

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

## Herod has James, the apostle *Killed with Sword*

Four Herods are mentioned in NT—

- **Herod the Great**—killed the Bethlehem babies.
- **Herod**—killed John the Baptist.
- This **Herod**—killed apostle James, John's brother.
- **Herod Agrippa** before whom Paul witnessed.

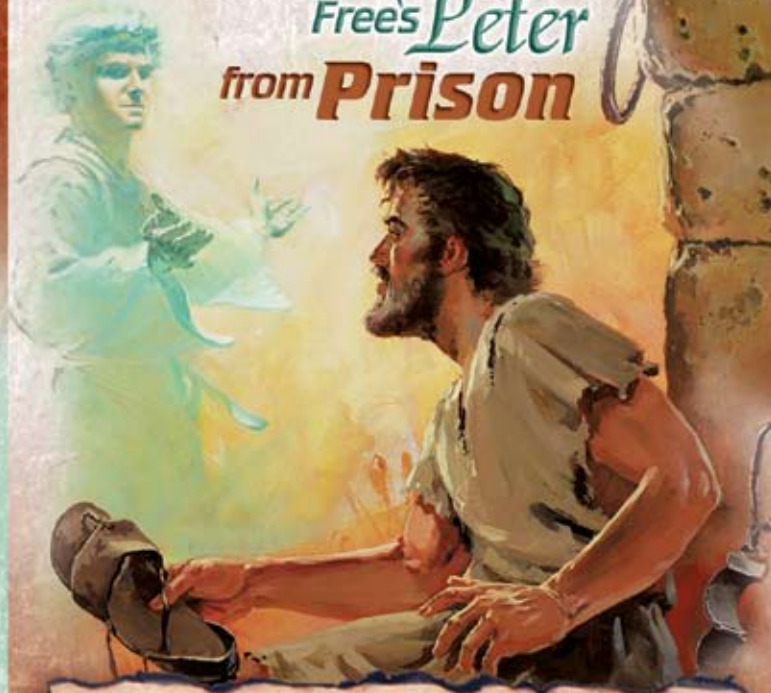
“Herod, pompous and lifted up with pride, refused to glorify God through the miracle of Peter’s escape from prison. Now, he willingly let people deify him!”

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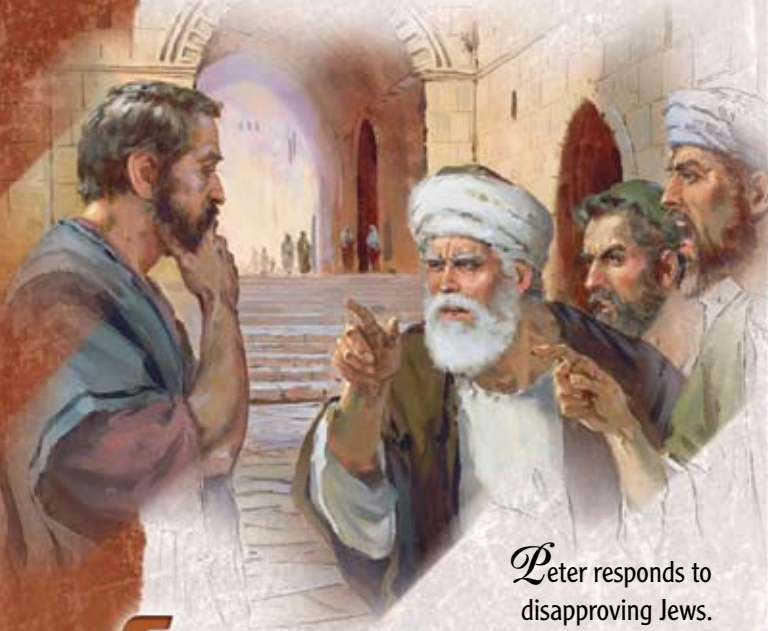
And God struck him dead.



## Compass Angel Frees Peter from **Prison**



“The *angel* of the Lord came... a *light shined* in the prison... he *smote Peter* on the side, ... saying, *Arise* up quickly, his *chains fell* off... the angel said, *Gird thyself*, bind on thy *sandals*.... Cast thy garment about thee, and *follow me.*” Acts 12:7, 8



*Peter responds to disapproving Jews.*

## **Contention—** *Gentiles receive gospel*

When word spread that Gentiles had received the gospel, contention began in Jerusalem. It was clear why God gave visions to Peter and Cornelius. The Jewish mind, steeped in **prejudice**, caused a divisive spirit in the church.

*“When Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision **contended** with him. Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst **eat with them.**”* Jewish custom forbade this, and believers were reluctant to leave Jewish traditions. When Peter explained the vision and the circumstances, they accepted it as—

**God’s will**

Acts 11:2, 3

## **Famine** *in Jerusalem*

The famine in Acts 11 is also recorded in secular history.



Antioch believers sent offerings to the Jerusalem church.

Rhoda answers Peter’s knock

*Disciples were first called Christians at Antioch.*

