

A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, a dirt road with tire tracks leads from the bottom center towards the middle ground. The terrain is sandy and sparsely covered with small, dry bushes. In the background, a range of rugged, brown mountains stretches across the horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall mood is desolate and expansive.

The Gospel of Matthew

WHY DID THE KING COME BUT NOT THE KINGDOM?

The Five Finger MNEMONic Device

- 1) Promise made.
- 2) Promise passed.
- 3) Nation formed
- 4) Land and King covenant.
- 5) Prophesied Messiah and Kingdom



Outline to the book of Matthew:

I. The King Has Come 1:1-13:53

1. *The Incarnation and the preparation of the King 1:1 – 4:11*
2. *The Declaration of the Principles of the King 4:12 – 7:29*
3. *The Manifestation of the King 8:1 – 11:1*
4. *The Opposition to the King 11:2 – 13:53*

II. The Kingdom Has Not 13:54-28:20

5. *The Reaction of the King, 13:54 – 19:2*
6. *The Formal Presentation and Rejection of the King, 19:3 – 25:46*
7. *The Crucifixion and the Resurrection of the King, 26:1 – 28:20*

***Subpoints follow Stanley Toussaint's seven main divisions outlined in his commentary.

I. THE KING HAS COME 1:1 – 13:53

The Incarnation of the King 1:1-2:23

(Matthew 2:1-12)

“The Wisdom of Worship”

****Read Proverbs 16:9*

Outline:

1. The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2
2. Herod's plans are troubled vv. 3-6
3. Herod plans to deceive vv. 7-8
4. The Magi worship vv. 9-11
5. The LORD directs their steps v. 12

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

Observations:

- The birth –
 - “Now after”
 - “Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea”
 - “in the days of Herod the king,”
- The king –
 - “the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:”

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

Observations:

- The birth –
- The king –
 - “Herod”

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

- 1) Herod the great (47 B.C. – 4 B.C.)
 - Was Idumean (Grecianized for Edomite).
- During the Maccabean revolt Edom was subjugated by the Jews and forced to convert to Judaism.
- The Herod's were biologically Edomite but certainly some blending occurred between the descendants of Jacob and Esau.
- Religiously they were Judaistic. But with their power coming from Roman occupation, they were never really welcomed by the people of the land.

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- 1) Herod the great (41 B.C. – 4 B.C.)
 - Was Idumean (Grecianized for Edomite).
 - Struggled to retain his power against: The people and Pharisees, ruling class, Hasmonean family, and Cleopatra.
 - Supported and supported by Marc Antony key supporter of Julius Ceasar.
 - Herod fought many political rivals and so his response to the news of Jesus makes sense but is wrong.
 - Aligned with Octavius the heir after Julius Ceasar's assassination and the temporary upheaval.

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

1) Herod the great (47 – 4 B.C.)

- King during birth narrative.

2) Herod Antipas (4 B.C. – 39 A.D.)

- King during trial narrative (John the Baptist's Executor)

3) Herod Agrippa I (37 – 44 A.D.)

- Persecutor of the Church (cf. Acts 12)

4) Herod Agrippa II (50-100)

- Heard Paul's testimony (cf. Acts 26)

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Observations:

- The birth –
- The king –
- The Magi –

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- The Magi –

➤ “wise men”

- A priestly caste of Chaldeans who could interpret dreams (cf. Dan 1:20; 2:2; 4:7; 5:7)
- Read Daniel 2:48
- Cf. Numbers 24:17

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

- The Magi –

- “wise men”
- “from the East”
 - Babylon... in the school of astrology, that at one time the prophet Daniel was named head.
- “came to Jerusalem”
- “saying,”
 - 1) “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?”
 - 2) “For we have seen His star in the East”
 - 3) “and have come to worship Him.”

1- The Magi plan to worship vv. 1-2

Summary/Application:

- Matthew highlights two responses to the birth of Jesus.
- The Magi sought to worship the newborn King.
- Herod sought to destroy Him.
- How does this factor into Matthew's argument of the book?
- Do we worship the newborn King?

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2- Herod's plans are troubled vv. 3-6

Observations:

- The news – v. 3
 - “When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled,”
 - “and all Jerusalem with him.”
- The investigation – v. 4
 - “And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together,”
 - “he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.”

2- Herod's plans are troubled vv. 3-6

Observations:

- The news – v. 3
- The investigation – v. 4
- The location – vv. 5-6
 - “So they said to him,”
 - 1) “in Bethlehem of Judea”
 - 2) “for thus it is written by the prophet:”
 - Micah 5:2-4
 - Genesis 49:10

2- Herod's plans are troubled vv. 3-6

Summary/Application:

- Herod's response was trouble.
- The people (of Israel) were also apparently troubled.
- Prophecy is fulfilled affirming a LHG hermeneutic.
- How does Matthew depict the initial response of Israel?
- How do we respond to God in our context?

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3- Herod plans to deceive vv. 7-8

Observations:

- Herod's plot –

- “Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men,”
- “determined from them what time the star appeared.”
- “and he sent them to Bethlehem and said,”

- 1) “Go and search carefully for the young Child,”
- 2) “And when you have found Him, bring back word to me,”
- 3) “that I may come and worship Him also.”

3- Herod plans to deceive vv. 7-8

Summary/Application:

- Herod verified the fulfillment of prophecy.
- Herod chose to use this information for evil.
- How does Matthew use this insight for his argument?

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4- The Magi worship vv. 9-11

Observations:

- The place of worship – v. 9
 - “when they heard the king,”
 - “they departed”
 - “behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them,”
 - “till it came and stood over where the young Child was.”
- Worshipping the guiding hand of God v. 10
 - “When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.”

Observations:

4- The Magi worship vv. 9-11

- The place of worship – v. 9
- Worshipping the guiding hand of God v. 10
- Worship with offerings v. 11
 - “when they had come into the house,”
 - “they saw the young Child with Mary His mother”
 - “and fell down and worshiped Him.”
 - “and when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts Him”
 - 1) “gold,” (some say symbolizes kingship)
 - 2) “frankincense,” (some say symbolizes deity)
 - 3) “myrrh.” (some say symbolizes death and sacrifice)

4- The Magi worship vv. 9-11

Summary/Application:

- The Magi are led by God to the place of worship.
- The Magi rejoice in God's guidance.
- The Magi gift appropriate gifts to the Messiah.
- What offering can we give to God in our worship?

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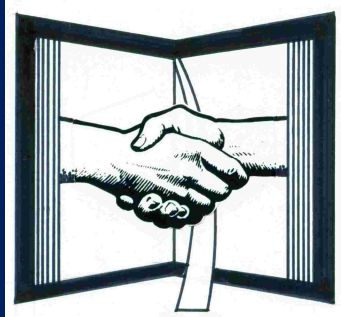
Observations:

- Divine intervention – v. 12
 - “Then,”
 - “being divinely warned in a dream”
 - “that they should not return to Herod,”
 - “they departed for their own country another way.”

5- The LORD directs their steps v. 12

Summary/Application:

- God stopped the Magi from returning to Herod.
- Herod's plans are temporarily thwarted.
- The Magi are protected.
- The Magi return to Babylon.



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