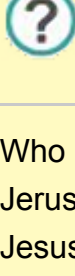
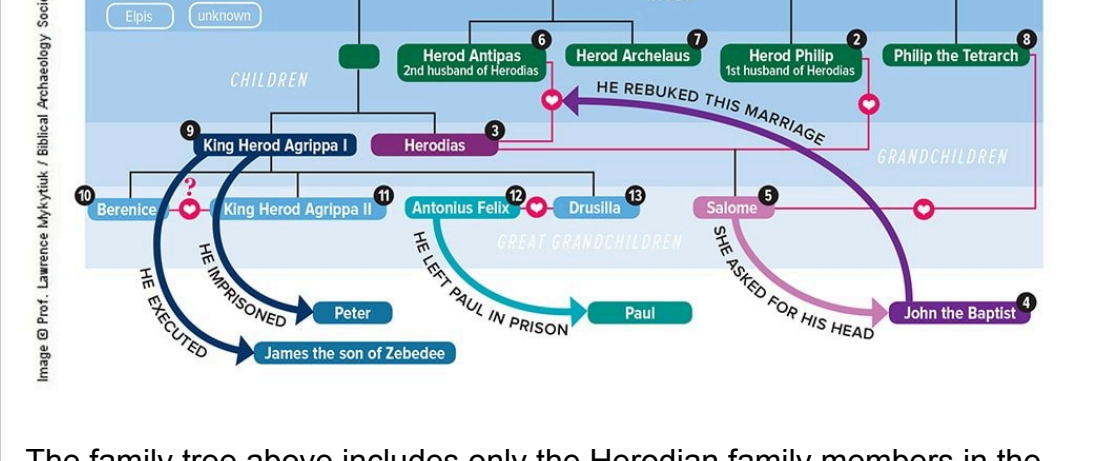


Chapter text (World English Bible version)	
1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of King Herod,* behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 2 “Where is he who is born King of the Jews? For we saw his star in the east, and have come to worship him.” <i>* See information about the Herod family</i>	Who came to Jerusalem after Jesus was born, and what question did they ask?
3 When King Herod heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Christ would be born. 5 They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is written through the prophet, 6 ‘You Bethlehem, land of Judah, are in no way least amongst the princes of Judah; for out of you shall come a governor who shall shepherd my people, Israel.’ ”* <i>* Quotation from Micah 5 v 2</i>	How did King Herod and the people of Jerusalem react, and what prophecy did the chief priests and scribes recall?
7 Then Herod secretly called the wise men, and learnt from them exactly what time the star appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem, and said, “Go and search diligently for the young child. When you have found him, bring me word, so that I also may come and worship him.”	What plan with the wise men did Herod make secretly?
9 They, having heard the king, went their way; and behold, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 They came into the house and saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Opening their treasures, they offered to him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country another way.	How did the star lead the wise men, and what did they do when they saw Jesus?
13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,* and stay there until I tell you, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.” 14 He arose and took the young child and his mother by night and departed into Egypt, 15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”** <i>* See map Jesus' travels - early life</i> <i>** Quotation from Hosea 11 v 1</i>	What warning did Joseph receive in a dream, and where did he take Mary and Jesus?
16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked by the wise men, was exceedingly angry, and sent out and killed all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all the surrounding countryside, from two years old and under, according to the exact time which he had learnt from the wise men. 17 Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, 18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; she wouldn’t be comforted, because they are no more.”* <i>* Quotation from Jeremiah 31 v 15</i>	What terrible order did Herod give, and what prophecy did this fulfill?
19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 20 “Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel, for those who sought the young child’s life are dead.” 21 He arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the place of his father, Herod, he was afraid to go there. Being warned in a dream, he withdrew into the region of Galilee, 23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets that he will be called a Nazarene.	How did Joseph know it was safe to return, and where did the family settle?
The Herod family	

Selected members of the Herodian family and Roman governors who are significant in New Testament events.



The family tree above includes only the Herodian family members in the New Testament plus most of the Roman governors it mentions. It is not a complete family tree. **Boldface** in the narrative statements below signifies the person is referred to in the New Testament.

Earlier Outcomes: Attempt to kill the infant Jesus, execution of John the Baptist, and the trial of Jesus

1. **Herod the Great**, founder of the dynasty, tried to kill the infant Jesus by the “slaughter of the innocents” at Bethlehem.
2. **Herod Philip**, uncle and first husband of **Herodias**, was not a ruler.
3. **Herodias** left **Herod Philip** to marry his half-brother **Herod Antipas**, **Tetrarch** of Galilee & Perea.
4. **John the Baptist** rebuked **Antipas** for marrying **Herodias**, his brother’s wife, while his brother was still alive—against the law of Moses.
5. **Salome** danced for **Herod Antipas** and, at **Herodias’s** direction, requested the beheading of **John the Baptist**. Later she married her great-uncle **Philip the Tetrarch**.
6. **Herod Antipas**, **Tetrarch** of Galilee and Perea (r. 4 B.C.E.–39 C.E.), was **Herodias’s** uncle and second husband. After **Salome’s** dance and his rash promise, he executed **John the Baptist**. Much later he held part of Jesus’ trial.
7. **Herod Archelaus**, **Ethnarch** of Judea, Samaria and Idumea (r. 4 B.C.E.–6 C.E.), was replaced by a series of Roman governors, including **Pontius Pilate** (r. 26–36 C.E.).
8. **Philip the Tetrarch** of northern territories (r. 4 B.C.E.–34 C.E.) later married **Herodias’s** daughter **Salome**, his grandniece.

Later Outcomes: Execution of James the son of Zebedee, imprisonment of Peter to execute him, and the trial of Paul

9. **King Herod Agrippa I** (r. 37–44 C.E.) executed **James the son of Zebedee** and imprisoned **Peter** before his miraculous escape.
10. **Berenice**, twice widowed, left her third husband to be with brother **Agrippa II** (rumoured lover) and was with him at Festus’s trial of **Paul**.
11. **King Herod Agrippa II** (r. 50–c. 93 C.E.) was appointed by **Festus** to hear **Paul’s** defence.
12. **Antonius Felix**, Roman procurator of Judea (r. 52–c. 59 C.E.), **Paul’s** first judge, left him in prison for two years until new procurator **Porcius Festus** (r. c. 60–62 C.E.) became the second judge, and **Paul** appealed to Caesar.
13. **Drusilla** left her first husband to marry Roman governor **Felix**.

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Jesus' travels - early life

Map showing the travels of Mary and Joseph during the early life of Jesus (Matthew 2 and Luke 2).

