



Renovation And  
Expansion of The  
Jerusalem Temple

Herod's Harbor:  
Caesarea "Maritima"



The Herodium Palace  
– Just Outside Bethlehem



Masada

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



## AUGUSTUS – 27BC-AD14

### PRIENE CALENDAR INSCRIPTION



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

(It is hard to tell) whether the birthday of the most divine Caesar is a matter of great joy -- or even of *salvation*.

We could justly hold it to be equivalent to the beginning of all 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 the divine one has been for the whole world the beginning of the gospel concerning him, [therefore let a new era begin from his birth].

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

