

# The Massacre of the Innocents

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Herod's Slaughter of the Innocents and  
Holy Family's Flight to Egypt



# Biblical History

- From the New Testament
- King Herod heard the news of Jesus' birth
- He sent the wise men to investigate
- They didn't return and he became infuriated
- He ordered that all children under the age of 2 be killed

# Caravaggio vs. Reni

- Caravaggio – one of the first painters to depict gruesome subjects in their paintings
- Reni was his rival – Reni supposedly copied Caravaggio's style
- This style of painting shocked and angered many people

# Asher & Reni

- Asher, very much like Reni, made paintings that would bring feelings of pain to people
- Both of these painters angered others
- They continued to paint because it was more important to them than being accepted

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