

Villains of Scripture (series)

Conquering The Spirit of Herod

Matthew 2:1-8

1 Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” 3 King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem. 4 He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?” 5 “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they said, “for this is what the prophet wrote:

6 “And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.”

7 Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. 8 Then he told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!”

Tonight, I want to speak to you for the next few moments on the subject of “Conquering The Spirit of Herod”. Let’s pray together.

Even though we are 2020 years removed from the birth of Jesus and the scriptures account of Herod’s plot against the birth of Jesus, his mockery, deception, and illusion to want to go and worship Him, we still find ourselves facing the unrelenting spirit of Herod even today. It deeply concerns me that there are countless so-called believers who can’t seem to walk in victory and breakthrough because they have been deceived into blindly following a modern day Herod. I want to tell you that the spirit of Herod desires to infiltrate our nation, our government, our political system, the modern day church, and the life of every believer.

This spirit is more concerned about pleasing the crowds of people than fearing the sovereign Lord.

This spirit is opposed to seeing the sinner set free by the supernatural power that is in the blood of Jesus.

This spirit is opposed to the call to repentance.

This spirit is comfortable with the gifts of the Holy Spirit being quenched and not allowed to operate with freedom.

This spirit celebrates a luke-warm church that doesn't pray, doesn't fast, or fulfill the great commission.

This spirit will gladly sacrifice revival for the sake of being relevant.

Tonight, we're going to expose this spirit and we are going to reveal it's tactics, it's protocol, purpose, and it's factions. Tonight, by the authority in the name of Jesus, we are going to conquer the spirit of Herod.

3 Types of Herod's

Matthew 2:13-15

“After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the lord had spoken through the prophet. “I called my Son out of Egypt.”

Type =1 The Opposer of prophetic and supernatural authority Herod The Great

- A) Salvation (The Messiah)
- B) Healing
- C) Deliverance

Matthew 3:1-3 (NLT)

In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, **2** “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.” **3** The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, “He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord’s coming! Clear the road for him!’”

Matthew 3:1-3 (NLT)

“I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I’m not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Type =2 The Opposer of Repentance Herod Antipas (son of Herod The Great)

On one occasion when the king had a party, Herodias’ daughter danced for his guests. The king was very pleased with her. He foolishly promised to give her anything that she asked for. The girl asked her mother what to say to the king. Her mother told her to ask Herod to kill John the Baptist. The king did not know what to do. However, Herod considered that the good opinion of his guests was more important than his duty to obey God. This was Herod's greatest error. Herod thought that the opinions of people were more important than the words of God. So, Herod ordered John's death.

I want you to consider a few things. Herod the Great, who rejected prophetic and supernatural authority, begot a son, Herod Antipas, who was an opposer of repentance. We can draw a clear conclusion that where the prophetic move of God is quenched, and where supernatural signs and wonders are not honored, repentance is certainly non-existent.

We need to return to the cry of John The Baptist: REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED!

Also, did you notice how one person's suggestion to kill John The Baptist had the authority in Herod's life? Someone had tremendous authority in Herod's ear. There was a wicked whisperer in Herod's life. May I suggest to you that this is very similar to the spirit of Jezebel, whose strategy was to kill the voice of the prophets?

We can defeat the opposer of repentance by becoming the next generation of John The Baptist to this world!

Luke 23:8-16 (NLT)

8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. **9** So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. **10** The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. **11** And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. **12** And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

13 Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, **14** and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. **15** Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. **16** I will therefore punish and release him."

Type = 3 Creator of Unholy Alliances

Romans 8:2-4

2 because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.