



“Herod: The Dark  
Side of Christmas”  
*Matthew 2*  
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## **The Declaration of War**

### **The Herod dynasty**

**Herod was delusional, demented & depraved**

**Herod’s demand & distress**

[Micah 5:2](#)

### **The different responses to the declaration**

- ✓ chief priests/scribes – disinterest & disregard
- ✓ Herod – detestation, dread & destruction
- ✓ The Magi – devotion

### **Herod’s dishonesty & deception**

### **God’s Deliverance through Dreams**

[Hosea 11:1](#)

**Herod’s Desperation = Death & Devastation**

[Jeremiah 31:15-17](#)

**Declare & deal with the Herod inside of our hearts**

