

Prophecy

Matthew 2:1-12

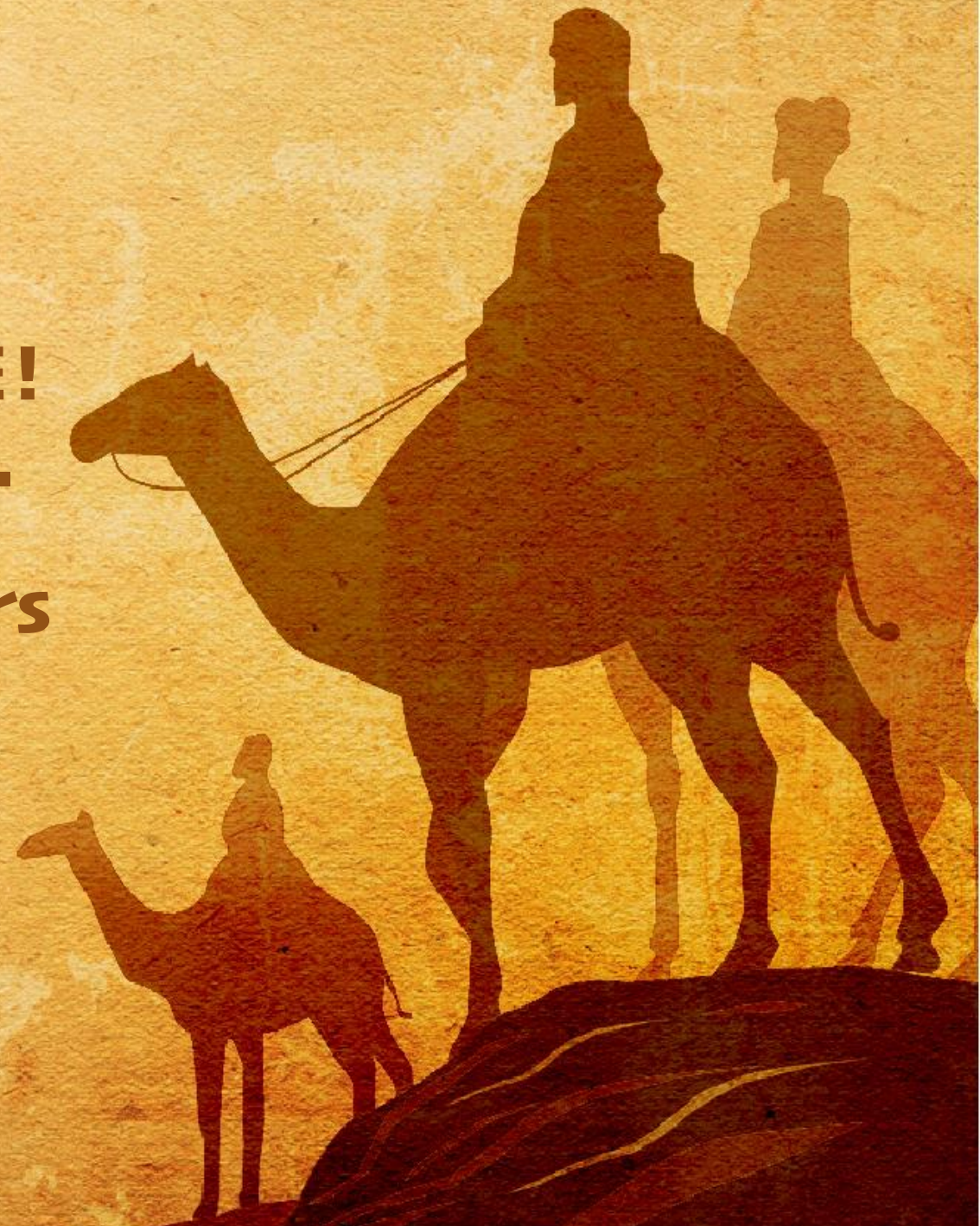
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Question: Who Are These Magi?

Dispelling The Myths

- Magi are NOT KINGS!
- There were more than THREE!
The Magi number is unknown.
- The Magi were the king makers
- Magi came to WORSHIP!



Three Responses to the Newborn King

The Hostility of Herod: “The Madness of Herod” (v.3, 7–8, 16)

- Herod the Great: Idumean, Roman-installed, paranoid tyrant
- Has a bloody history
- The Magi’s question threatens his throne
- Secretly meets the Magi, pretends he wants to “worship”
- Ultimate response: massacre of the innocents (v. 16)



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The Indifference of Religious Jerusalem:

“The Hatred & Hostility of Israel” (v.3–6)

- The whole city is “troubled” with Herod—not excited about Messiah
- Jerusalem: city of the temple, priests, scribes, Scripture—yet completely unaware and uninterested
- Chief priests and scribes quote Micah 5:2 perfectly but refuse to walk 6 miles to Bethlehem
- Perfect doctrine + zero devotion = spiritual deadness
- Foreshadows Israel’s ultimate rejection of Jesus

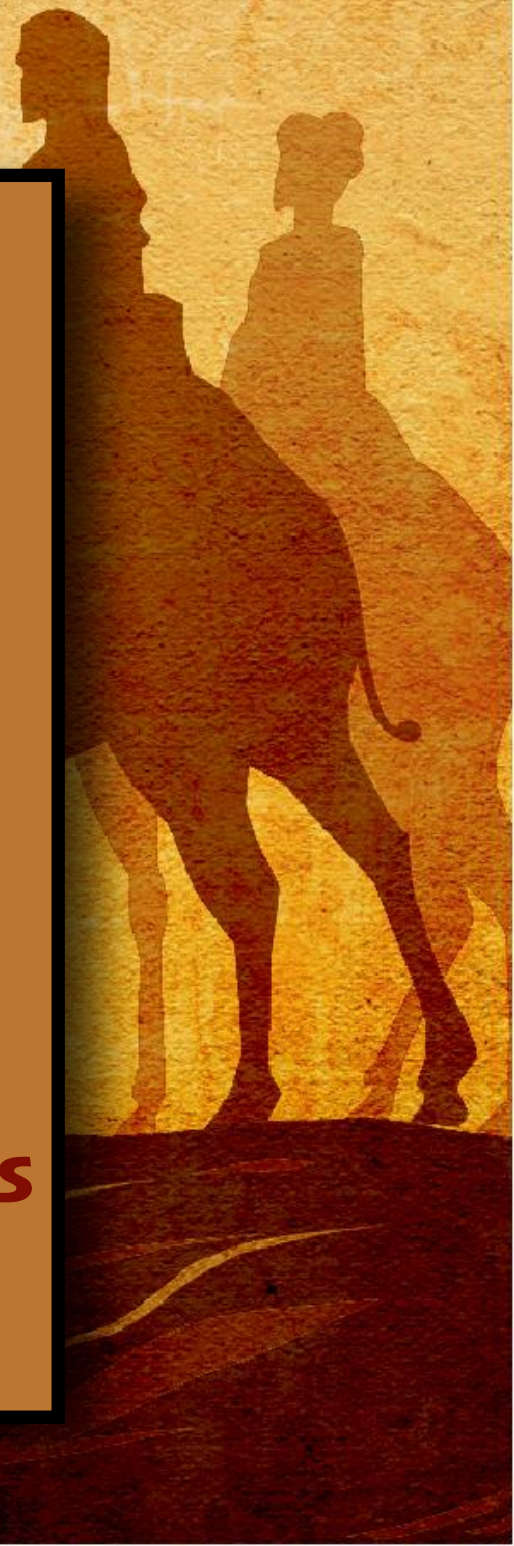


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The Joyful Worship of the Magi:

“Obedience Leads to Joy, Joy Leads to Worship” (v. 9–11)

- Massive caravan arrives—not three lonely camel riders
- Guided by the star
- Enter a house (not manger)—months have passed
- Perfect doctrine + zero devotion = spiritual deadness
- Foreshadows Israel’s ultimate rejection of Jesus
- Fall flat on their faces and worship the Child



Invitation:
When the King of the Jews
truly arrives in your life, which
group will you be in?

