

# 19-20 Bible Study #1

9/10/19

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# Outline for Introductory Class

- What a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jew Would Know
  - The Patriarchs
  - Moses, Mt. Sinai, and the Torah
  - History of the Jewish people:
    - Desert wandering
    - Kingdoms
    - Exile
    - Dynasties
    - Return
    - Covenants
- Introduction to the Early Church
  - Books of the New Testament
  - History of the early church
  - Titles for Jesus
  - Transmission of the Faith
  - Explosion of Christianity

# Administrative Information

- The Bible Study Class will be presented in the Parish Hall every Tuesday morning from **9:30 A.M. until 11 A.M.** beginning **September 10, 2019** and ending **May 12, 2020** except for the following Tuesdays related to a holiday:
  - Nov 26, 2019 – Thanksgiving Week
  - Dec 24, 2019 – Christmas Week
  - Dec 31, 2019 - New Year's Week
  - Apr 7, 2020 – Holy Week
- The same class will be given every Tuesday evening from **7:30 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.** in the Parish Hall
- Contact info: email: [biblestudy@straymonds.org](mailto:biblestudy@straymonds.org) ; Tel: **703 644-5873**
- Inclement weather decisions will be **based on Fairfax County Public School announcements**

# Administrative Information (Cont)

- Please sign in with your name, telephone number, and “print” your e-mail
- I will automatically forward you a copy of the class charts via e-mail every week
- I will forward prayer requests from the group upon receipt
- Anyone who wishes may record the presentation
- Any version of the bible is acceptable – I will use the *RSV Catholic Edition*
- Although we will not follow a specific text, it will be centered around Jeff Cavins’ **Great Adventure Bible Timeline Series** \*

# Administrative Information (Cont)

## My Background

- Methodist
- Wake Forest College 1962
- Joined the Catholic Church 1975

CCD Catechist 1980 - 1997

MA in Theology (discipline in Scripture) NDGS of  
Christendom College 1999

Co-DRE at St Raymond's 1997-2005

Presented Bible Study & RCIA for over 16 years

# Administrative Information (Cont)

- Overview of this course:
  - We will begin an overview of the New Testament
  - Please feel free to ask questions during or after the presentation or via email
- We will attempt to record the AM class and post it on the Parish Website along with the class charts

# Administrative Information (Cont)

- The Long Term Bible Study Plan
  - Overview of the New Testament
  - The Synoptic Gospels
  - Acts of the Apostles and the Letters of Paul
  - The Corpus of John (Gospel of John through Revelation)



# Setting the Stage

- You are a 30 year old, 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jew, living in Jerusalem in 65 A.D.
- You are married, with a family, working as a shop keeper
- You are attempting to live a “righteous life” and have heard about “the new way” of Judaism

# Questions

- Who is Rabbi *Joshua*, son of *Joseph* the carpenter, from Nazareth?
- As a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Jew, do you believe that *Jesus* of Nazareth is the Messiah?
- As a 1<sup>st</sup> Century Gentile, do you accept the “Good News” of Jesus of Nazareth?
- As a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian, do you accept the teachings of the Christian Church?
- *It is all about Faith – pray for the gift of Faith*

# Land of Israel

- Galilee – Northern most part of Israel
- Judea – Land of the Jews
- Samaria – Land of the Samaritans
- Jerusalem - capital city of Israel
  - The Temple
  - Fortress Antonia
  - Synagogues
- Qumran – near the Dead Sea

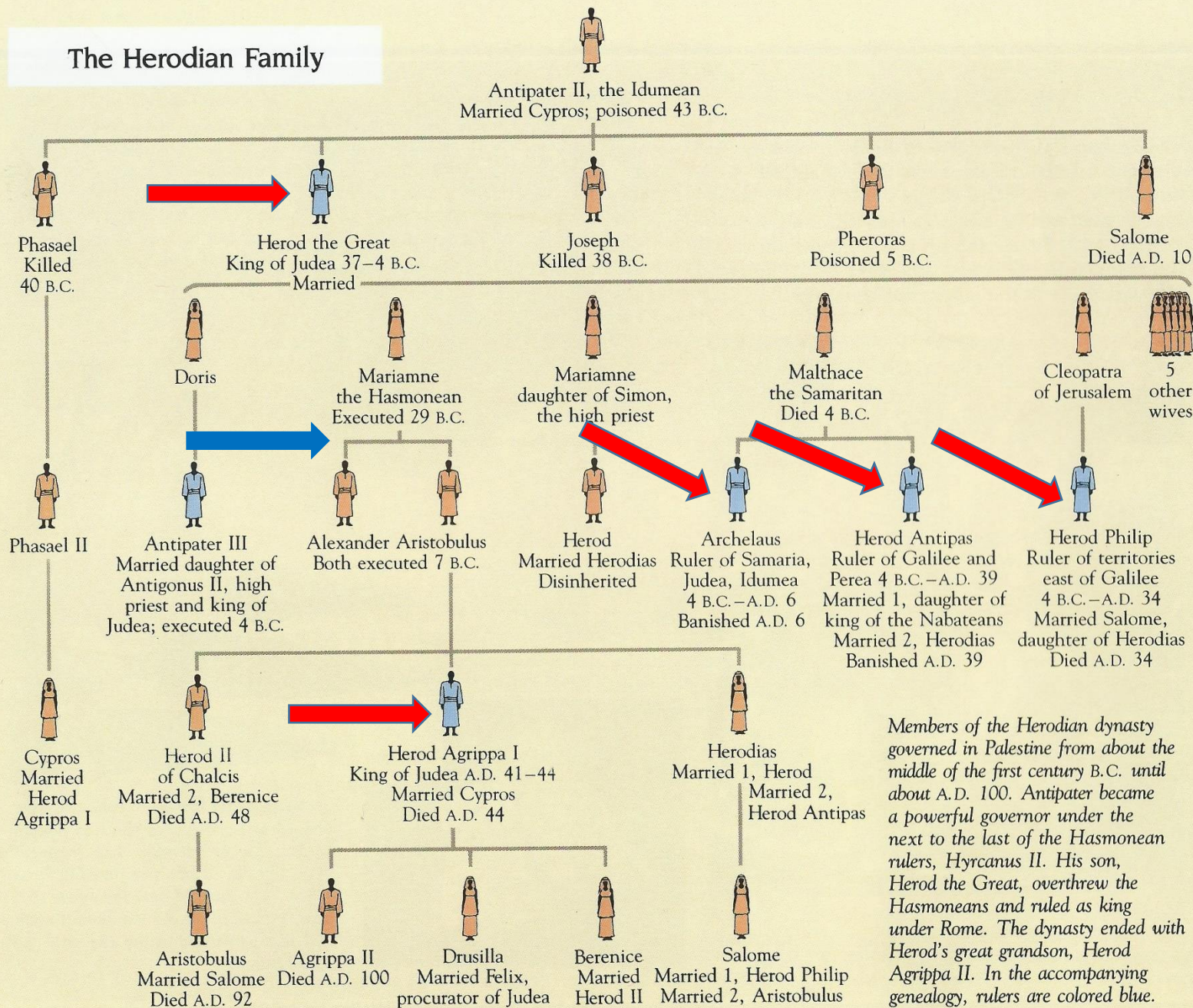
# Languages

- Aramaic
- Greek
- Latin
- Hebrew

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Players

- Governing Authorities
  - Pontius Pilate – Roman Governor
  - Herod the Great – King of the Jews
    - Herod Antipas
    - Herod Philip
    - Archelaus
      - Herod Agrippa

# The Herodian Family



# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Players

- Religious Authorities and the Sanhedrin
  - High Priest
    - Caiaphas – Selected by the Roman Authorities
    - Annas - Former High Priest and father-in-law of Caiaphas
  - Priests – Those who offered sacrifices in the temple
  - Levites – Descendants of Aaron who served in the temple

# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Players (Cont)

- Lawyers – Experts in the Pentateuch (the Law)
- Scribes – Those who made copies of the scriptures
- Rabbi – A Jewish scholar or teacher, especially one who studies or teaches Jewish law
- Disciple – A follower who, lived with, shared meals with, prayed with, studied with and imitated a rabbi



# 1<sup>st</sup> Century Players (Cont)

- Sadducees
  - High priestly families
  - Members of the Sanhedrin
  - Only accepted the Pentateuch
  - Did not believe in life after death
- Pharisees
  - Lay political party
  - Served out of synagogues
  - Accepted all of Hebrew scriptures
  - Believed in life after death
- Yahweh – Holy Name of the God of Israel

# Old Testament Sources

- **Individual scrolls**
  - May have begun as early as 1440 BC
- ***The Septuagint***
  - Translation of Hebrew scrolls into Greek began in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century BC
  - Completed in 2<sup>nd</sup> Century BC (around 132 BC)
- ***The Hebrew Bible***
  - Reached its current form in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD

# What Constituted The Jewish Scriptures In The 1<sup>st</sup> Century?

- ***Septuagint* - 46**

- Pentateuch – 5
- Prophets - 18
- Historical - 16
- Wisdom - 7

- **Hebrew Bible - 39**

- Pentateuch – 5
- Prophets - 21
- Writings - 13

# Books Of The Old Testament

## **Septuagint**

- *Pentateuch - 5*
  - Genesis
  - Exodus
  - Leviticus
  - Numbers
  - Deuteronomy

## **Hebrew Bible**

- *Pentateuch - 5*
  - Genesis
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# Books Of The Old Testament (Cont)

## Septuagint

- *Historical Books - 16*

- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 & 2 Samuel
- 1 & 2 Kings
- 1 & 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- **Tobit\***
- **Judith\***
- Esther
- **1 & 2 Maccabees\***

\* Deuterocanonical books

## Hebrew Bible

- *Writings - 13*

- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ruth
- Song of Songs
- Ecclesiastes
- Lamentations
- Esther
- Daniel
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- 1 & 2 Chronicles

# Books Of The Old Testament (Cont)

## Septuagint

- *Wisdom Books - 7*
  - Job
  - Psalms
  - Proverbs
  - Ecclesiastes
  - Song of Songs
  - **Wisdom\***
  - **Sirach\***

\* Deuterocanonical books

## Hebrew Bible

- *Wisdom Books - 0*
  - Part of the Writings

# Books Of The Old Testament (Cont)

## Septuagint

- *Prophets - 18*
  - Isaiah
  - Jeremiah
  - Lamentations
  - **Baruch\***
  - Ezekiel
  - Daniel
  - Hosea

## Hebrew Bible

- *Prophets - 21*
  - Joshua
  - Judges
  - 1 & 2 Samuel
  - 1 & 2 Kings
  - Isaiah
  - Jeremiah
  - Ezekiel
  - Hosea

# Books Of The Old Testament (Cont)

## **Septuagint**

- *Prophets (Cont)*

- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

## **Hebrew Bible**

- *Prophets (Cont)*

- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi