

## Chronology: Rulers of Israel

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Roman Emperors	Jewish Rulers and Roman Prefects	Jewish Rulers
	over Judea & Samaria	Galilee & Northern Territories
[Julius Caesar assassinated 44 BC] Octavian / Augustus (27 BC—AD 14)* <i>(census: Lk 2:1)</i>	[General Pompey enters Jerusalem; Roman domination of Palestine begins — 63 BC]	
	King Herod the Great, King over all Israel (37-4 BC)* <i>(King of the Judeans when Jesus is born (Lk 1:5); receives the wise men from the East; kills the male babies of Bethlehem in an attempt to kill Jesus: Mt 2:1-22)</i>	
	Herod Archelaus, “Ethnarch” of Judea, Samaria, and Idumea (4 BC-AD 6)* <i>(succeeds his father as ruler (Governor) over Judea and Samaria: Mt 2:22 only)</i>	Herod Antipas, “Tetrarch” of Galilee and Perea (4 BC-AD 39)* <i>(tetrarch of Galilee and Perea during the ministry of John the Baptist and Jesus (Mk 8:15; Lk 3:1); responsible for the arrest and death of John the Baptist (Mk 6:14-28; Mt 14:1-11; Lk 3:19); curious about the preaching of Jesus (Lk 9:7-9); attempts to kill Jesus (Lk 13:31-33); possibly also active in the trial of Jesus: Lk 23:7-15; Acts 4:27)</i>
	Coponius (AD 6-10) Marcus Ambivulus (10-13) Annius Rufus (13-15) Valerius Gratus (15-26) Pontius Pilate (26-36)	Herod Philip, “Tetrarch” of Northeastern Regions (4 BC-AD 34; over Iturea, Trachonitis, Gaulanitis, Auranitis, and Batanea)* <i>(tetrarch of Iturea and Trachonitis (Lk 3:1; cf. 3:19); his wife Herodias marries his brother, Herod Antipas: Mk 6:17; Mt 14:3)</i>
Gaius / Caligula (37-41)	Marcellus (36-38) Marullus (38-41)	Herod Agrippa I (37-44; by AD 41, King over all Palestine)* <i>(responsible for the death of James and the arrest of Peter (Acts 12:1-19); horrible death reported (Acts 12:20-23); his palace in Caesarea is mentioned later as the place where Paul is incarcerated: Acts 23:35)</i>
Claudius (41-54)* <i>(Christian prophets in Antioch predict a famine that occurs during Claudius’ reign: Acts 11:28)</i>	41-44 AD: under Herod Agrippa I	
(He expelled all Jews from Rome, AD 49: Acts 18:2) Nero (54-68)	Cuspius Fadus (44-46) Tiberius Alexander (46-48) Ventidius Cumanus (48-52) M. Antonius Felix (52-59)* <i>(Paul’s initial hearing when he was imprisoned in Caesarea conducted by Felix: Acts 23:23—24:27; 25:14)</i> Porcius Festus (59-61)* <i>(After two years of incarceration, Paul receives a longer hearing before Festus: Acts 24:27; 25:1-27; 26:24-32)</i>	
Galba, Otho, & Vitellius (68-69) Vespasian (69-79)	Albinus (61-65) Gennius Florus (65-70) <i>(Jewish revolt of 66-73)</i>	Herod Agrippa II (48-70, Tetrarch of Chalcis and the Northern Territories) [Installed in AD50]* <i>(Paul is tried by the governor Festus in the presence of King Agrippa II and his wife Bernice: Acts 25:13—26:32)</i>
Titus (79-81) Domitian (81-96)	Vettulenes Cerialis (70-72) Lucilius Bassus (72-75) M. Salvienus (75-86) Pompeius Longinus (86)	
Nerva (96-98) Trajan (98-117)		

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