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PAUL HARVEY

**And now...the
rest of the story...**

Notes: Chapter 22

- ✱ Tribune did not know Hebrew
- ✱ Not good for his reputation to have a riot on his watch so going to beat the truth out of Paul
- ✱ Again Paul uses the law to his advantage
- ✱ 23:1 - Paul had unfinished business - why he wanted to come to Jerusalem!

Notes: Chapter 23

- ✱ (v.1) Sanhedrin = 71 member council made up up Pharisees & Sadducees
- ✱ (v.3) Jew whitewashed the tombs around Jerusalem before the Passover to avoid becoming unclean
 - ▶ Scholars believe Paul's eyesight had gotten so bad he did not recognize the High Priest!
 - ▶ Gal. 6:11 - "what large letters"

Notes: Chapter 23

- ✱ (v.6) Paul the son of a Pharisees who might have likely been on this counsel maybe even Paul himself
 - ▶ For Paul to have studied under Gamaliel his family was likely wealthy & influential
- ✱ Pharisees were the priests & Sadducees a religious social/political group

Notes: Chapter 23

- ✱ (v.6) After being struck before things started Did Paul likely know he wouldn't get anywhere in his defense
 - ▶ Or as we see here maybe this was the best defense as a Pharisee?
- ✱ Interesting how fast & how nasty things can get in a religious setting!
- ✱ (v.11) Paul likely discouraged because things hadn't gone as he envisioned

Take Courage!

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from come a witness with us of his resurrection.”

23 So they proposed two men: Joseph called Bar Matthias. 24 Then they prayed, “Lord, you know which of these two you have chosen. Take on Judas Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost

When the day of Pentecost came suddenly a sound like a rushing wind

Notes: Chapter 23

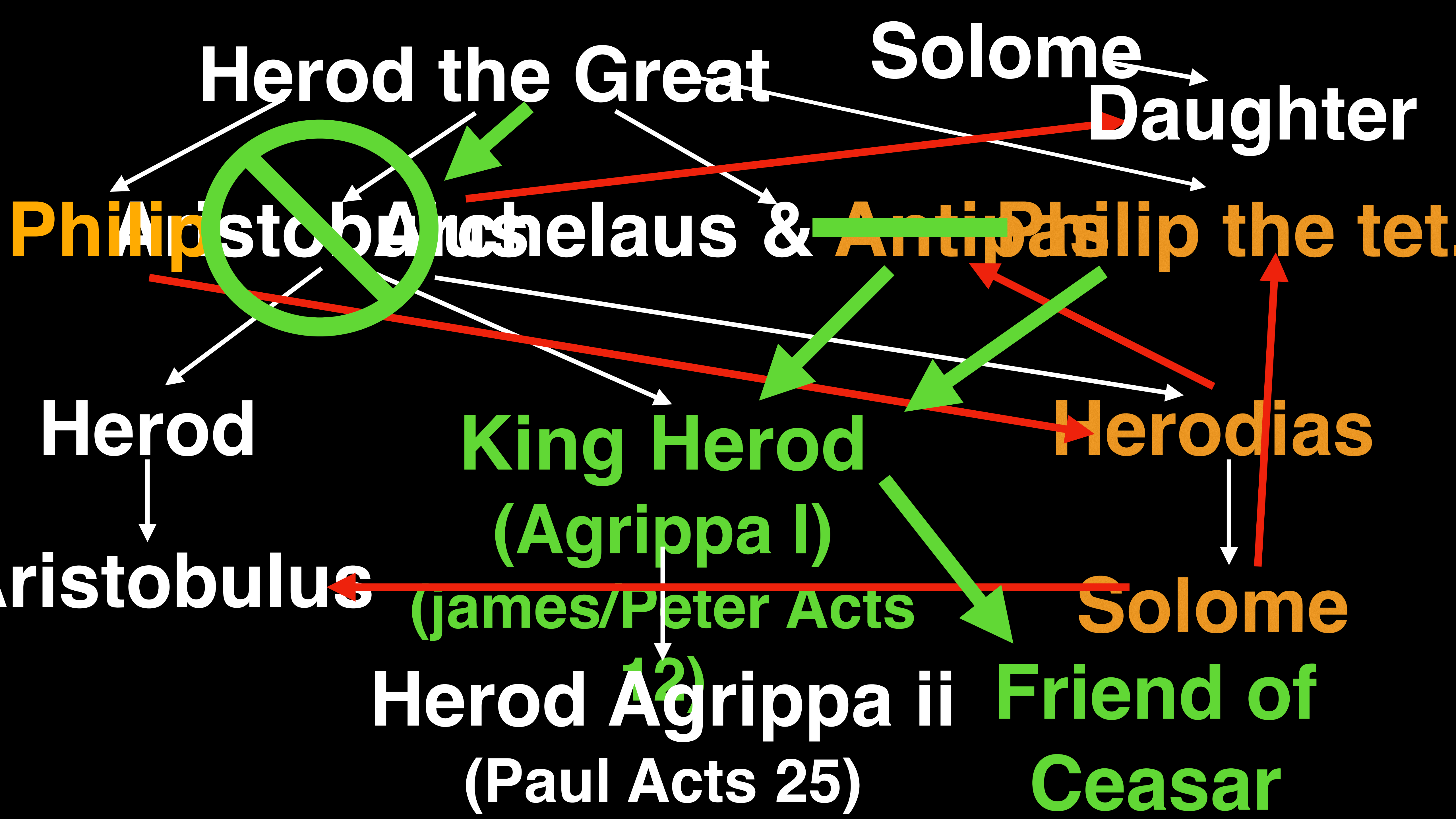
- ✱ (v.12) This conspiracy sound familiar?
- ✱ (v.16) We see how integrated Paul family was in the inner circles
 - ▶ I wonder how many of Paul's family members were believers?
- ✱ (v.24) Caesarea = Roman Capitol for Judea
- ✱ (v.23) Was this escort in Paul's vision?

Notes: Chapter 23

- ✱ (v.27) **Stretching the truth a bit - trying to make himself look good!**

Antonius Felix:

- ▶ **Corrupt & cruel leader, obviously willing to accept bribes!**
- ▶ **Drusilla = 2nd wife & daughter of Herod Agrippa I**
- ▶ **Did such a poor job in Judea, was removed from office & luck not to be imprisoned (brother kept him out of trouble)**



Notes: Chapter 24

- ✱ (v.1) Now the bring in a lawyer to butter Felix up & give the right spin!
 - ▶ I am not sure “peace” or “gratitude” would be proper sentiments
 - ▶ “All over the world”?
- ✱ One thing they got right “a follower of the Way”
- ✱ Resurrection is the key!

Notes: Chapter 24

- ✱ (v.22) Are you like Felix, just well acquainted with the way or have you put your faith in Jesus?
- ✱ Drusilla as a Herod was Edomite so claimed Hebrew descent throu Esau
- ✱ (v.25) This sound familiar? I think John the Baptist was saying the same type of things to the Herod's
- ✱ (v.26) Felix's true colors

Notes: Chapter 24

- ✱ (v.27) Our courts aren't any faster or fairer