

MATTHEW CH 2

HEBREWS 11 v6. HEROD WAS A DIRECT CONTRAST, HE HATED ANY RIVAL
 NOTE THE CONFLICT RIGHT DOWN THE STREAM OF TIME (GENESIS 3 v15)
 HEROD SOUGHT TO DO AWAY WITH GOD'S KING (JOHN 8 v44) LINKED WITH THE
 DEVIL THESE CHARACTERISTICS ARE SEEN IN HIM.
 NOW NOTE THIS OTHER CLASS VS 5-6. CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES
 THEY HAD THE HEAD KNOWLEDGE WHERE CHRIST WOULD BE BORN (MICAH 5
 v2) (ONLY 5 MILES AWAY) BUT THEY NEVER WENT TO SEEK HIM. LIKE
 MANY TODAY WITH A RELIGION WITHOUT PERSONALLY KNOWING THE LORD
 JESUS AS THEIR OWN PERSONAL SAVIOUR.
THE WISE MEN AGAIN. THEY FOLLOWED THE LIGHT AND GOT MORE LIGHT
 NOTE VII v13. v14. v20 NOTE THE ORDER OF THE WORDS. THE YOUNG
 CHILD BEFORE MARY. THEY ALSO WORSHIPED HIM NOT HER. NOTE
 WHAT THEIR GIFTS SHOWED. 1 GOLD A SYMBOL OF KINGLY GLORY
 2 FRANKINCENSE - SYMBOL OF A FRAGRANT LIFE. 3 MYRRH (USED FOR
 BURIAL) SYMBOL THAT HE HAD COME TO DIE FOR SINNERS
 v12 WISE MEN GIVEN MORE LIGHT A WARNING NOT TO GO BACK TO
 HEROD, BUT TO GO BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY ANOTHER WAY
 v13 JOSEPH RECEIVES REVELATION TO FLEE INTO EGYPT.
 v15. v16. A PROPHECY FULFILLED (JER 31 v15)
 JESUS HAS COME AND IS COMING AGAIN WHICH CLASSES ARE YOU IN?

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AT THE ARRIVAL OF THE WISE MEN IN JERUSALEM WAS CONSIDERABLY SOME TIME AFTER THE BIRTH OF JESUS. HE WAS AT THAT TIME OVER 1 YEAR OLD YET A BETTER TRANSLATION WOULD BE (ACCORDING TO THE GREEK) WOULD BE BUT JESUS HAVING BEEN BORN. IF YOU TURN TO LUKE 2:12 THERE JESUS IS SEEN AS ONE JUST BORN FOR THE GREEK WORD MEANS A NEWBORN INFANT. HERE HOWEVER IN MATTHEW 2:9 AND 11 A DIFFERENT GREEK WORD IS USED AND MEANS A YOUNG CHILD FOR IS LUKE 2 JESUS WAS BORN IN A STABLE AND CRADLED IN A MANGER BECAUSE THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR HIM IN THE INN. BUT HERE IN MATTHEW 2 THE WISE MEN COME TO A HOUSE. FINALLY THE VERY FACT THAT KING HEROD CALCULATED TO Slay ALL THE BABES IN BETHLEHEM 2 YEARS AND DOWNWARD SHOWED JESUS WAS NOT THEN A NEWLY BORN BABE. THE PARENTS JOSEPH AND MARY WENT UP TO JERUSALEM EVERY YEAR TO ATTEND THE PASSOVER FESTIVALS AND AS JERUSALEM WAS ONLY 5 MILES FROM JERUSALEM WERE AT THE TEMPLE THERE THESE FESTIVALS WERE HELD. A FURTHER PROOF THE JOURNEY OF THE WISE MEN WHO CAME FROM BABYLON WAS A DISTANCE OF OVER 1,500 MILES WHICH ON CAMELS WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS AND WE ARE NOT TOLD THAT THEY IMMEDIATELY SET OFF WHEN THEY FIRST SAW THE STAR. FOR IT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME TO PREPARE FOR THAT LONG JOURNEY.

THE WISE MEN - GREEK WORD IN MAGI. THIS COVERED A LARGE CLASS OF A SPECIAL CLASS OF PRIESTS WHO WERE THE WISE MEN OF THAT DAY REMEMBER DANIEL AND HIS COMPANIONS AND HIS COMPANIONS FITTED INTO THIS CLASS FOR DANIEL LIVED MOST OF HIS LIFE IN BABYLON THE WERE ALSO ASTRONOMERS (LATER THERE WERE SOME IMPOSTERS LIKE ACTS 8 SIMON AND IN ACTS 13 ELYMAS. BUT THAT OCCURRED LATER ON. HOW THEN DID WE KNOW ABOUT HIS STAR? WELL DANIEL WHO LIVED IN BABYLON TOOK THE OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES WITH HIM SO IN NUMBERS 24:17 PROPHET WAS GIVEN OF THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH. SO THE WISE MEN WERE LOOKING FOR A SPECIAL STAR AND WE ARE ALSO TOLD THAT THROUGHOUT THE EAST THERE WAS A UNIVERSAL EXPECTANCY OF A KING COMING TO JERUSALEM. (NOTE ALL MEN HAVE THE LIGHT (ROMANS 9:11) THOSE WHO WILL FOLLOW IT, WILL HAVE MORE LIGHT (JOHN 3:19))