

# THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

## *A JOURNEY WITH THE KING*



The gospel of Matthew portrays Jesus Christ as the King. In Chapter One, we saw the royal genealogy of King Jesus. Last week at the end of Chapter One, we saw the purpose of His coming at His birth. He was born \_\_\_\_\_ (*JEHOVAH is salvation*), God Himself born into human flesh, whose purpose in coming was to save His people from their sins (1:21). Today is a continuation of Jesus' birth story as we peer further into the unique events surrounding His birth and infancy.

### **BIRTH OF THE KING – Matthew 2**

1. The coming of wise men from the east – v. 1-12
  - Some time has passed since Jesus' birth. He is now a *young child* living in a *house* – v. 7-8, 11, 16
  - Matthew is the only gospel to record this visit. The phrase “**wise men**” (“*magus/magi*” in the Greek) shows up 13 times in the book of \_\_\_\_\_, more than any other book of the Bible – Ps. 72:10
  - Daniel was the head of the \_\_\_\_\_, astrologers, and soothsayers in Babylon – Dan. 4:9, 5:11
  - This King the wise men are seeking has a supernatural moving \_\_\_\_\_ which apparently only they see. This star leads them to Bethlehem – Num. 24:17; Job 38:7; Luke 2:9; Rev. 1:20; 9:1; 12:4, 9
  - These wise men bring three gifts: *Gold*, for a **King** – 1 Kings 10:18; John 18:37  
*Frankincense*, for a **Priest** – Ex. 30:30-38; Heb. 4:15  
*Myrrh*, for a **Prophet** – Deut. 18:15-17, Matt. 23:31; John 19:39
2. He **went down** into Egypt – v. 13-18
  - The birth of King Jesus poses problems for King Herod and all of Jerusalem – v. 2-3; Matt. 10:34-40
  - Herod, a type of Antichrist, doesn't think twice about murdering the innocent – v. 16; John 10:10-13
  - A great \_\_\_\_\_ occurs at Jesus' birthplace, a sacred place in Israel – v. 17-18; Jer. 31:15-17
3. He **came up** out of Egypt – v. 19-23
  - As Israel is brought up out of Egypt at their birth, Jesus Christ is brought up out of Egypt at His birth, as are \_\_\_\_\_ at our new birth – v. 15; Hos. 11:1; Ps. 40:2-3
  - Jesus Christ comes up out of Egypt to \_\_\_\_\_ his journey and fulfill the plan of God for His life – v. 22-23; Eph. 2:1-7; Col. 1:18-21