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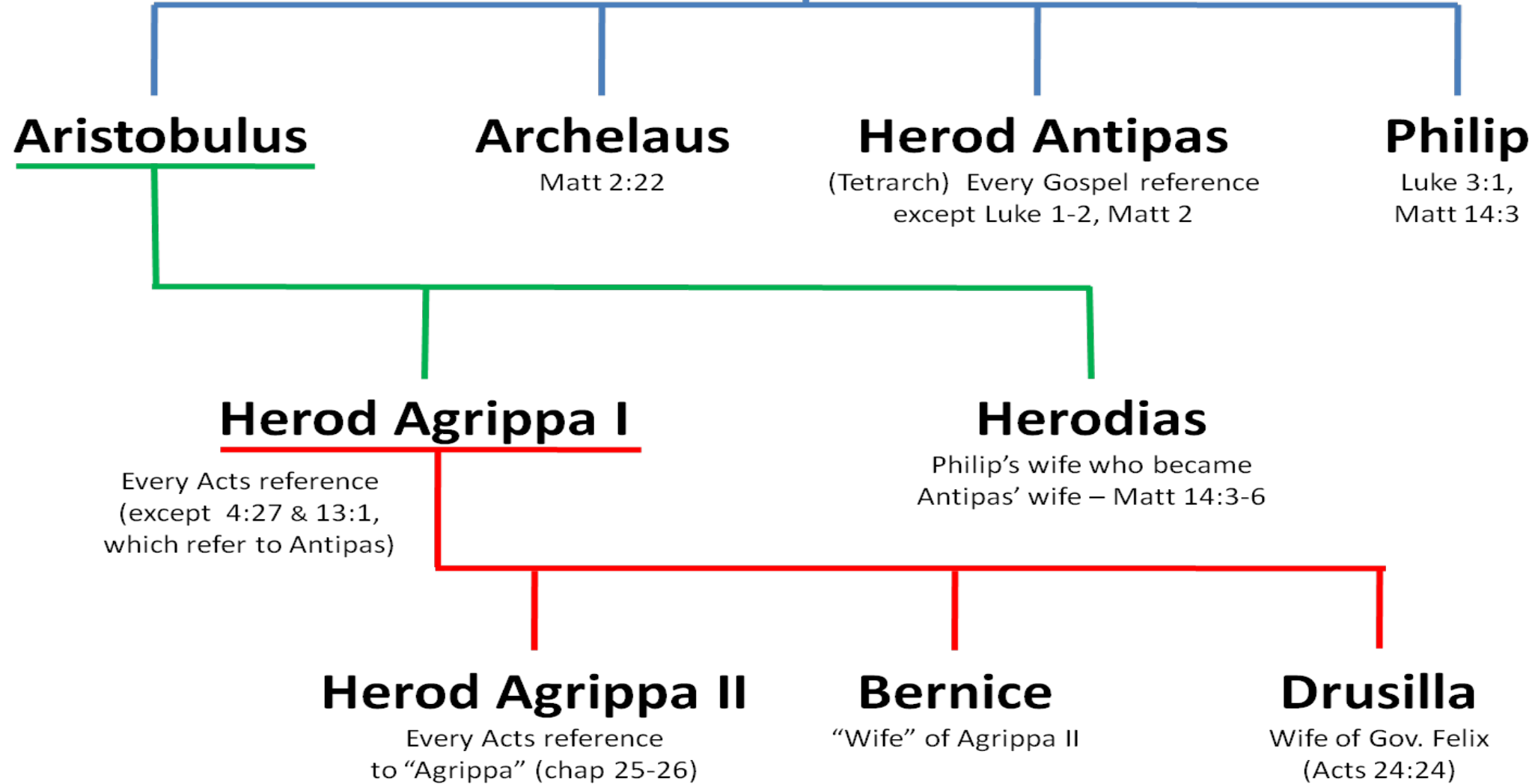
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[8] And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." [9] And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision.

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[12] When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying. [13] And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer.

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[14] Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate.

[15] They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!"

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[16] But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. [17] But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

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# Acts 12:18-19

[18] Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter. [19] And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

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[24] But the word of God increased and multiplied. [25] And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

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“In this environment people do not want to be passionate about anything. They play it safe spiritually. Such attitudes hinder earnestness in prayer... the crying need of the church is her laziness after God... When we recover the biblical vision of God and his truth, we will recover biblical passion... fired afresh by an ambition to see all that God wishes for us, we will be emboldened to pray earnestly to that end.”

(Fernando, *Acts*, p. 369)

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