

CHARACTERS OF CHRISTMAS





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



The Star of Bethlehem
was God's declaration
that a King had
entered the world.

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Numbers 24:17



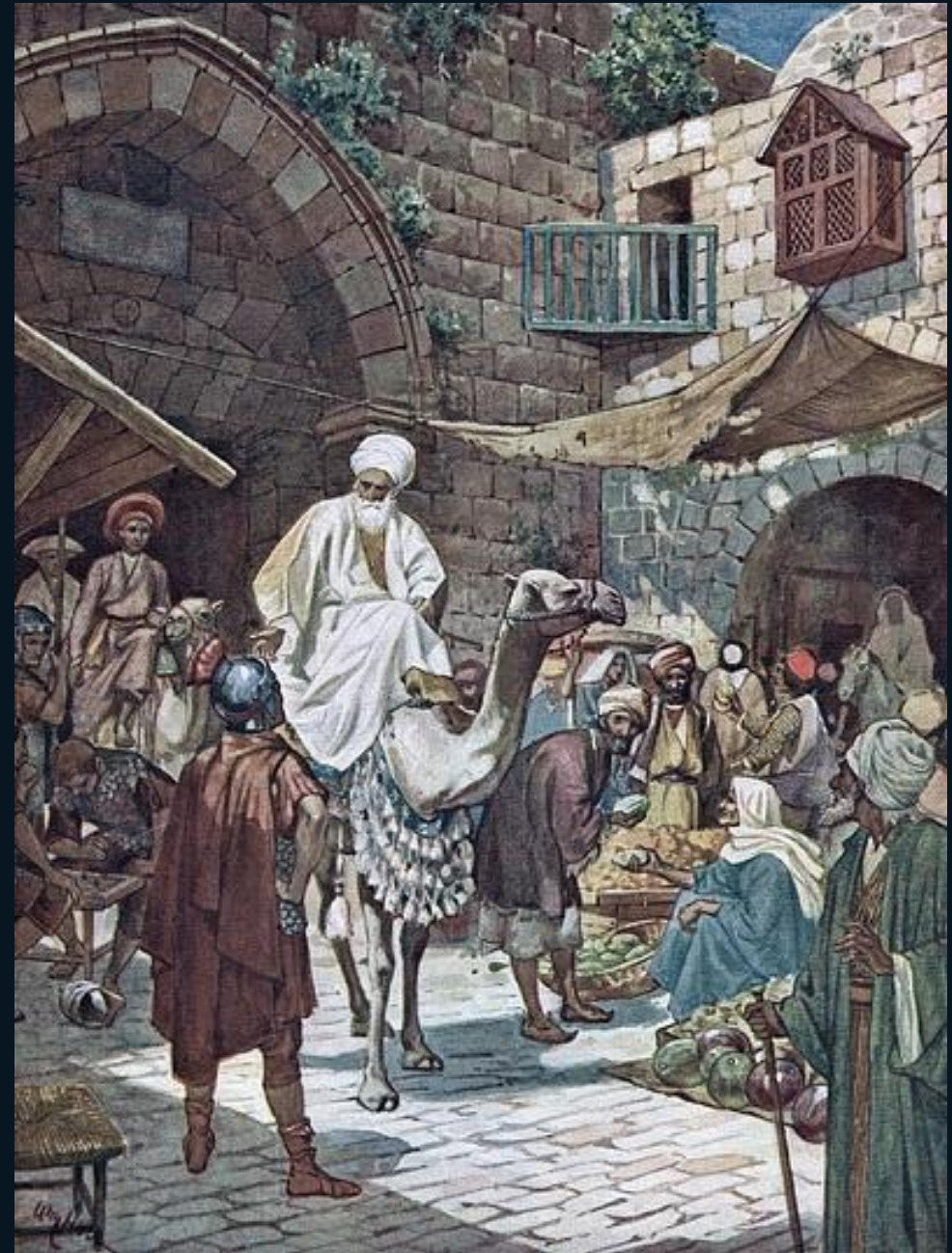
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“Where is the one who has been
born king of the Jews?”

Matthew 2:2



“When King Herod heard this he was disturbed and all Jerusalem with him.”

Matthew 2:3



“Where was the Messiah
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Matthew 2:4



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“But you, Bethlehem, in the
land of Judah, are by no
means least among the
rulers of Judah; for out of
you will come a ruler who will
shepherd my people Israel.”

Micah 5:2,4



But what of the Priests and teachers of the law?





“Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child.

As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Matthew 2:7-8

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Indifference



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Costly Devotion



