

*Sunday, December 7th, 2025
Grace Baptist Fellowship
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King Herod: The Christmas Antagonist

Matthew 2:1-18

*Despite the opposition, God's plans cannot be thwarted and
Christians can anchor themselves to His promises*

I. The _____ of Herod

II. The _____ of Herod

III. The _____ of Herod

"The next evidence of Christ's kingship is shown in a negative, or reverse, way, through the antagonism and hatred of Herod. Herod's devious scheme to discover and destroy this unknown baby shows his fear that the magi's declaration about the Child could be correct, and gives unintended testimony to Jesus' true royalty. Herod knew that he himself was a usurper to the throne on which he sat only by virtue of Rome—who herself ruled Judah only by the "right" of military force. Herod was an Edomite, not a Jew, and had no legitimate claim to be the Jew's king. He therefore feared and hated even the suggestion of a rival claimant. But even the hatred of the false king gave indirect testimony to the identity of the true King."

- John MacArthur