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“Go tell that Fox”; is what Jesus said about King Herod Antipas when he was hunting Him down to kill Him.

Let’s first read about his father, King Herod the Great, when the wisemen from the East came to inquire of him where the Messiah was to be born in **Matthew 2:1-8**; “2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, [a]wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ” 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the [b]wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also.”

Herod was a deceiver. The news of the wisemen took Herod the Great off guard, for he was ignorant of the prophecies concerning the Christ child. Under false pretense, Herod expressed an interest in worshiping Jesus, but the truth was that he had plans to kill the Christ child, that in his own mind, threatened his rule as a king. Keep in mind that Herod had already murdered four of his own household; a wife whom he accused of adultery and three children who he saw as a threat to his rule.

We also read about Herod the Great’s plotted murder of innocent children in Bethlehem when he discovers that is where Jesus, the Messiah was to be born in **Matthew 2:16-23**; “16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 18 “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more.” 19 Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 20 saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” 21 Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee. 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

The antichrist spirit that’s prevalent today, is even trying to denounce and deny this massacre of baby boys because certain secular writers (authors) of that day said it didn’t happen and was not included in their writings, hence making the gospels in the Bible, which clearly communicate it as part of history, a fairy tale.

Jesus was preserved though as His parents fled to Egypt, and when they came back to Nazareth, He grew up and fulfilled His ministry, died for the sins of the whole world by the hands of the Romans who ruled over Herod Antipas, ruler of Galilee, the son of Herod the Great. It was also Herod Antipas that murdered John the Baptist.

In **Luke 13:31-33** is where Jesus called Herod Antipas, Herod the Great’s son, a fox; “31 [a]On that very day some Pharisees came, saying to Him, “Get out and depart from here, for Herod wants to kill You.” 32 And He said to them, “**Go, tell that fox,** ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the

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*third day I shall be [b]perfected.’ 33 Nevertheless I must journey today, tomorrow, and the day following; for it cannot be that a prophet should perish outside of Jerusalem.”*

Jesus boldly spoke about Herod Antipas as a sly fox, an animal who was hunting Him down. He was asserting that no one was going to stop Him from fulfilling His call with signs, wonders, miracles, His prophesied death and resurrection. Nothing and no one would stop Him.

You need to have this attitude today with those that are operating in the same antichrist spirit toward you and the call on your life. Nothing has changed; it’s the same demon manifesting itself that was in Herod the Great, Herod Antipas and Herod Archelaus who all ruled in the life span of Jesus. We must remember that Herod Antipas didn’t kill Jesus although he wanted to; he mocked Him, wrote Him off as crazy was upset that He didn’t perform a miracle for him, but ended up sending Him back to Pilate, the Roman ruler who ordered His death which was pushed on him by the Pharisees and religious Jewish leaders.

I believe that part of the reason why the teaching on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit is not taught for the most part, is because the evidence of speaking in tongues, with signs, wonders and miracles following it, are a little hard to hide from the spirit of Herod. Hence, a nominal Christian ‘lite’ walk, is preferred to preserve the Christian life with ease and not offend the secular system.

After Jesus rose from the dead, appeared to His disciples for a period of 40 days after gave His final command or commission to them is found in **Mark 16:16-20**; “16 *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who [a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[b] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.”*

This is why these verses are beyond Christian ‘lite’. You can’t conform to the world, to the spirit of Herod, if you’re baptized in the Holy Spirit, speaking in tongues and have signs, wonders and miracles following you. The demonic spirit of Herod doesn’t mind you being nominal, but if you’re Spirit filled, he’ll seek you out and come after you because you’re a threat to him. You see, the body of Christ, the church, is now Jesus’ flesh and blood walking the face of the earth that is to be doing everything that Jesus did. But if you’re nominal as a Christian, you’re no threat to the devil and he really doesn’t mind you living and spreading his lies of compromise, non-threatening, non-offensive and living Christian ‘lite’.

**Acts 1:4-8** talks about the promise of the Holy Spirit, and, the part that the demonic spirit of Herod hates; “4 *And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [a]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

Let’s fast forward after they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It shows in **Acts 12:1-11**, King Herod’s violence and murderous spirit to the new Church; “12 *Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four [a]squads of*

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soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. 5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but [b]constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were [c]keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals"; and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

Herod was so fearful of Peter and the power of the Holy Spirit in him, that he had four squads of soldiers to guard him! He was determined to kill him. But those who persecute Christians, also receive their just recompense, even as God spoke thru Moses in **Deuteronomy 32:35**; "...Vengeance is Mine; I will repay...". Paul the Apostle repented of his persecuting the early Christians, but initially it didn't go well with him as he was struck blind by Jesus. He still suffered though throughout his lifetime as was spoken about him in **Acts 9:16**; "I will show him how much he must suffer for My name."

The death of Herod Antipas, the persecutor of the new Christians, is gruesome as we read in **Acts 12:20-24**; "20 Now Herod had been very angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon; but they came to him with one accord, and having made Blastus [a]the king's personal aide their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was [b]supplied with food by the king's country. 21 So on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on his throne and gave an oration to them. 22 And the people kept shouting, "The voice of a god and not of a man!" 23 Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and [c]died. 24 **But the word of God grew and multiplied.**"

This horrific death by Herod Antipas was not even as gruesome to that of his father, Herod the Great's death. Again, these Kings not only tried to kill Jesus when he was a child, but continually tried to kill him and the new Christians. As I said earlier, there are consequences to those who persecute Christians. We read about Herod the Great's death from Josephus: [Antiquities of the Jews — Book XVII 6.5](#)

*"5. But now Herod's distemper greatly increased upon him, after a severe manner; and this by God's judgment upon him for his sins. For a fire glowed in him slowly, which did not so much appear to the touch outwardly, as it augmented his pains inwardly. For it brought upon him a vehement appetite to eating, which he could not avoid to supply with one sort of food or other. His entrails were also exulcerated; and the chief violence of his pain lay in his colon. An aqueous and transparent liquor also had settled it self about his feet: and a like matter afflicted him at the bottom of his belly. Nay farther, his privy member was putrified, and produced worms. And when he sat upright, he had a difficulty of breathing, which was very loathsome on account of the stench of his breath, and the quickness of its returns. He had also convulsions in all parts of his body: which increased his strength to an insufferable degree. It was said by those who pretended to divine, and who were endued with wisdom to foretel such things, that God inflicted this punishment on the King on account of his great impiety."*

It never goes well for those who persecute Christians. King Herod is dead, but the evil spirit behind him is very much alive in our day and is very actively involved in persecuting those that are truly born-again Christians, that are filled with the Holy Spirit. This persecution is amplified in those who are moving in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, those who are speaking in tongues and prophesying a future and hope for the church.

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When the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you, it is your salvation, and He empowers you to live the life of a Christian while undergoing persecution. It's the call on your life to minister the gospel and see others filled with the Holy Spirit, that the antichrist spirit of Herod wants to kill. You see, the antichrist spirit couldn't kill Jesus – who is now ascended and is at the right hand of the Father – it's now the Holy Spirit living in Christians that the antichrist spirit wants to kill. He's out to try to kill the Holy Spirit.

The same God who protected the Christ Child with sovereign guidance by angels, will give you direction to preserve the call on your life so that you fulfill it and not be prematurely killed by the antichrist spirit of Herod. You're guaranteed that the Holy Spirit in you will guide you. The antichrist spirit has already taken many Christians out by false doctrines; once-saved, always-saved doctrines plus many more and many Christians backsliding because they've defied and rejected the Baptism in the Holy Spirit which will give them power over him. Those who find themselves with this belief, have rejected what Jesus himself promised that He'd give them, the great Comforter who would give them power and authority to perform signs, wonders and miracles with all of the Gifts in operation.

To speak boldly, it's almost that you've aligned yourself with the spirit of Herod by rejecting the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, you've bought the lie that there is no Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the miraculous following.

The truth is, it's the apostasy and great falling away that Paul the Apostle spoke about, [2 Thessalonians 2](#). Now is not the time to bow the knee to the secular, because the reality is that it's not going to get brighter out, it's only going to get darker, and the antichrist spirit is very much going to try to put an end to Christians and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. He's going after the Christians who operate supernaturally.

Now is the time to stand up when threatened by the spirit of Herod and say like Jesus, “**Go tell that fox, I'm a Holy Spirit filled, tongue talking Christian, who believes that signs, wonders and miracles follow the preaching of the gospel, and I intend to fulfill the call of God on my life in Jesus name.**”

**Hebrews 2:1-4** says; “*2 Therefore we must give [a]the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. 2 For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just [b]reward, 3 how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, 4 God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts[c] of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?*”

Some good questions to ask yourself; in what areas have you drifted away from the Lord and bowed your knee to the secular spirit of Herod, in exchange for self preservation? Where have you grieved the Holy Spirit; it might be in your job, place of education, with your family or close friend? Where have you been ashamed of the gospel? Who's cunningly hunting you down? Where have you allowed yourself to become nominal and embraced the secular by allowing the spirit of Herod, the antichrist spirit, to intimidate you to be a voice and to say like Jesus; go tell that fox? This should be your response in the face of the spirit of Herod – the antichrist spirit; “**Go tell that fox, I'm a Holy Spirit filled, tongue talking Christian, who believes that signs, wonders and miracles follow the preaching of the gospel, and I intend to fulfill the call of God on my life in Jesus name.**”