

44 AD – ANGEL OF THE LORD STRIKES AGRIPPA DEAD

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EVENTS IN 44 AD

Herod **Agrippa** was a King famous in his days. The death of **Agrippa** in **44 AD** is a firm date in the timeline of the Book of Acts. All scholars confirm it.

DEATH OF KING AGRIPPA

After Passover in **44 AD Agrippa** went to Caesarea to be the host of Roman games. Josephus records this remarkable day:

*Now when **Agrippa** had reigned three years over all Judea he came to the city Caesarea, which was formerly called Strato's Tower; and there he exhibited spectacles in honor of Caesar, for whose well-being he'd been informed that a certain festival was being celebrated. At this festival a great number were gathered together of the principal persons of dignity of his province. On the second day of the spectacles he put on a garment made wholly of silver, of a truly wonderful texture, and came into the theater early in the morning. There the silver of his garment, being illuminated by the fresh reflection of the sun's rays, shone out in a wonderful manner, and was so resplendent as to spread awe over those that looked intently upon him. Presently his flatterers cried out, one from one place, and another from another, (though not for his good) that he was a god; and they added, "Be thou merciful to us; for although we have hitherto revered thee only as a man, yet shall we henceforth own thee as superior to mortal nature." Upon this the king neither rebuked them nor rejected their impious flattery.*

Which agrees with the Book of Acts:

“And upon the appointed day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, saying, ‘It is the voice of a god, and not of a man’. And immediately the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.” (Acts 12:21-23)

Most important to note, the appointed day referred to in the Book of Acts was the same day on the calendar **Agrippa** had intended to kill **Peter**. (See our papers [42 AD](#) and [43 AD](#)).

Herod did not object to his worship for this was a Roman festival and it is the custom of Romans to recognize their rulers as gods. Therefore although we know **King Agrippa** was an observant Jew he denied his faith by promoting pagan notions among his subjects.

PROPHECY OF ISAIAH 2 V 13

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This prophecy is a continuation of Isaiah 2 v 12 which speaks of the LORD’s intention to bring the proud and lofty low.

A King as great as **Agrippa** being struck to death in public would have as dramatic an impact as a mighty timber of the forest falling to the ground!

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The remarkable supernatural death of **Agrippa** was the death knell of the Herodian dynasty. His young son **Herod Agrippa II** became the seventh and final king of the Herodian dynasty but ruled only the minor kingdom of Chalcis. **Agrippa** had three daughters: **Bernice**, **Mariamne**, and **Drusilla**. **Bernice** died in Rome. **Mariamne** died in Egypt. **Drusilla** died in Pompeii during the eruption of Vesuvius.

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 **2nd** chapter of The Prophets.

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

This verse marks a division in the history of Judea – the end of the Herodian dynasty.

PART TWO

Isaiah **2 v 13** is the **17,691st** verse in the whole Bible starting at Gen **1 v 1**.

The number **17,691 = 3 x 5897 [776th prime]**

The spiritual meaning of **3** is 'Binding'

The spiritual meaning of **776** is 'Second Coming of Christ'

The spiritual meaning of **5897** is 'Worship the Son of David: Keep the Faith'

Agrippa exalted himself as King of the Jews. That was a lie. But when **Agrippa** accepted the worship of the people as a god he transgressed all bounds – publically presenting himself as the Messiah. He departed the faith – the protection of God was removed from him – and he died instantly.

PART THREE

Isaiah **2 v 13** is the **44th** verse of The Prophets starting at Isaiah **1 v 1**.

The spiritual meaning of **44** is 'Blood Thirsty Murderers'

All of the Herodians who took the title 'King of the Jews' were guilty of murdering innocent men who did not oppose them. **Agrippa** was the last in the line.