

Email commentary on Matthew 2:1-12

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After JESUS was born, Magi came from the east.

Some commentaries say they came from Persia.

Magi were astrologers & magicians who studied and worshiped the stars.

JESUS was **born** king of the Jews.

JESUS had no need to be crowned king by men.

JESUS' star **rose** instead of falling.

JESUS' star traveled many miles and days to guide the Magi.

Have you ever seen a moving star, much less a star traveling with precise direction?

HIS star guided the Magi as far as Jerusalem.

The Magi publicly asked people "where is HE who has been born KING of the Jews???"

Someone obviously reported back to King Herod, because we can read the he and **all** Jerusalem were troubled.

King Herod was troubled because he is the king of the Jews.

He obviously was troubled that he may be dethroned by the Jews and possibly assassinated because of this newborn king.

King Herod obviously was not well learned in the scriptures, because he ruled the Jews and did not even know that the CHRIST was to be born in Bethlehem. King Herod should have already learned this very important teaching. A great king always should know more than his subjects.

King Herod secretly called the Magi.

I believe he wanted to speak with them privately because he did not want anyone to find out that he **commanded** the Magi to:

- (1) **go**
- (2) **search diligently**
- (3) **find JESUS**
- (4) **bring back word of JESUS' exact location so he could worship JESUS**

Herod was probably being deceptive knowing he wanted to see JESUS to have him executed. King Herod had no intention of worshiping JESUS.

The scripture told the Magi the name of the **town** where JESUS lives

The star gave the Magi the **exact location**

The Magi **obeyed** King Herod because it was the will of GOD that they find JESUS.

The star of JESUS **rose again**.

The Magi followed HIS star again.

The star finally reached it's destination.

When the Magi saw that the star had reached it's destination, "**they rejoiced with great joy**" because finally, they are about to see and worship JESUS. Sounds familiar to when we finally reach our destination, heaven, where we too will see JESUS and "**rejoice with great joy**".

The Magi could walk right into the house with confidence **knowing** they would be welcomed by Mary & JESUS.

The Magi saw Mary & JESUS together.

We know Mary was with JESUS often because she was a godly mother.

The Magi fell down on their knees in front of KING JESUS.

They worshiped JESUS.

The opened their treasures.

The Magi traveled days and hundreds of miles with their treasures.

The did not appear before KING JESUS empty handed.

They gave KING JESUS the best possessions they owned, not the things they did want anymore.

Then GOD warned the Magi in a dream not to return to King Herod.

If the Magi would have returned to King Herod, they may have been forced to tell King Herod where JESUS lives.

Herod probably would have had the authorities seize JESUS and bring HIM back to Jerusalem to face execution in the presence of King Herod.

The Magi **obeyed** GOD and went back home.

The Magi **disobeyed** the orders of King Herod to "bring him word"