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Scripture Reading

Matt 2:1-12 (NASB)

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he *began* to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet,

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH ,
ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH ;
FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER ,
WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL. '"

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

9 And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was.

10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And having been warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their own country by another way.

Matt 2:1-12 (NIV)

1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^a from the east came to Jerusalem

2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east^b and have come to worship him."

3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

- 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ^c was to be born.
- 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
- 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"
- 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
- 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
- 9 After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
- 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
- 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

[Matt 2:1-12 \(NKJV\)](#)

Wise Men from the East

- 1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
- 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."
- 3 When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
- 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:
- 6 '*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.*'"
- 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.

11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

Matt 2:1-12 (TLB)

2 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, in Judea, during the reign of King Herod.

At about that time some astrologers from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,
2 "Where is the newborn King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in far-off eastern lands and have come to worship him."

3 King Herod was deeply disturbed by their question, and all Jerusalem was filled with rumors.¹⁵⁶⁸

4 He called a meeting of the Jewish religious leaders.

"Did the prophets tell us where the Messiah would be born?" he asked.

5 "Yes, in Bethlehem," they said, "for this is what the prophet Micah wrote:

6 'O little town of Bethlehem, you are not just an unimportant Judean village, for a Governor shall rise from you to rule my people Israel.'"

7 Then Herod sent a private message to the astrologers, asking them to come to see him; at this meeting he found out from them the exact time when they first saw the star. Then he told them,

8 "Go to Bethlehem and search for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him too!"

9 After this interview the astrologers started out again. And look! The star appeared to them again, standing over Bethlehem.

10 Their joy knew no bounds!

11 Entering the house where the baby and Mary, his mother, were, they threw themselves down before him, worshiping. Then they opened their presents and gave

him gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² But when they returned to their own land, they didn't go through Jerusalem to report to Herod, for God had warned them in a dream to go home another way.

Study Guide Scriptures

Matt 25:40

40 "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.'

Dan 1:4-6

⁴ youths in whom was no defect, who were good-looking, showing intelligence in every *branch of* wisdom, endowed with understanding, and discerning knowledge, and who had ability for serving in the king's court; and *he ordered him* to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.

⁵ And the king appointed for them a daily ration from the king's choice food and from the wine which he drank, and *appointed* that they should be educated three years, at the end of which they were to enter the king's personal service.

⁶ Now among them from the sons of Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah.

Dan 2:46-49

⁴⁶ Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face and did homage to Daniel, and gave orders to present to him an offering and fragrant incense.

⁴⁷ The king answered Daniel and said, "Surely your God is a God of gods and a Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, since you have been able to reveal this mystery."

⁴⁸ Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

⁴⁹ And Daniel made request of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego over the administration of the province of Babylon, while Daniel *was* at the king's court.

Luke 21:1-4

¹ And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury.

² And He saw a certain poor widow putting in two small copper coins.

³ And He said, **"Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all *of them*;**

⁴ for they all out of their surplus put into the offering; but she out of her poverty put in all that she had to live on. "