

"THE WORSHIP OF THE WISE MEN"

MATTHEW 2:1-10

I. THE THINGS THAT CAN BE KNOWN ABOUT THESE MEN (2:1-2)

- A. Racially: They Were Gentiles Who Dwelt East Of The Jordan River
- B. Occupationally: They Were (*Magoi*) "Magi"
- C. 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

II. THE PROCEDURE OF THE WISE MEN UPON ENTERING JERUSALEM (2:2-10)

- A. They Begin With A Question Followed By A Stated Intention (2:2)
- B. Their Question Incites A Troubled Reaction From Herod (2:3)
- C. Herod Calls A Theological Conference (2:4-6)
- D. Herod Dismisses The Hebrew Scholars And Once Again Calls For The Magi In Order To Ask A Question Of His Own (2:7)
- E. Herod Sends Them To Bethlehem After Stating His Deceptive Intentions (2:8)
- F. God's Intention All Along Was To Inform The Jews, Which Served To Highlight The Magnitude Of The Contrast In Reactions (2:9-10)