# Herod The Great

## Imaging the Beast

Because most people are not familiar with Herod the Great in a historical context, and because the scriptures seem to point towards Herod as progenitor for the Last Days Beast, it is worth having a closer look at his character and life.

One notable aspect is his building projects, and particularly his propensity to build fortresses.

# Herod's Fortresses

"As for his <span style="color:red">mountain strongholds</span>, the most famous are: Masada...Machaerus...; and the <span style="color:red">man-made mountain</span> of Herodium, where Herod and his sons were buried."

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# 'god' Of Fortresses

"And to the god of strongholds, on his station, he giveth honour…And he hath dealt in the fortresses of the strongholds with a strange god whom he hath acknowledged…"

Daniel 11:38, 39 (YLT)

The money for his building projects seems to have come from his direct ownership of the land he ruled.

How did an Edomite servant gain title to these lands?

"Herod's wealth came from his landholdings… Herod owned 1/2 to 2/3 of his kingdom."

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It is interesting that Herod picked a man-made mountain with pyramidal tomb for his burial place, given its similarity to the spirit of Babylon:

# Herod's Mountain & Pyramid



"Herodium was another miracle of Herod's construction—a man-made mountain 210 feet in diameter..Herod's pyramidal tomb was on the Herodium Hill..."

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Herod's diverse heritage has also been noted by historians, in line with the chimeric description of the four beasts of Daniel 7 in their combine form of Revelation 13.

# Daniel's Four Beasts

"…The first was as a <span style="color:red">Lion</span>…Behold, the second beast was like a <span style="color:red">Bear</span>…there was another like unto a <span style="color:red">Leopard</span>…"

Daniel 7:4-6

Characteristics from these three beasts combine to form the beast from the sea of Revelation 13.

# The Beast From The Sea

"...And I saw a beast rise out of the sea...and the beast which I saw, was like a <span style="color:red">cat of the mountain</span>, and his feet were as the <span style="color:red">feet of a bear</span>, and his mouth as the <span style="color:red">mouth of a lion</span>."

Revelation 13:1-2

# Herod's Heritages

"Herod...is being presented with the complex identity of Phoenician by descent, Hellenized by culture, Idumaean by place of birth, Jewish by official religion, Jerusalemite by place of residence and Roman by citizenship"

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# The Sea: Peoples, Nations

"And he said unto me, "The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are people, and folk, and nations, and tongues."

Rev 17:15

In the scriptures, the 'sea' represents masses of people.

# Herod and His People

- This beast is formed from a people gathered from among the nations
- They are a people MIXED in language, culture, heritage, religion, ancestry
- Their head of state represents them accurately being of the same nature:  Herod.

It is also bizarre to realize Herod had a bodyguard of 400 Germans obtained from Cleopatra, who carried out his dirty work:

# Herod's German Bodyguards

"…his bodyguard of 400 Galatians had been [Cleopatra's] personal bodyguard: Augustus gave them to Herod as a present and they joined his own Germans and Thracians. *These blond barbarians handled torture and murder for this most cosmopolitan king…*"

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- This is directly related to the modern times, the use of Germans in WWII to exterminate millions of Jews

- The same 'person' or 'spirit' and 'heritage' motivated both

- This has now exalted itself in the land of Israel

- Who killed the Jews in WWII?
- The 'blond barbarian' 'Germans' pulled the triggers and gassed the chambers
- But who paid for it, and who gave the orders?

Do not forget that it was this Herod who deceitfully planned to use the Magis as scouts to locate and then kill the Messiah, with a pretense of worship.

When this failed, he killed all males of Bethlehem under two years old:

"Then Herod, having seen that he was deceived by the mages, was very wroth, and having sent forth, he slew all the male children in Beth-Lehem, and in all its borders, from two years and under, according to the time that he inquired exactly from the mages."

Mat 2:16

Is there a better historical candidate for anti-Christ, than this usurping Edomite 'King of the Jews'?

But that is not all…