

A Star Attraction

(Following The Wise Men)

Matthew 2;1-12



Attending

Prayer

Collection



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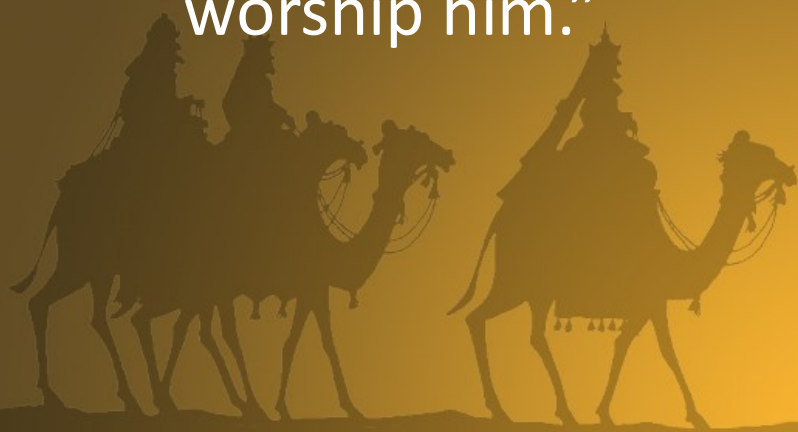
Verses 1 & 2 tells us?

- where** they have come from
- Why** they are in Jerusalem
- How** did they get there?



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- ² “**Where** is the newborn king of the Jews?
- Following wise men who didn't know where they were going
- **We saw**
- his star as it rose,
- and we have **come** to worship him.”
- **Observation**
- **Interpretation**
- **Application**



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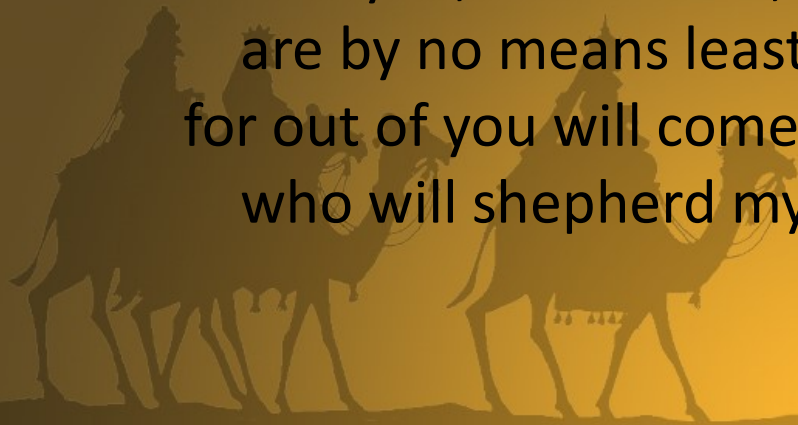
Guidance led them from **A-B** but they now need to help get to **C**



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- ³ When King **Herod** heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him.
- ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.
- ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:
- ⁶ "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.

The star led them from **A-B**
Herod sent them to **C**



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- ⁷ Then **Herod** called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
- ⁸ 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.”

Ulterior motive

**Good Spiritual
Discernment
but clueless in the
natural realm**

Deception



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- ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.
- ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed**.
- ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshiped him**. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Guidance
B-C



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- ¹² And having been **warned** in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route

**Heeding
The Warning**



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Applications

Following

- but **not knowing** where we're your going is all part of the journey of faith

Guidance

- comes through **Observation- Interpretation- Application**

Faith

- to see it through **all** the ways



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Summary

Lets put all of what have just said /heard into one sentence and turn it into a title of a song we end up...?

See You-Tube link below

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZUBdLo_XVQc

