# "THE WORSHIP OF THE WISE MEN"

## MATTHEW 2:1-10

1. **THE THINGS THAT CAN BE KNOWN ABOUT THESE MEN (2:1-2)**
   1. Racially: They Were Gentiles Who Dwelt East Of The Jordan River
   2. Occupationally: They Were *(Magoi)* "Magi"
   3. Spiritually: God Broke Into Their Astrological World Of Natural Revelation With Special Revelation
      1. God Made Them Aware Of The O.T. Book Of Numbers & Particularly The Prophecy Of Balaam (Numbers 24:17)
      2. They Became Convinced Of The Preeminence Of This Future Monarch And The Ultimate Disaster Of Unbelieving Surrounding Neighbors
      3. As They Neared Jerusalem The Star Must Have Temporarily Disappeared From Their Sight
2. **THE PROCEDURE OF THE WISE MEN UPON ENTERING JERUSALEM (2:2-10)**
   1. They Begin With A Question Followed By A Stated Intention (2:2)
   2. Their Question Incites A Troubled Reaction From Herod (2:3)
   3. Herod Calls A Theological Conference (2:4-6)
   4. Herod Dismisses The Hebrew Scholars And Once Again Calls For The Magi In Order To Ask A Question Of His Own (2:7)
   5. Herod Sends Them To Bethlehem After Stating His Deceptive Intentions (2:8)
   6. God's Intention All Along Was To Inform The Jews, Which Served To Highlight The Magnitude Of The Contrast In Reactions (2:9-10)