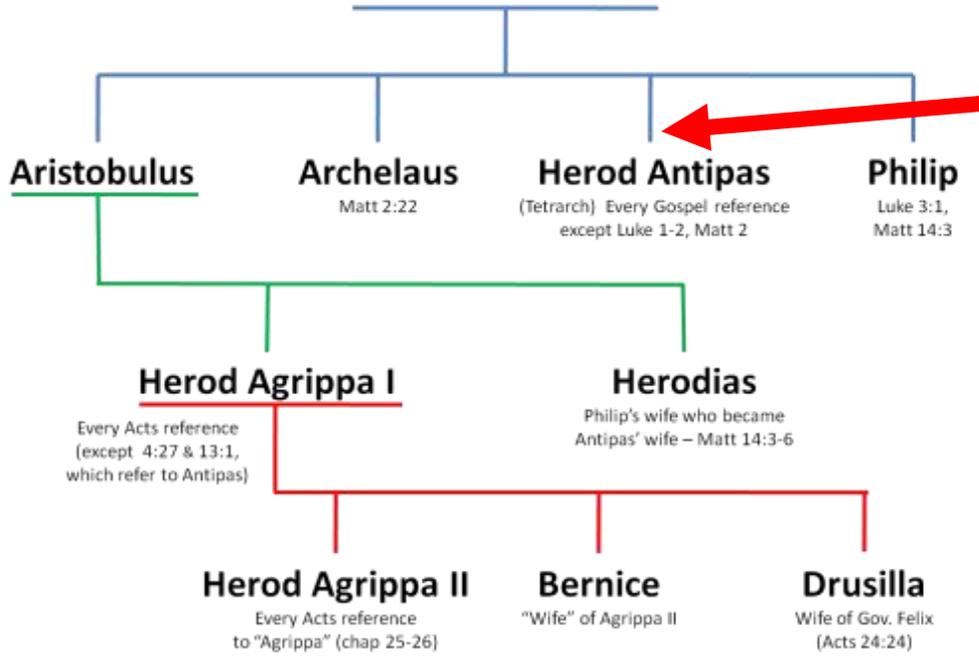




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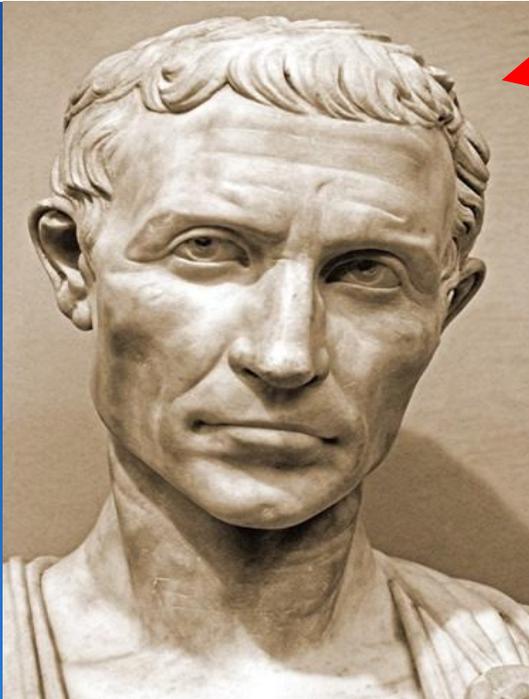
- Somewhere from 45% to 55% of NT is OT quotes
- CJB makes it easy to spot OT quotes in NT because passages are in bold type
- Major theme of Acts 4 is the use of Psalm 118 in connection with salvation offered in Christ
- Sanhedrin could find no cause to punish Peter and John
- Congregation of Believers in Jerusalem prayed Psalm 2 as part of their thanks for returning Peter and John to them safely

## Herod the Great Luke 1-2, Matt 2



# HEROD ANTIPAS

- Peter says Herod and Pilate fulfill Psalm 2 prophecy
- Antipas was Tetrarch over Galilee and Perea
- Pilate was Procurator over Judea
- It was God who pre-planned these events for what would happen with Yeshua
- Along with certain Jews and some gentiles they were all complicit in the murder of Messiah





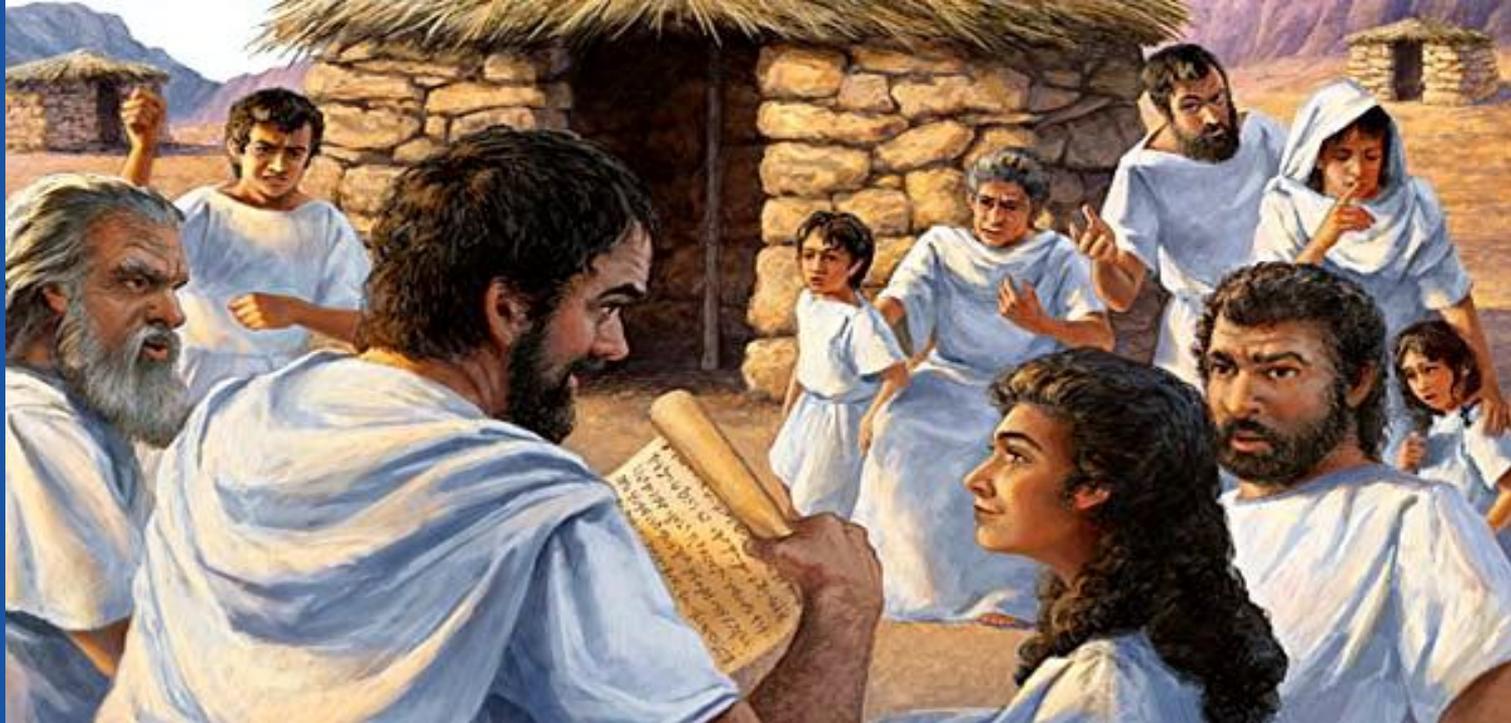
# DO PILATE, HEROD, AND HITLER DESERVE MERIT?

- God foreknew that these wicked people would do evil things
- Hitler's plan of genocide would cause Israel to be reborn
- Ezekiel 36 and 37
- God is able to orchestrate history and use bad intentions for good

# FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

- “Filled with Holy Spirit” means a special divine inspiration
- Special inspiration often involves speech
- **Parrhesia** = free and fearless confidence
- It's the lack of fearless confidence that often keep Believers from presenting the Gospel to others
- Personal countenance, behavior, decision to live a holy life is the greatest expression of the Gospel
- But speaking the Gospel is also important





- Believers adopted a lifestyle similar to the Essenes
- A remarkable selflessness and togetherness
- Private property sold and proceeds shared
- Kibbutzim of Israel generally live this way
- Yosef, a Diaspora Jew from Cypress, sells a field and donates all proceeds to the Community of Believers
- He was a Levite and the Torah Law says Levites shouldn't own property

# ACTS CHAPTER 5: AN EMBARRASSMENT TO CHRISTIANITY?



- Chapters 4 and 5 connected
- A contrast between two similar stories
- Ananias and Sapphira
- Dishonorable intent of their hearts brought immediate death
- A direct corollary in the OT with Achan



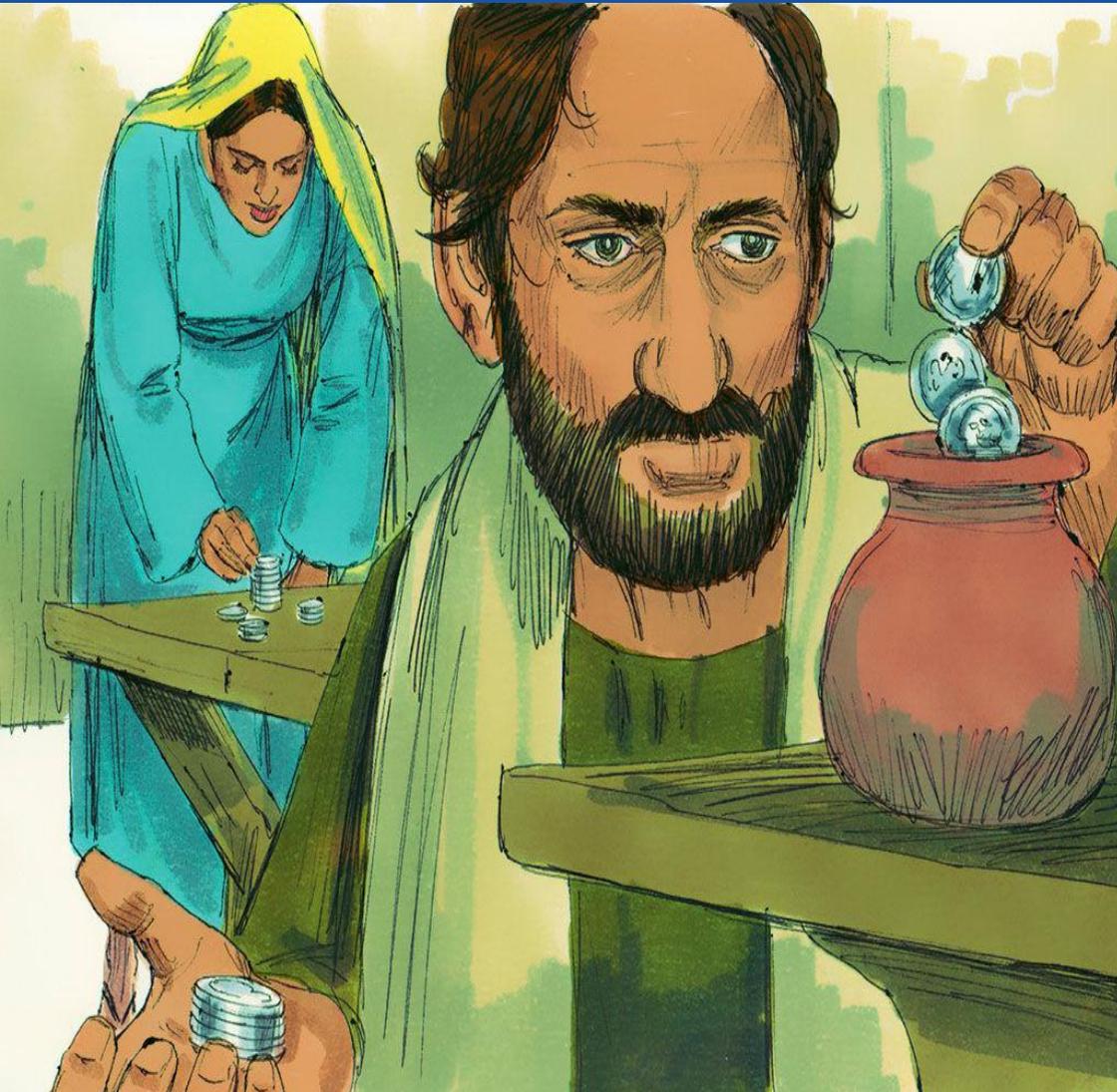
- Joshua chapter 7
- Achan misappropriated holy property belonging to God
- Law of Herem (Law of the Ban)
- A personal sin, but also a curse on Israel
- Attack of Ai failed as a result
- Achan and his family stoned to death as a consequence
- One use of fire is to sanctify; another is to destroy

# WHY GOD'S SEVERE REACTION

- The principle of Vow Offerings
- Issue of Herem + Vow offerings at the heart of the Ananias and Sapphira event
- Deut. 23:22 – 24
- Intentional Sin = High Handed Sin = blasphemy
- Matt. 12:31 - 34



# DECEPTION



- The outcome was because of the patterns of God
- Even the first Believers weren't perfect
- Ananias and Sapphira were not pretenders
- They vowed to give all the proceeds to the community
- No one is required to make a vow
- Matt.5:33 – 37
- Should have been a simple act of charity
- The vow made it God's holy property

# "There but for the grace of God, go I..."

- Making a vow to God was, and remains, a serious matter
- Yeshua warned us against vow making; make our yes, yes, and our no, no
- Great fear came over the Messianic Community
- Who among us has not made a promise to God and broken it ?
- Holy Scriptures are to inform, inspire, and warn
- FEAR GOD !!