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MATTHEW 2:1-4

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.” 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.



DEFINITION

Maji – Wise Men

THREE KINGS? THREE GIFTS

The Magi (Wise Men) brought three distinct gifts to Jesus at His birth. These gifts have significant meaning.

- **Gold:** Christ's Kingship
- **Frankincense:** His Divine Nature
- **Myrrh:** Anointing for His Sacrificial Death

MATTHEW 2:5-6

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.'"

MICAH 5:1-4

“Now muster yourselves in troops, daughter of troops; They have laid siege against us; With a rod they will strike the judge of Israel on the cheek. 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 5:1-4

³ Therefore He will give them up until the time
When she who is in labor has given birth. Then
the remainder of His kinsmen Will return to the
sons of Israel. ⁴ And He will arise and shepherd His
flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty
of the name of the LORD His God. And they will
remain, Because at that time He will be great To
the ends of the earth.

MATTHEW 2:7-9

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.” 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.

MATTHEW 2:10-12

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

GENESIS 3:1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any animal of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”



THOUGHT

Our adversary has been trying to find a way to thwart God's plan since the early days of creation.

MATTHEW 11:12

“From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and violent men take it by force.

THE BATTLE LINES: MANY FRONTS

- There is a battle to destroy our witness
- There is a battle to destroy the church
- There is a battle to destroy our purity
- There is a battle to destroy the family
- There is a battle to destroy our effectiveness
- There is a battle for your mind

ROMANS 7:21-25

I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good.²² For I joyfully agree with the law of God in the inner person,²³ but I see a different law in the parts of my body waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin, the law which is in my body's parts.

ROMANS 7:21-25

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except something common to mankind; and God is faithful, so He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

THE ROADMAP TO VICTORY

Love came down, Light came into the world and dwelt among us. It was always in the plan of God to dwell in us and among us. We have victory and freedom through Christ.

JOHN 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

I solemnly exhort you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and exhort, with great patience and instruction. ³ For the time will come when they will not tolerate sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance with their own desires,

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

⁴ and they will turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths. ⁵ But as for you, use self-restraint in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. ⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; ⁸ in the future there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

ACTS 20:25-28

“And now behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. ²⁶ Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all people. ²⁷ For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.