

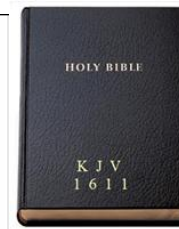
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“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matt 28:19)

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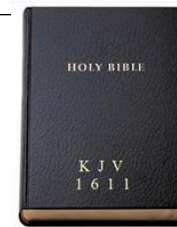


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The Gospels

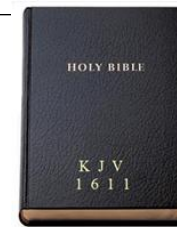
The Life And Ministry Of Jesus Christ

Preparation



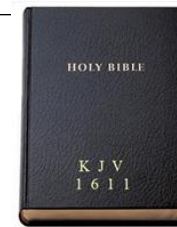
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III. PREPARATION					
A. His Birth					
5	Angelic announcement of the birth of John the Baptist			1:5-25	
6	Angelic announcement to Mary of the birth of Jesus Christ (the annunciation)			1:26-38	
7	Angelic announcement to Joseph of the birth of Jesus Christ	1:18-25			
8	Elizabeth's acclamation of joy			1:39-45	
9	Mary's acclamation of joy (the magnificat)			1:46-56	
10	Birth of John the Baptist			1:57-79	
11	Birth of Jesus Christ	1:25		2:1-21	
12	Presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple			2:22-39	
B. His Boyhood					
13	Adoration of the wise men	2:1-12			
14	Abandonment to Egypt	2:13-15			
15	Assassination of the innocents	2:16-18			
16	Arrival in Nazareth	2:19-23		2:39	
17	Advancement of Jesus Christ (ages 2-12)			2:40	
18	Asking and answering questions in the temple			2:41-50	
19	Advancement of Jesus Christ (ages 12-29)			2:51-52	
20	Advancement of John the Baptist			1:80	
C. His Baptism					
21	The period of John the Baptist's ministry			3:1-2	
22	The purpose of John the Baptist's ministry				1:6-14
23	The preaching of John the Baptist's ministry (Matt 3:1-2; Mark 1:1-3; Luke 3:5-6; Mark 1:4-6; John 1:15-18; Matt 3:7-10; Luke 3:10-15; Matt 3:11-12; Luke 3:18)	3:1-12	1:1-8	3:3-18	1:15-18
24	The immersion of Jesus Christ (Matt 3:13-17; Luke 3:23)	3:13-17	1:9-11	3:21-23	
25	The temptation of Jesus Christ (Matt 4:1-4; Luke 4:5-12; Matt 4:11)	4:1-11	1:12-13	4:1-13	
26	The identification of Jesus Christ as Savior				1:19-34

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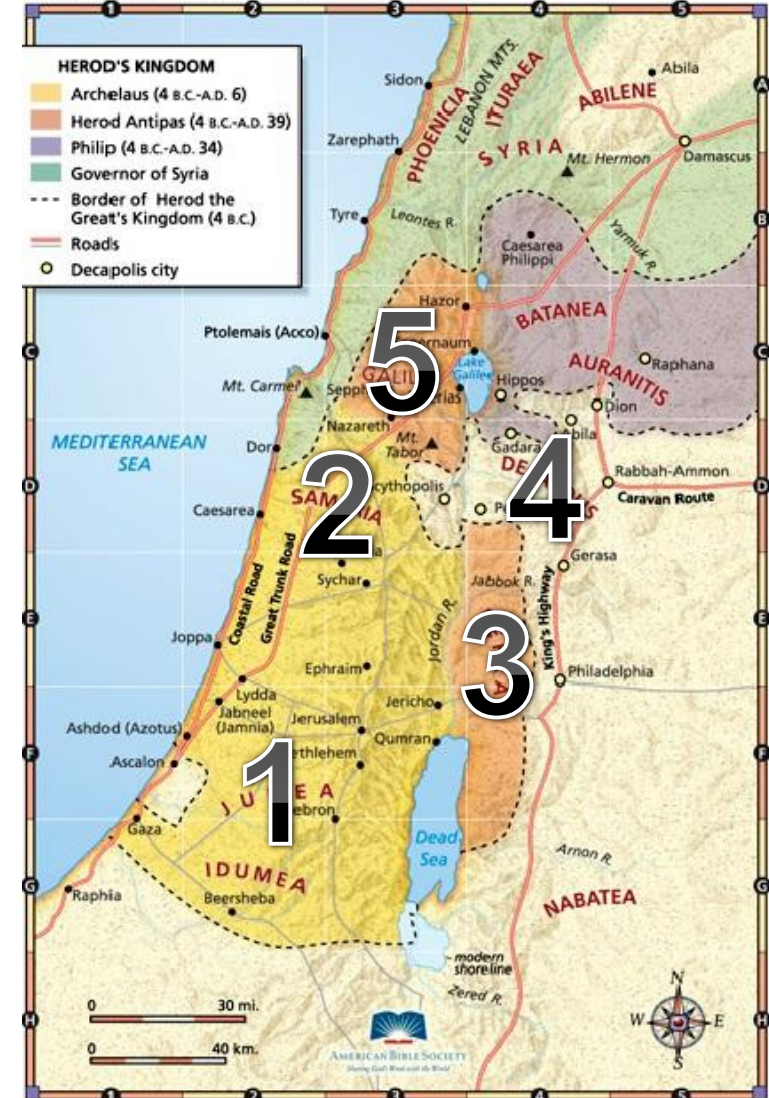
13. Adoration of the wise men (*Matt 2:1-12*)

Matt 2:1

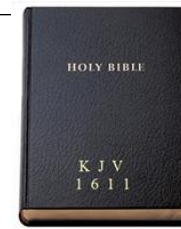
The 5 Provinces Of The Holy Land

1. Judea
2. Samaria
3. Perea
4. Decapolis
5. Galilee

Palastine Under the Herods, 4 B.C. to A.D. 44



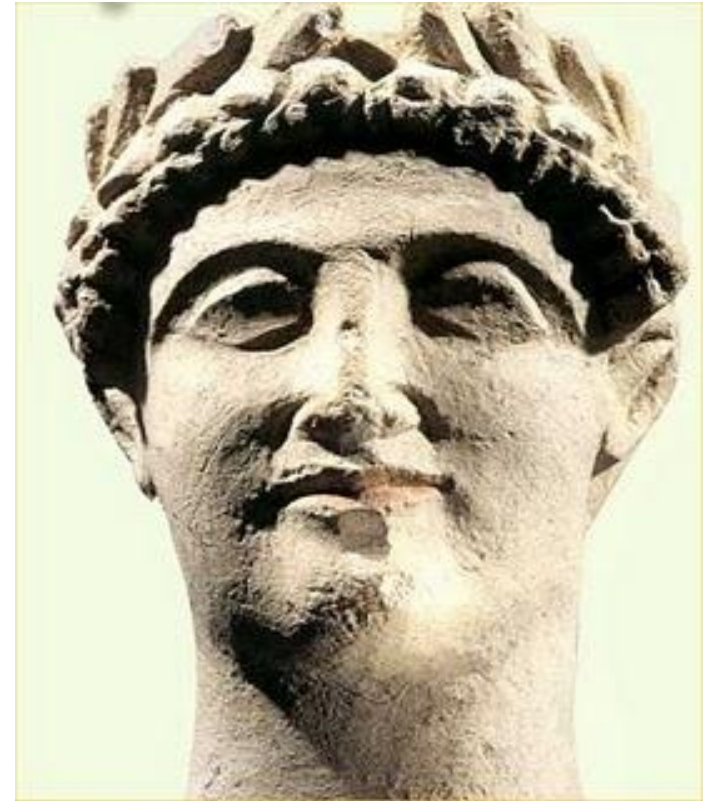
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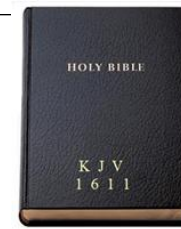
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Facts Regarding Herod The Great

- Born in 74 BC to Antipater, an Idumean and Cypros, an Arabian woman
- Idumeans were forced to convert to Judaism by John Hyrcanus when he conquered Idumea in 140-130 BC
- At the age of 25, his father Antipater appointed him governor of Galilee
- He became procurator of Judea in 43 BC after his father was poisoned and killed
- He was forced to abdicate his position in 41 BC when Antigonus (an-tig-uh-nis), the nephew of John Hyrcanus, took the throne with the help of the invading Parthians



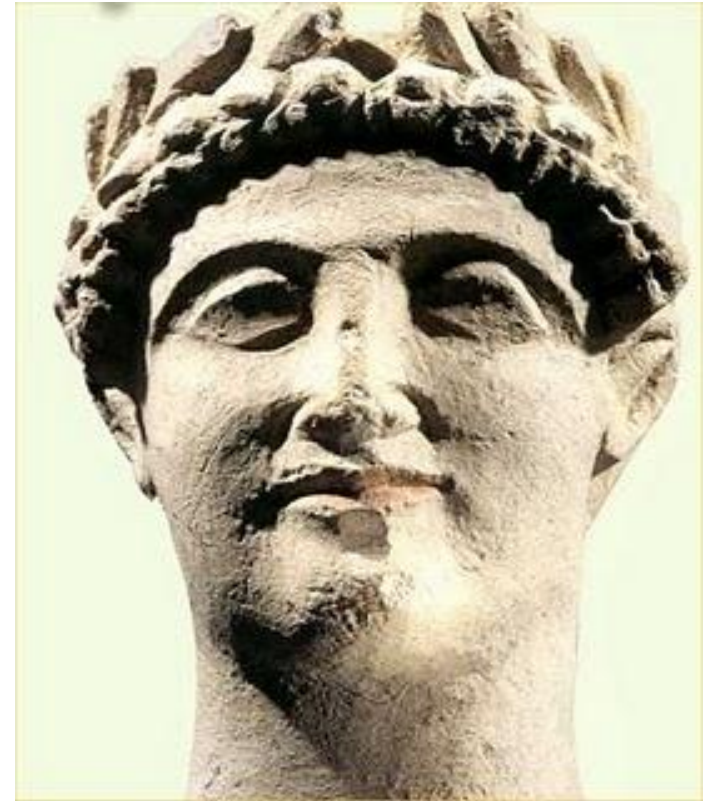
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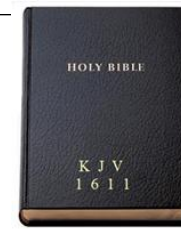
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Facts Regarding Herod The Great

- While in Rome he won the favor of Marc Antony and the Senate appointed him “king of Judea” in 40 BC
- He returned to Jerusalem with Roman troops to regain his throne from Antigonus
- In an effort to win favor with the Jews, he married Antigonus’ teenage niece, Mariamne (mare-ee-ahm-nay)
- Three years later in 37 BC, he and the Romans drove the Parthians out, recaptured Jerusalem, and executed Antigonus thus ending the Hasmonean dynasty



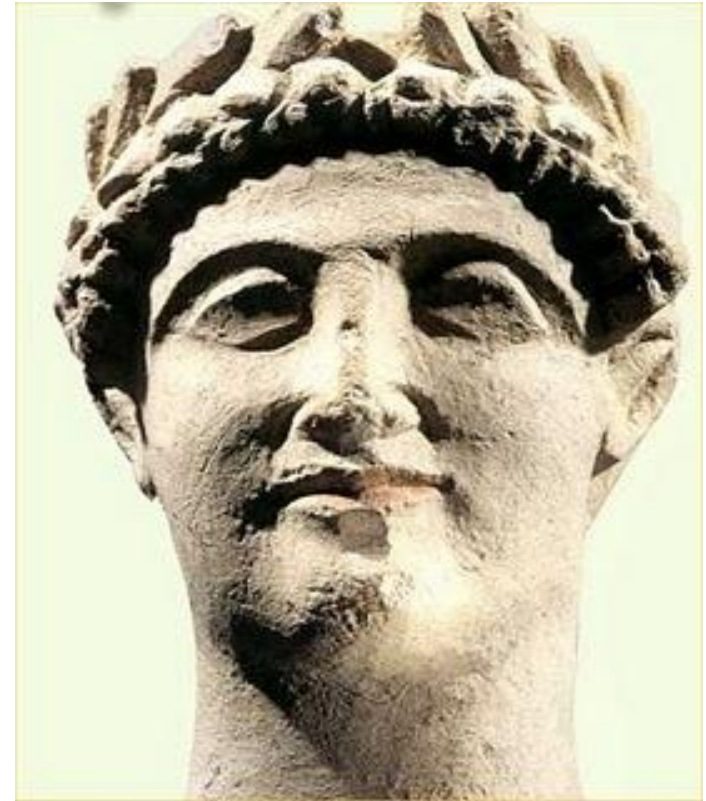
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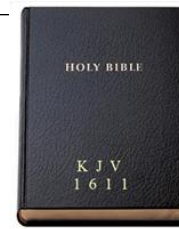
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Facts Regarding Herod The Great

- He triumphantly entered Jerusalem as the “king of the Jews”, thus beginning the Herodian dynasty
- He ruled from 37 BC to 4 BC
- He was renowned for his decadence and brutality, as evidenced by the fact he ordered the execution of all the male children two years and younger (Matt 2:16) (he also executed several family members including his wife Mariamne)
- He was equally renowned for his architectural achievements, most notably the massive expansion of the Jewish temple that began in 20 BC and continued long after his death (John 2:20)



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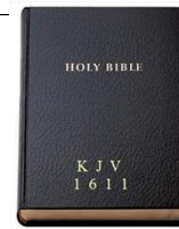
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- **Wise men.** Gr. μάγος (magos), from which we get our words MAGIC, MAGICIAN, and even MAGI. Tradition holds there were THREE wise men due mostly to the fact that they offered three gifts (v.11).

Traditions Regarding The Wise Men (which may or may not be true)

1. There were THREE wise men
 2. The wise men were also KINGS (“We three KINGS of Orient are...”)
 3. One was Caucasian, one was Oriental, and one was Negroid
- **From the east.** Probably Babylon since both magicians and wise men were prominent there (Dan 2:2,27; 4:6-7). If they were from Babylon, the journey to Bethlehem was long and perilous. The elements and terrain were unforgiving and the way was filled with bandits, robbers, and murderers. Although tradition holds there were three wise men, this journey would not have been undertaken by three men alone. Regardless of the number of the wise men, they undoubtedly travelled in a company (Gen 37:25), and the entire journey could have taken at least 4 months (Ezr 7:9).

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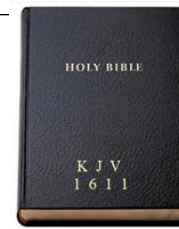
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Matt 2:4

Scribes Mentioned By Name

1. Seraiah (2 Sam 8:17)
2. Sheva/Shavsha (2 Sam 20:25; 1 Chr 18:16)
3. Elihoreph (1 Kin 4:3)
4. Ahiah (1 Kin 4:3)
5. Shebna (2 Kin 18:18,37; 19:2; Isa 36:3,22; 37:2)
6. Shaphan (2 Kin 22:3,8-10,12; 2 Chr 34:15,18,20; Jer 36:10)
7. Shemaiah (1 Chr 24:6)
8. Jonathan (1 Chr 27:32)
9. Jeiel (2 Chr 26:11)
10. Shimshai (Ezr 4:8-9,17,23)
11. Ezra (Ezr 7:6,11-12,21; Neh 8:1,4,9,13; 12:26,36)
12. Zadok (Neh 13:13)
13. Elishama (Jer 36:12,20)
14. Baruch (Jer 36:26,32)
15. Jonathan (Jer 37:15,20)

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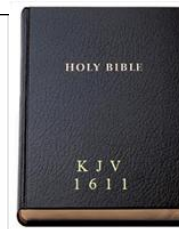
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Matt 2:11

- **Gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.** One of the reasons tradition holds there were three wise men is because three gifts were offered.

The Three Gifts Correspond To The Three OT Offices

- Gold= the office of KING
- Frankincense= the office of PRIEST
- Myrrh= the office of PROPHET



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