

The King Who Draws Worship and Faces Opposition

Matthew 2:1-12

Behold the King



Where Is the King?

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.”

Matthew 2:1-2 (NASB)



A Troubled King

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:3-4 (NASB)



The Answer in God's Word

5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH;

FOR FROM YOU WILL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'"

Matthew 2:5-6 (NASB)



A False Promise of Worship

7 Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

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

Matthew 2:7-8 (NASB)



The Ruler God Promised

**2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
Too little to be among the clans of
Judah,**

**From you One will come forth for Me to
be ruler in Israel.**

**His times of coming forth are from long
ago,**

From the days of eternity.”

Micah 5:2 (NASB)



The Good Shepherd Gives His Life

11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."

John 10:11 (NASB)



Exceedingly Great Joy

9 After hearing the king, they went on their way; and behold, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on ahead of them until it came to a stop over the place where the Child was to be found.

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

Matthew 2:9-10 (NASB)



They Fell Down and Worshiped Him

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

12 And after being warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Matthew 2:11-12 (NASB)



Nations Come to the Light

**3 Nations will come to your light,
And kings to the brightness of your rising.
6 A multitude of camels will cover you,
The young camels of Midian and Ephah;
All those from Sheba will come;
They will bring gold and frankincense,
And proclaim good news of the praises of
the LORD.**

Isaiah 60:3, 6 (NASB)



The King Came to Save

“just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

(Matthew 20:28 NASB)

“for this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

(Matthew 26:28 NASB)



The Risen King's Authority

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, **"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.**

19 Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28:18-19 (NASB)



The Risen King's Presence

20 teaching them to follow all that I commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:20 (NASB)



**Worship the King
Receive His Word.**

Trust His Son.

Worship Him.

Matthew 2:1-12

