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| Calling Disciples | 4:18-22 the Four  |   | 9:36-10:4 the Twelve  | 11:2-30 Broader Invitation (v. 28)  |
| Summary           | 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. | ↑ | 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, <b>teaching</b> in their synagogues, and <b>preaching</b> the gospel of the kingdom, and <b>healing</b> every sickness and every disease among the people. | Mat 11:1 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to <b>teach</b> and to <b>preach</b> in their cities. |
| Detail            | ch. 5-7 Content for <b>Teaching</b>   | ↓ | ch. 8-9 Examples of <b>Healing</b>  | 10:5-42 Exhortations for <b>Preaching</b>   |

### 12:1-13:58 The Great Schism

|                   | Ch. 12                                     | Ch. 13   |
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| Public Rejection  | 1-45, the Pharisees <b>reject the Lord</b> | 1-52, the Lord <b>rejects unbelievers</b> (by hiding his teaching in parables) |
| Private Rejection | 46-50, the Lord <b>rejects his family</b>  | 53-58, his home town <b>rejects the Lord</b>                                   |

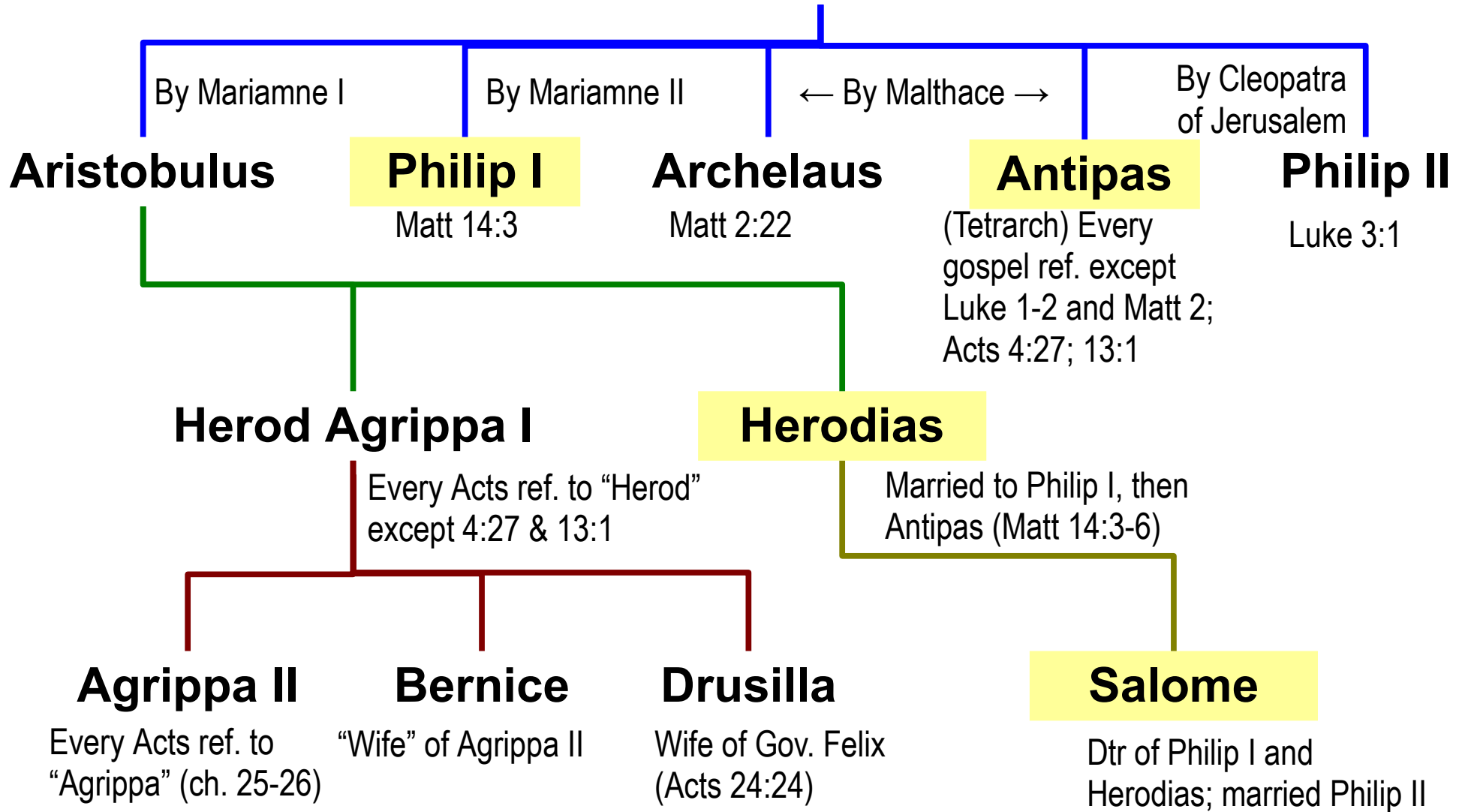
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- 14:1-12 **King Herod kills the Baptist**
- **14:13-36 Miracles**
- **15:1-28 Pharisaic Rejection**
- **15:29-39 Miracles**
- **16:1-12 Pharisaic Rejection**
- 16:13-20 **Peter confesses King Jesus**

# The Herods in the Bible

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Herod the Great



Deu 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: **thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother.**

# How did Herod Hear of Jesus?

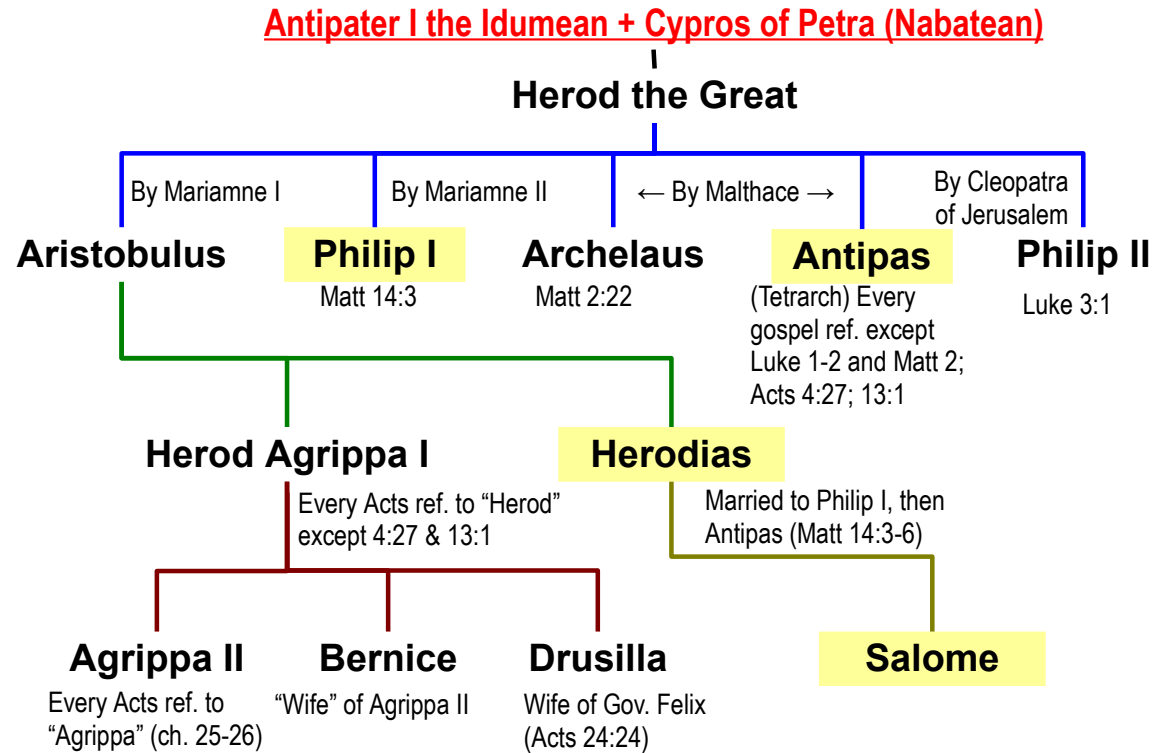
Mar 6:7 And he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; ... 12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent. 13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed *them*. 14 **And king Herod heard of him;** (for his name was spread abroad:) and **he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead,** and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

Mat 16:13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, **Some say that thou art John the Baptist:**

# What did Herod Antipas do wrong?

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# Comparing Two Dynasties

| The Herods, 40 BC – AD 90  | Egyptian Pharaohs, 1800-1400 BC   |
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| <p>Mat 2:13-16 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, ... <b>Herod</b> will seek the young child to destroy him. ... 16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and <b>sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem</b>, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.</p> | <p>Exo 1:15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see <i>them</i> upon the stools; <b>if it be a son, then ye shall kill him</b>: but if it <i>be</i> a daughter, then she shall live.</p> |
| <p>Mat 14:6-10 But when <b>Herod's birthday</b> was kept, ... 10 ... he sent, and <b>beheaded</b> John in the prison.</p>  | <p>Gen 40:19 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh <b>lift up thy head from off thee</b>, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. 20 And it came to pass the third day, <i>which was Pharaoh's birthday</i>, ... 22 ... he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted to them.</p>                                 |

Gen 41:38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is*?

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Pro 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.



# Hymns

- **348** What will you do
- **580** It pays to serve Jesus
- **495** Turn your eyes
- **23** Rejoice, the Lord is King

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# 14:13-36 and ch. 8-9

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| 14:13 the people <b>followed</b> him                            | 8:1 great multitudes <b>followed</b> him                             |
| 14:14 <b>moved with compassion</b>                              | 9:36 when he saw the multitudes, he was <b>moved with compassion</b> |
| 14:14 <b>healed</b> their sick                                  | (all of ch. 8-9)   |
| 14:15-21 <b>fed</b> the multitudes                              | 9:10-17 dining with publicans and sinners                            |
| 14:22-33 delivered the disciples' boat, stilling a <b>storm</b> | 8:23-27 stilled the <b>storm</b>                                     |
| 14:35 they <b>brought unto him</b> all that were diseased       | 8:16; 9:2, 32 they <b>brought unto him</b> those needing help        |

# 14:13, Why the Wilderness?

## Prayer?

Mar 1:35 And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a **solitary place ερημος τοπος**, and there prayed.

## Rest?

Mar 6:31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a **desert place ερημος τοπος**, and **rest** a while: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

## Recollection?

Mat 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the **wilderness ερημος** of Judaea, 2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the **wilderness ερημος**, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

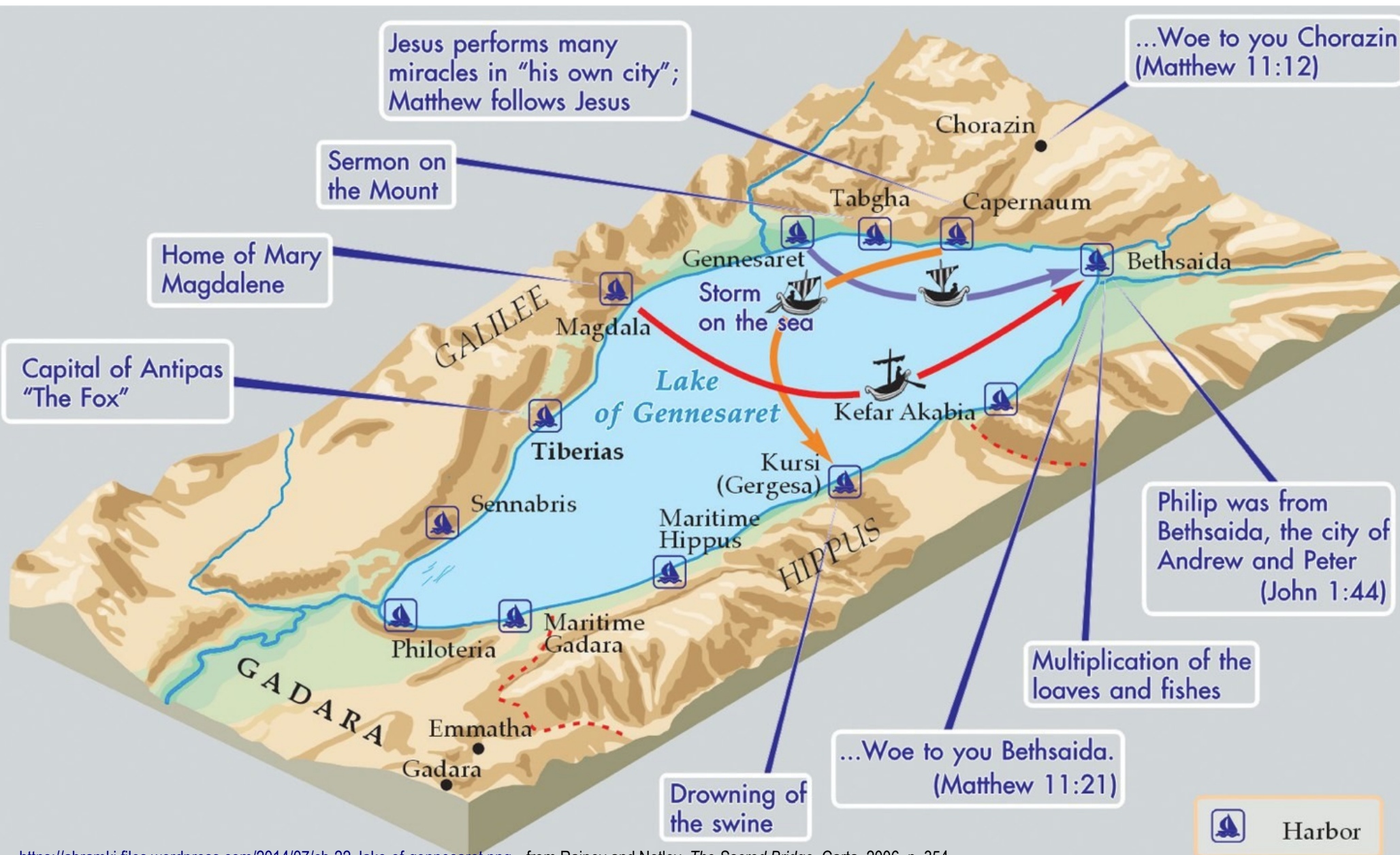
Mat 11:7 And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the **wilderness ερημος** to see?

# The Multitudes

1Ki 19:18 Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Mat 9:36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

2Ki 4:42 And there came a man from Baalshalisha, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his servitor said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*. 44 So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.



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