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“After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the East came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw the star in the east and have come to worship

I. The Back Story

- A. [Daniel](#) in Babylon (605 BC)
- B. Leader of the [Magi](#) (Dan. 2:48)
- C. [Dream](#) of the first and second coming
 [Specific](#) dates (Daniel 9:20-27; 12:1-13)
- D. [Magi](#) – Persians - [astrology](#) and [dreams](#)
- E. Mathew’s [audience](#) – The [Jews](#)
 1. Old Testament [prophecies](#) and [heroes](#) (Matt. 1:22)
 2. [Genealogy](#) to David and Abraham (Matt. 1:17)
 3. Word Magi to connects to [Daniel](#) in Babylon.

II. The Biblical Story (Matt. 2:1-8)

- A. “[After](#) Jesus was born in Bethlehem” – [timing](#)
 1. Time has passed since Jesus’ [birth](#)
 2. Time of [Herod the Great](#) – 39 BC to 1 BC
- B. We saw the [star](#) – [estar](#) –
- C. Herod was [disturbed](#) (and all [Jerusalem](#) with him)!
- D. [Where](#) and [when?](#) – Micah 5:2

III. The Brilliant Star (Matt. 2:9 - 10)

- A. Miraculous [guidance](#)
 1. Went [ahead](#) of them
 2. [Stopped](#)
 3. Reminds us of the “[Shekinah](#) glory of God” (Exo. 13:21-22)
- B. [Much](#) joy – new sighting – fresh experience
- C. Led them to a [HOUSE](#)
- D. They saw the [CHILD](#)
- E. Herod executes all he babies [2 years](#) and under! (Matt. 2:16)

IV. The Blessed Sacrifice (Matt. 2:11- 12)

- A. The First and greatest sacrifice - [worship!](#)
- B. The [Gifts](#) - God’s [provisions](#) along the Adventure!
 1. [Gold](#)
 2. [Frankincense](#)
 3. [Myrrh](#)
- C. [Listening](#) to a dream from God - [Spiritual](#) awareness (I Cor. 2:14)
- D. [Protecting](#) the child from Herod’s execution
- E. The [flight](#) to Egypt - spiritual [warfare](#) begins (Ex. 1:22)