

## 43 AD – PROUD AND LOFTY AGRIPPA IS BROUGHT LOW

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### EVENTS IN 43 AD

In **42 AD Peter** had miraculously escaped from prison (see our paper [42 AD](#)). This was an embarrassment to **King Herod** and the soldiers stationed to guard **Peter** paid with their lives for falling asleep while on guard:

Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of **Peter**. And when **Herod** had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that they should be put to death.

**King Herod**, humiliated before the Jews, to whom he had promised to deliver the leaders of the Christians, left Jerusalem and moved to the coast:

And he went down from Judaea to Caesarea, and there abode.

While in Caesarea **King Herod** entertained men from Tyre and Sidon who humbled themselves to seek his favor in the famine:

And **Herod** was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's country.

### HEROD AGRIPPA

**Herod Agrippa** spent his youth in Rome. Emperor **Tiberius** was fond of him and **Agrippa** was educated alongside the future emperor **Claudius**. But **Agrippa** wasted his wealth and became in debt. His relatives came to his aid. After many travels he ended up back in Rome and befriended **Caligula**. He was cast in prison for political reasons.

Following **Tiberias's** death **Agrippa** was set free and given territories to govern by his friend emperor **Caligula**. By **39 AD** he had conspired to banish his uncle **Herod Antipas**<sup>1</sup> and was granted his tetrarchy including Galilee and Peraea.

In **41 AD** **Caligula** was assassinated. **Agrippa** supported the ascension of **Claudius**. After becoming emperor **Claudius** gave **Agrippa** dominion of Judea and Samaria. He gave the Kingdom of Lebanon to **Agrippa's** brother **Herod of Chalcis**. The domain of **Herod Agrippa** became as large as his grandfather **Herod the Great**.

Due to the greatness of his kingdom and his influence in Rome, the friendship of **Agrippa** was sought by many of the neighboring kings and rulers.

### **AGRIPPA'S STRONG JEWISH IDENTITY**

**Caligula** gave **Agrippa** a gold chain equal in weight to the iron one he bore in prison. **Agrippa** dedicated the gold chain in the Temple in Jerusalem.

**Caligula** proposed to erect a statue of himself in the Temple. **Agrippa** lobbied against it and prevented the desecration of the Temple.

**Agrippa** was asked to read the scroll of Deuteronomy in the Temple before the people. The Talmud says when he got to Deuteronomy 17:15 '**you may not put a foreigner over you**' his eyes ran with tears. But they said to him: '*you are our brother, you are our brother!*'

### **TYRE AND SIDON**

**Agrippa** was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon. We don't know the cause of it.

According to some accounts **Agrippa** forbid the export of food to Tyre and Sidon.

This exerted hardship upon Tyre and Sidon. They resorted to seeking influence with **Agrippa** through the intermediation of Blastus, the man in charge of **Agrippa's** household. Some sources say he was bribed, which wouldn't be a surprise in those days.

The representatives of Tyre and Sidon asked **Agrippa** for peace because without food they were in great distress.

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<sup>1</sup> Herod Antipas is the one who ordered the head of John the Baptist on a platter and played a role in the trial of Jesus.

## PROPHECY OF ISAIAH 2 V 12

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**Agrippa** qualifies as one who was ‘lifted up’. He even sat on his throne in the Temple and read the Book of Deuteronomy to the assembled priests and high priests (whom he appointed).

**Agrippa** received a public slap in the face when **Peter** escaped from prison. The miracle of **Peter**’s escape encouraged the Christian faith and discouraged the Jewish faith.

**Agrippa** was ‘brought low’. He left his lofty palace in Jerusalem and moved his court to Caesarea by the sea.

## SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

For a mind that has wisdom please read on. See truth from another perspective.

### PART ONE

Chapter **2** of Isaiah is the **2<sup>nd</sup>** chapter of The Prophets.

The spiritual number **2** means ‘Division’ or ‘Discern’

This marks the point in the life of Agrippa when he realised the truth he was an imposter. After this Agrippa became bitter and mean spirited.

### PART TWO

Isaiah **2 v 12** is the **17,698<sup>th</sup>** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **17,698 = 2 x 8849 [1103<sup>rd</sup> prime]**

The spiritual meaning of **2** is ‘Division’

The spiritual meaning of **1103** is ‘Whole Hearted Servants of Christ’

The spiritual meaning of **8849** is ‘King of the Jews Rules in the Land’

**Herod the Great** was shamed by the **Magi** who asked '**Who is born King of the Jews?**' (see our paper [5 AD](#)). Even more so when the priests answered '**The King of the Jews must be born in Bethlehem**'.

It is now the turn of **King Agrippa** to feel the shame that the throne on which he sits belongs to another who is his superior in every way. **King Agrippa** obtained his crown by political intrigue and favoritism. **Jesus Christ** received his throne by merit of a holy sacrifice.

**King Agrippa** was a mild ruler in comparison to **Herod the Great**. What explains the zeal of **King Agrippa** to persecute the Christians – specifically to martyr James and to seize Peter and hold him to die on a holy day? **King Agrippa** desired to eliminate Christians because they believed he was not the legitimate king. **King Agrippa** was not even descended from David.

When **Peter** escaped miraculously this may not have been noticed by the crowds in Jerusalem's markets or by the pilgrims and worshipers in the Temple. But it was excruciatingly painful to **King Agrippa** because it was a divine seal of disapproval on his royal appointment.

**Agrippa** proved him no better than the other Herodian kings. He tried to put down the movements of the Spirit of God by killing the prophets and inspired men. It accomplished nothing but his condemnation. He moved to Caesarea to flee the whipping of his tender conscience.

### PART THREE

Isaiah 2 v 12 is the 43<sup>rd</sup> verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah 1 v 1.

The spiritual meaning of 43 is 'Humiliation'

**King Agrippa** was humiliated by the miraculous rescue of **Peter**. In rage for his humiliation, he humiliated others, viz. Tyre and Sidon, whose sin may have been as slight as to not show proper deference and respect to the great **King Herod Agrippa!**