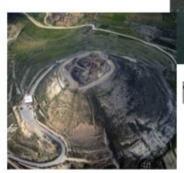
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Herod's Harbor: Caesarea "Maritima"



Renovation And Expansion of The Jerusalem Temple

The Herodium Palace – Just Outside Bethlehem



Masada

The Construction of Herod the Great (37-4BC)

AUGUSTUS – 27BC-AD14 PRIENE CALENDAR INSCRIPTION



<u>**Paullus Fabius Maximus</u>** proconsul of Asia, on proposing that (we change the calendar to) begin the new year on Augustus' birthday.</u>

(It is hard to tell) whether the birthday of <u>the most divine</u> Caesar is a matter of great joy -- or even of *salvation*. We could justly hold it to be equivalent <u>to the beginning of all</u> things...:

• He has brought into full shape everything that has decayed and been corrupted.

• He has given a new face to the whole world, which blindly would have embraced its own destruction . . if Caesar had not been born for the common benefit of all

• Being sent to us and our

descendants as our Savior,

he has put an end to war and has set all things in order;
(Indeed) the birthday of <u>the divine one</u> has been for the whole world <u>the</u> beginning of the gospel concerning him, [therefore let a new era begin from his birth].

Orientis graeci inscriptions selectae, Vol 2, ed. W. Dittenberger (Leipzig, 1903-5), no. 458. Trans. Mixed Dieter Georgi; quoted in Horsley, Christmas Unwrapped: 116)

