

Matthew 2:1-16

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The Visit of the Magi

2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ^[a]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.” ³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the ^[b]Messiah was to be born. ⁵They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written ^[c]by ^[d]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.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and determined from them the exact ^[e]time the star appeared. ⁸And 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.” ⁹After 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*. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And after they came into the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary; and they fell down and ^[f]worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And after being warned *by God* in a dream not to return to Herod, *the magi* left for their own country by another way.

The Escape to Egypt

¹³Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord ^{*}appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.”

¹⁴So ^[g]Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵He ^[h]stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through ^[i]the prophet would be fulfilled: “OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON.”