



An Unlikely Choice – The Magi

Mathew 2:1 (NIV)

“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem”

Daniel 2:48 (ESV)

“the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.”

Matthew 2:2 (ESV)

“Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Numbers 24:16-17 (NIV)

“the prophecy of one who hears the words of God,
who has knowledge from the Most High,
who sees a vision from the Almighty,
who falls prostrate, and whose eyes are opened:

“I see him, but not now;

I behold him, but not near.

**A star will come out of Jacob;
a scepter will rise out of Israel.”**

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)

“Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth
and thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you
and his glory appears over you.
Nations will come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
“Lift up your eyes and look about you:
All assemble and come to you;
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters are carried on the hip.
Then you will look and be radiant,
your heart will throb and swell with joy;
the wealth on the seas will be brought to you,
to you the riches of the nations will come.
**Herds of camels will cover your land,
young camels of Midian and Ephah.
And all from Sheba will come,
bearing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.”**

Matthew 2:3-4 (ESV)

“When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”

Matthew 2:11a (ESV)

“going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him.”

Matthew 2:11b (ESV)

“Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.”