

Matthew Series

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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Opposition, Persecution

Matthew 14:1–12

Pivot in the Life of Christ

**The Rejection
of the King
and the
Kingdom**

The Offer of
the King and
the Kingdom

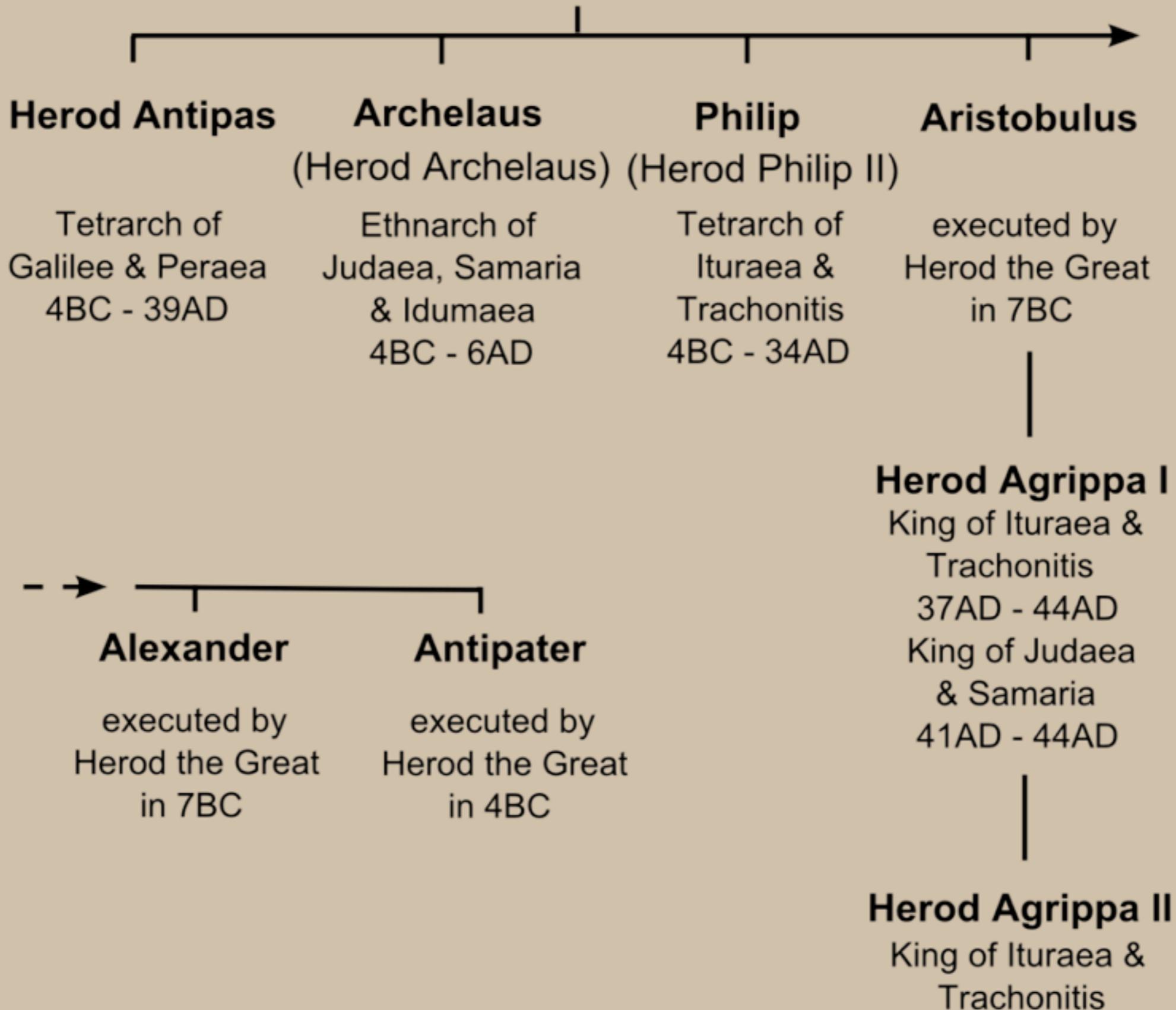
The Training
of the Twelve
for the
Church Age

The Crucifixion, Death, and
Resurrection of the King



Herod the Great - 'King of the Jews'

King of Judaea, Samaria, Idumaea, Galilee,
Peraea, Ituraea & Trachonitis 37BC - 4BC



HEROD'S KINGDOM

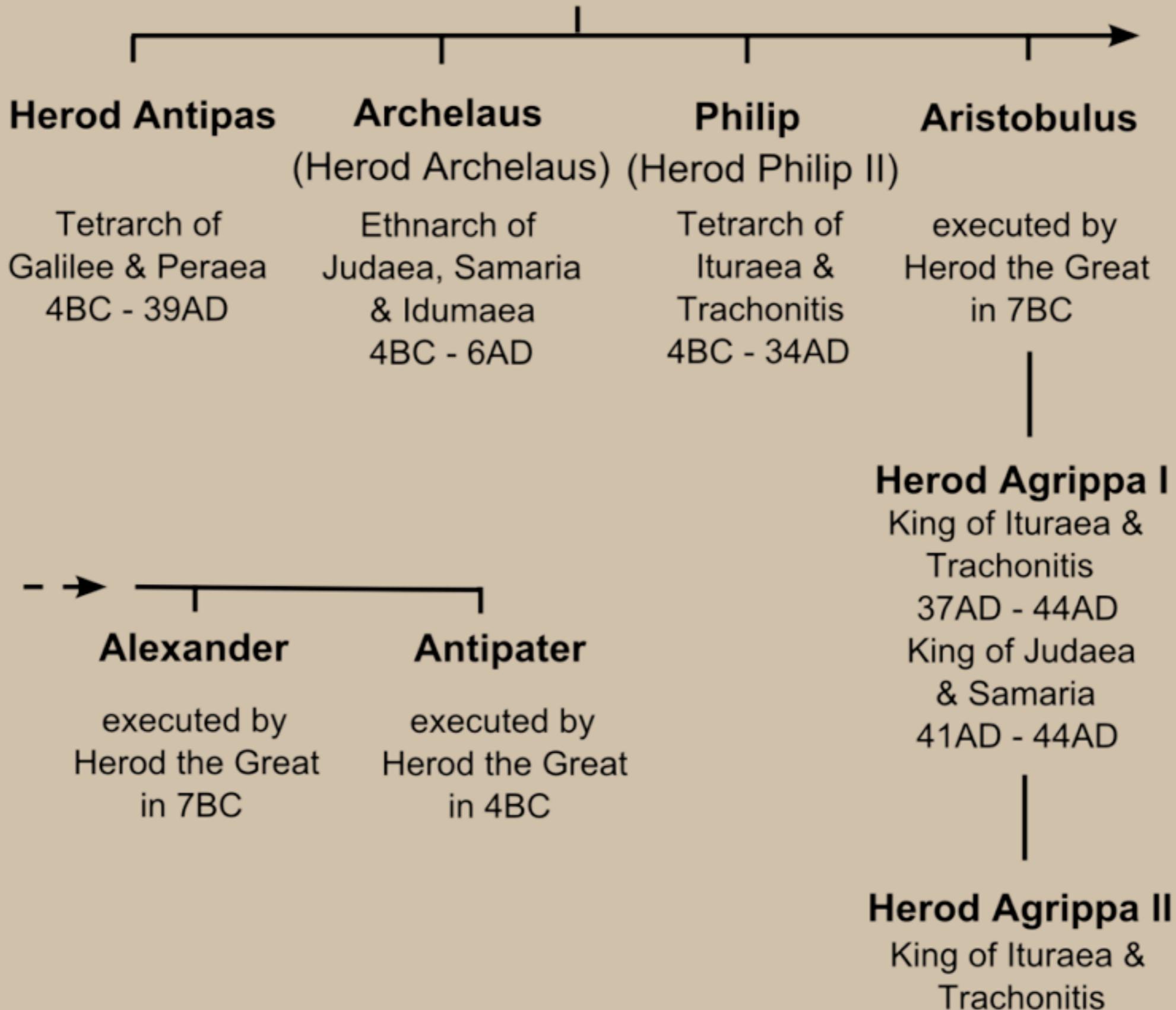
- City
- Decapolis city
- Decapolis city (uncertain location)
- ▲ Mountain peak
- To Antipas
- To Archelaus
- To Philip
- To Salome
- Syrian province



*Eastern
Desert*

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Matt. 14:3, “For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife.

Matt. 14:4, “Because John had said to him, ‘It is not lawful for you to have her.’ ”

Mark 6:22, “And when Herodias’ daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, ‘Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you.’ ”

**κοράσιον *korasion*
dat neut sing Young girl of
marriageable age,
probably 12–14**

We ask you not to force us to

choose

between the state and the Laws of God.

We the undersigned have joined together to present our unified message and plea to the Justices of the United States Supreme Court regarding the matter of marriage.

We are Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian pastors, clergy, lay leaders and Jewish leaders, who collectively represent millions of people in our specific churches, parishes, denominations, synagogues and media ministry outreaches. Marriage transcends our various theological differences and unites us together in one voice.

We affirm that any judicial opinion which purports to redefine marriage will constitute an unjust law, as Martin Luther King Jr. described such laws in his letter from the Birmingham Jail.

We are Christians who love America and who respect the legitimate rule of law.

However, we will not honor any decision by the Supreme Court which will force us to violate a clear biblical understanding of marriage as solely the union of one man and one woman.

We affirm that Marriage, as existing solely between one man and one woman, precedes civil government. Though affirmed, fulfilled, and elevated by faith, the truth that marriage can exist only between one man and one woman is not based solely on religion but on the Natural Law, written on the human heart.

We implore this Court to not step outside of its legitimate authority and unleash religious persecution and discrimination against people of faith. We will be forced to choose between the state and our conscience, which is informed by clear biblical and church doctrine and the natural created order.

On this choice, we must pledge obedience to our Creator. While there are many things we can endure, any attempt to redefine marriage is a line we cannot and will not cross.

The complete Marriage Pledge can be read in its entirety at <http://www.defendmarriage.org>. It offers a more detailed defense of marriage and further expresses our unified resolve. Tens of thousands of very concerned Americans have signed the Marriage Pledge to date.

*An Open Letter
to the Supreme
Court Justices of
the United States*

Matt. 5:10, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matt. 5:11, “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

Matt. 5:12, “Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**2 Tim. 3:12, “Yes, and all who desire to live
godly in Christ Jesus will suffer
persecution.”**

2 Cor. 12:9, “And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

2 Cor. 12:10, “Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”