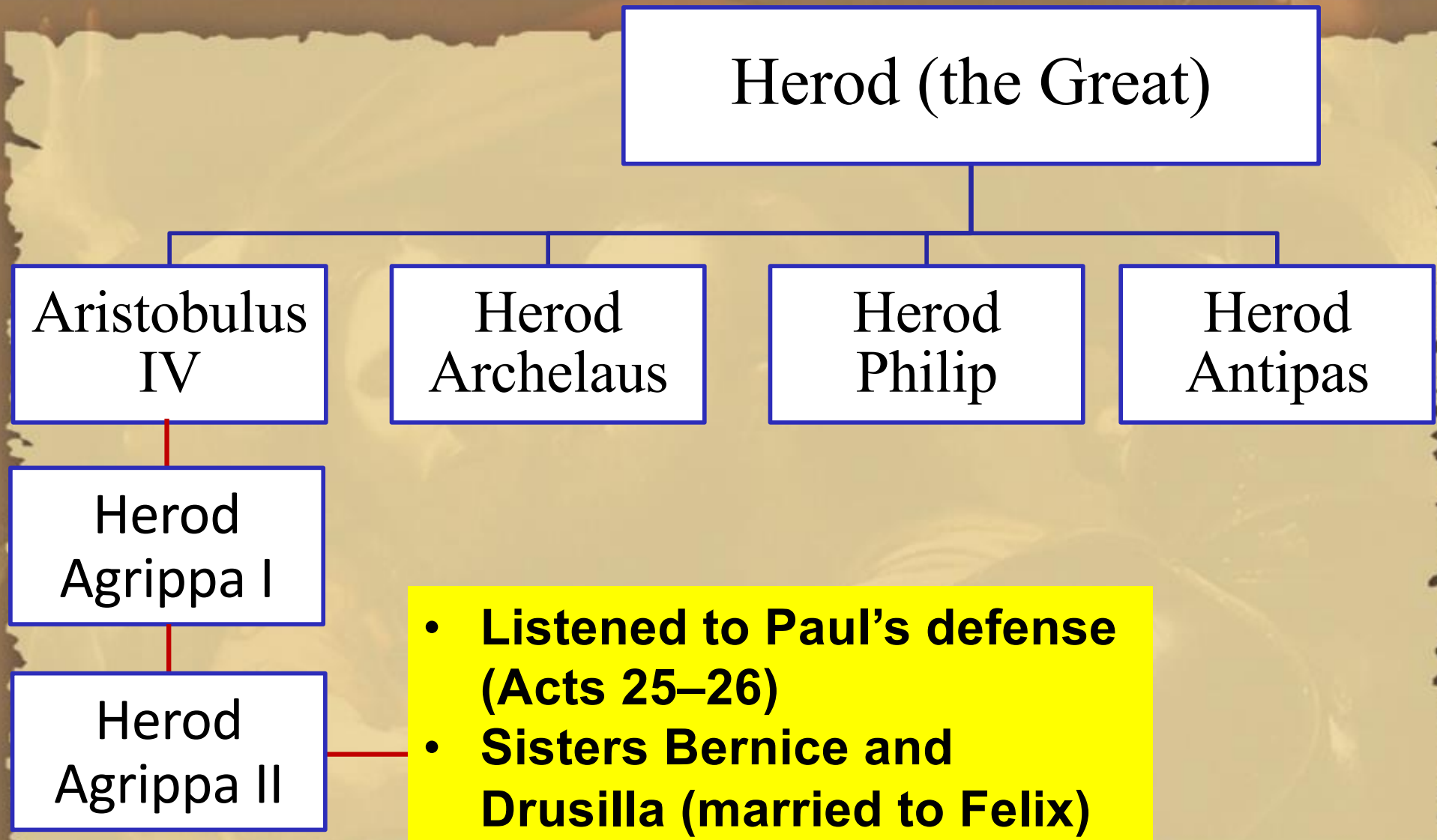
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JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PRISON

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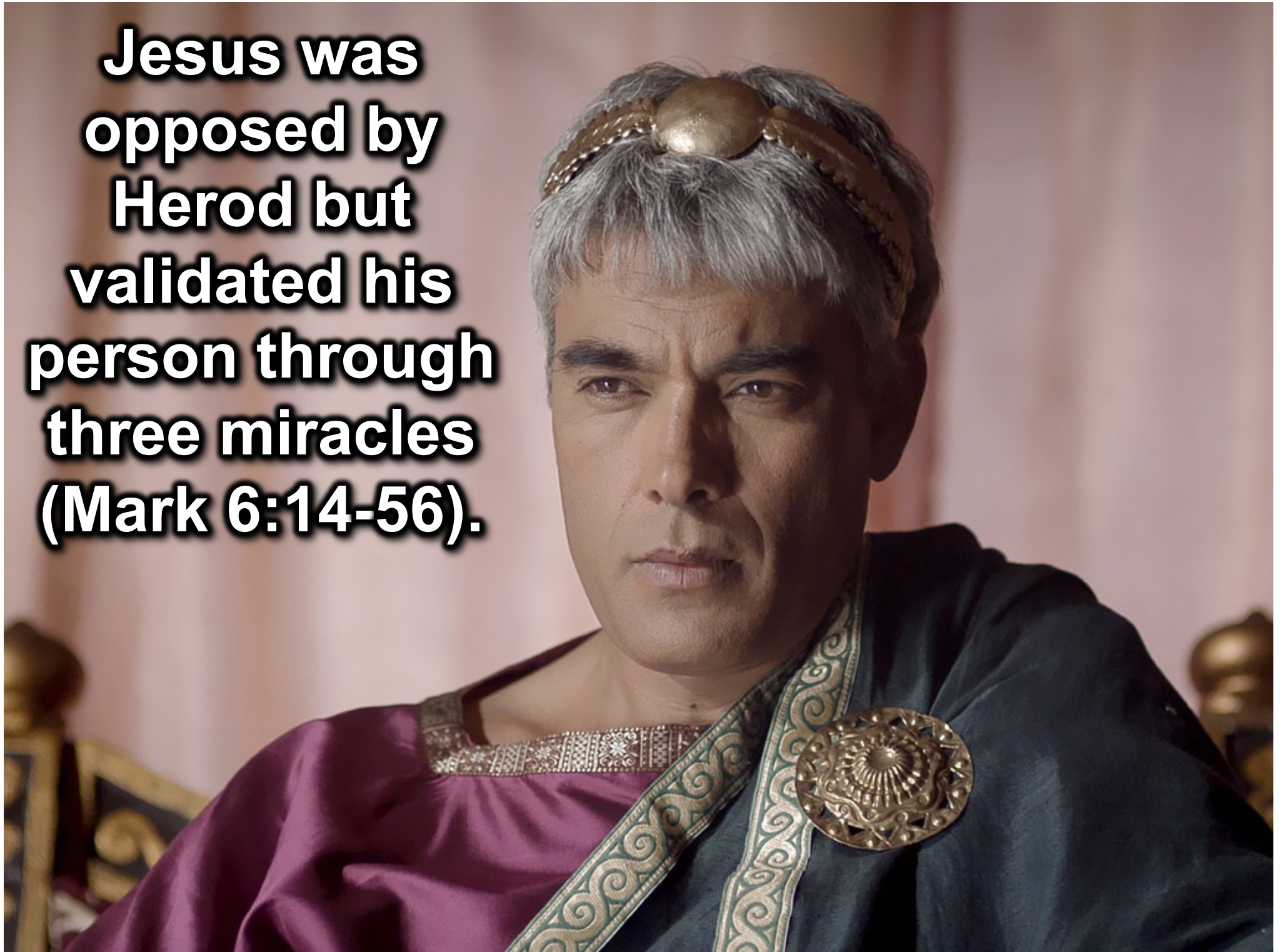
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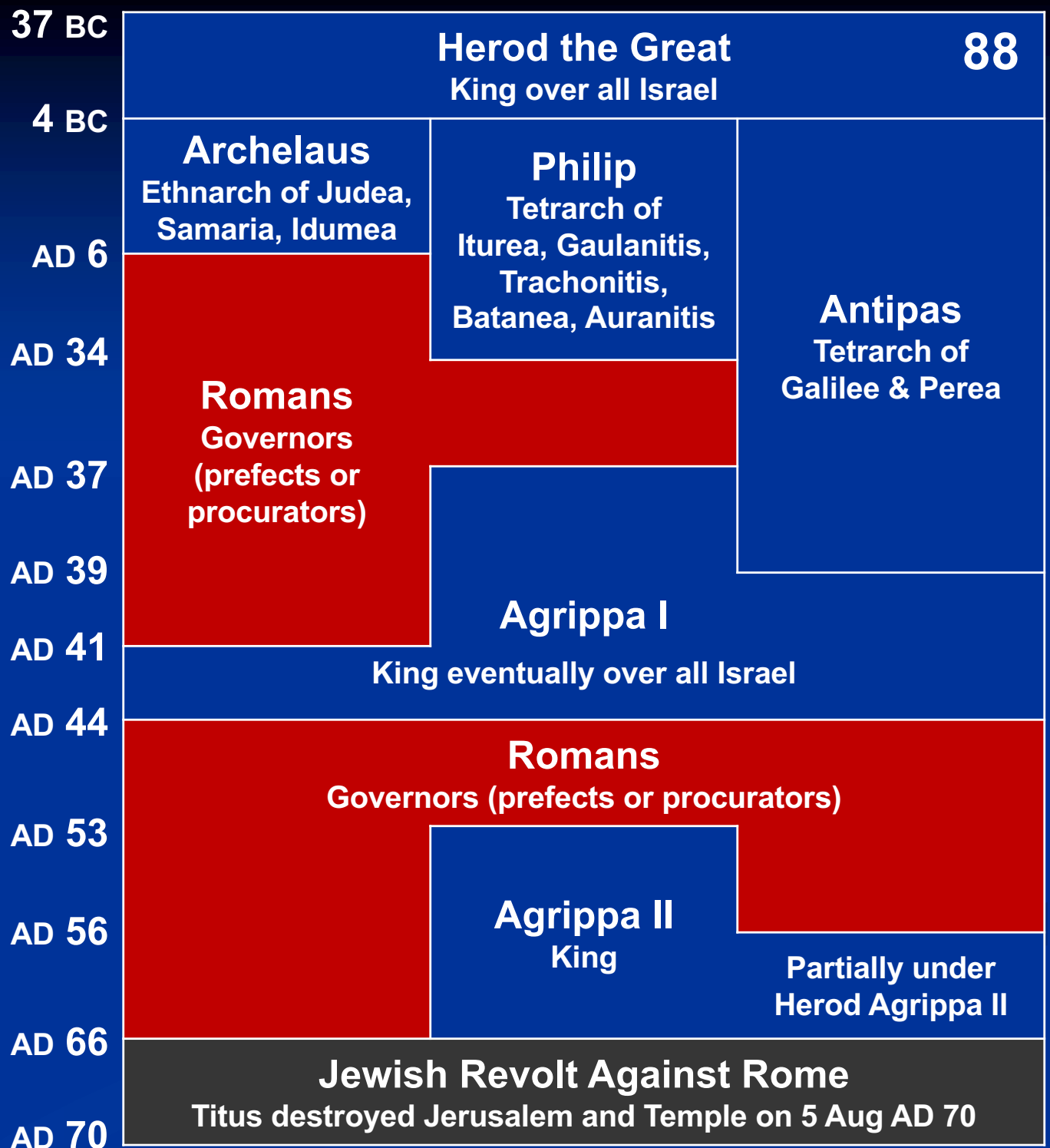






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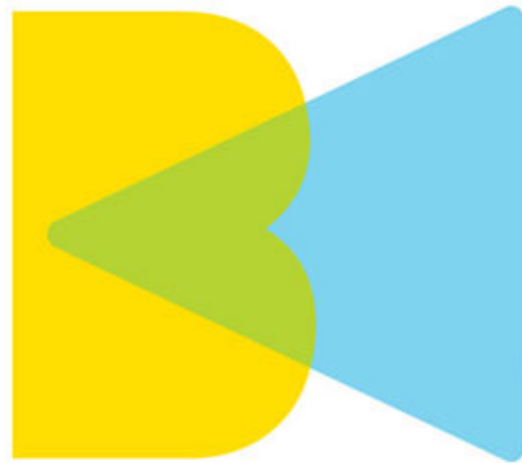


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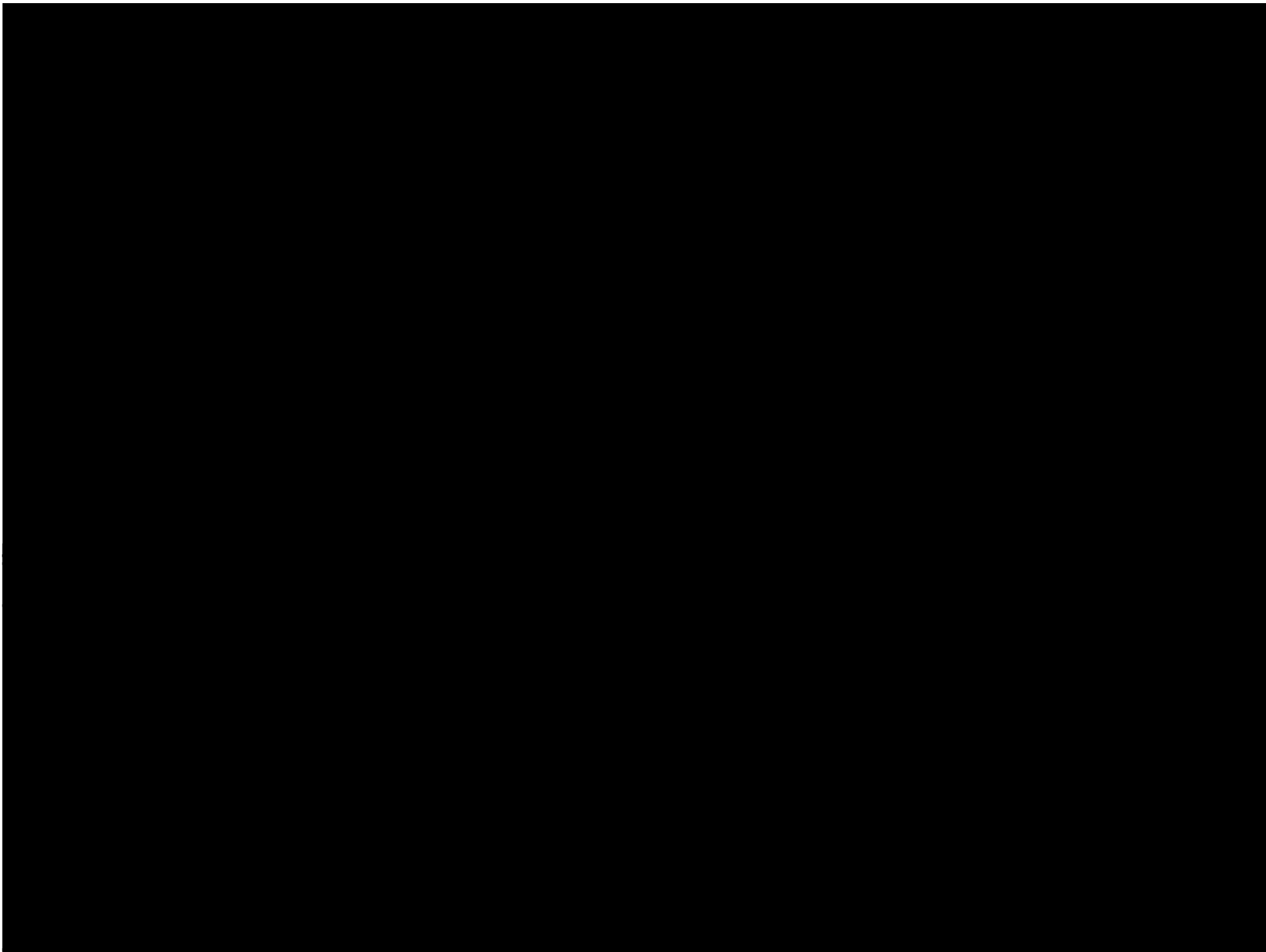
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