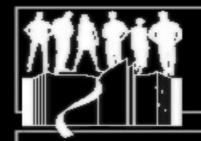




1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard [this,] he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 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 OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL." 7 Then Herod secretly called 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."

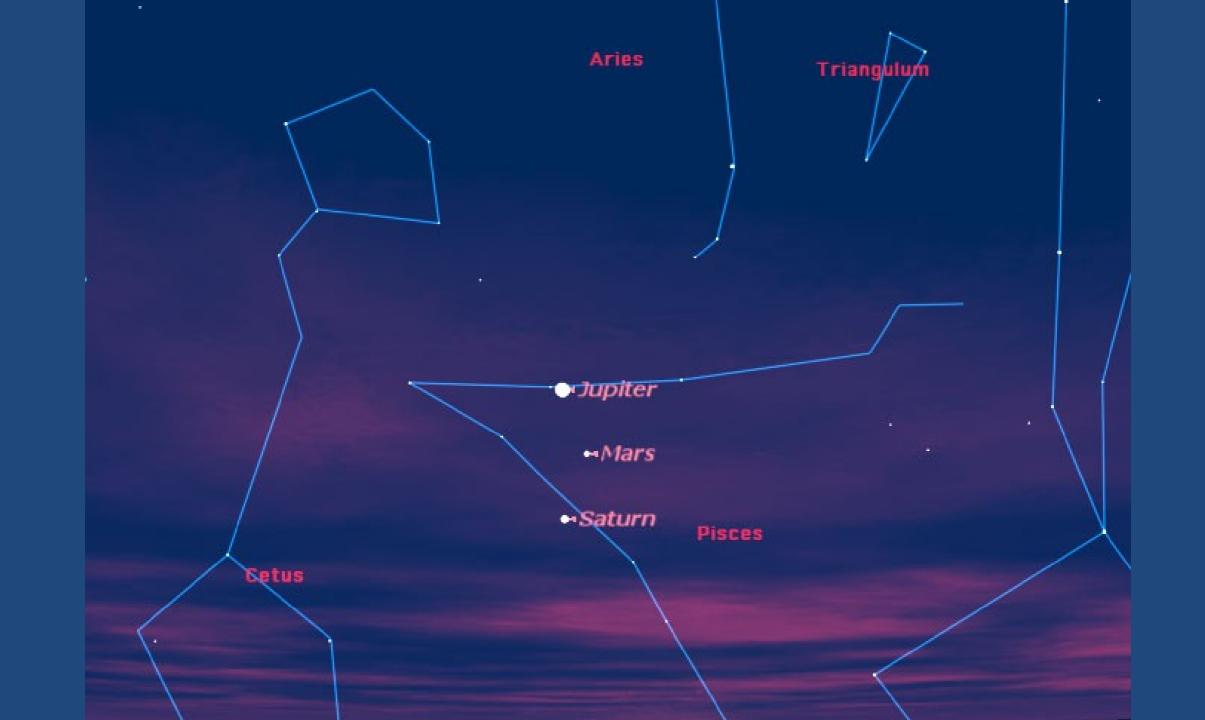
9 After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over [the place] where the Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped



Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And having been warned [by God] in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

Messages from Father

- Love, Joy, Peace Hope
- Gifts are a part of Christmas
 - -Focus is on God's great gifts
 - -Many need these Gifts!
 - -His WORD = logos = JESUS



Magi on the move

- So much is unknown some added...
 - Gaspar, Melchior, Balthazar -?
- How long did they travel? From where?
- But the message...

Where is he...

- They come to Jerusalem, to Herod's court
- Expecting Him to be there!
- It was the capital of Israel...
- · Natural thinking.. "star" led them

We have seen - we came!

- Magi had knowledge, power, money, position
- None of this was enough!
- The sought out Jesus KING of Jews?
- Over miles and months to a "house" (11)

Born King of the Jews

- They did not worship:
 - -Herod
 - -Mary or Joseph
- They knew they needed...THE KING!

Message in Giving

- Yes, and they knew how!
 - -Gold His Purity/Kingship
 - -Frankincense His Prayers
 - -Myrrh His Passion
- Are we humbled in His presence?

