

HOPE
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Matthew chapters 1-2

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Galilee
in the
time
of Jesus

Mary conceives a son

Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah.

Matthew 1:16

Mary conceives a Son

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

*Mary has to worry...

Will anyone believe me?

Will anyone welcome me?

Joseph wants out

And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly. Matthew 1:19

- *How many of us have faced a Christmas season that did not match our dreams?
- *How many of us this Christmas will face a family situation we would never have chosen?
- *How many of us this Christmas will be forced to choose... be welcoming or not?

Angel visits Joseph

But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:20-21

*God shows up when people of faith struggle in fear

*God not only welcomes us, He welcomes our dependence

God keeps His promises

Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.” Matthew 1:22-23

- *Christmas is God’s promise fulfilled

- *We need a “near” God

Did Joseph know the Messianic Prophecies?

“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign:
behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son,
and she will call His name Immanuel.” עִמָּנוּאֵל

Isaiah 7:14

*written approx. 680 BC

And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Matthew 1:24-25

- *Joseph welcomed Mary because he believed in her virtue even when others doubted

- *Joseph welcomed baby Jesus because he trusted God more than he feared scandal or ridicule

- *Joseph welcomed baby Jesus because he trusted God's plan more than he desired to see his own plan enacted

THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH

Adam

Abraham



Jesus

The Messaiah

ישוע המשיח

Genealogy of Joseph
Matthew 1:1-17

Genealogy of Mary
Luke 3:23-38

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew 2:1-2

Meet the Magi

The Wise Men, or Magi (from the Greek root meaning 'magic') are said to be 'from the East', which could mean Arabia, Mesopotamia, or elsewhere. They are portrayed as astrologers, since they are guided by the star, and as Gentiles, since they do not know the scriptural prophecy concerning the location of the Messiah's birth.

Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary

Matthew 2:2 suggests that these men were astrologers who employed study of the stars for predictions of future events. This activity flourished in Persia and may explain their origin. The description of their gifts suggests that they had come from Arabia. Another suggestion points to Babylon, which had a large community of Jews who could have supplied the mági with information about the anticipated Messiah.

Source: Eerdman's Bible Dictionary



Byzantine
depiction of
the Three
Magi in a
7th-century
mosaic at
Basilica of
Sant'
Apollinare
Nuovo

JUPITER

The wise men referenced in the Biblical story are accepted to have been top-notch astrologers. In astrology speak, Jupiter is the King planet and around the birth of Jesus, it completed a retrograde loop (backward motion among the stars) near to Regulus in Leo, the King star! The interaction in the sky between these two objects would have been a sign to the astrologers of the birth of a new King.

A COMET

Comets occasionally produce a stunning show in our night sky with the tail of the comet giving an arrow-like appearance. There was one such bright comet in Capricorn in around 5 B.C. Calculations have shown that it would have appeared low in the sky from the area surrounding Jerusalem, with its tail likely pointing almost vertically.

**What
was
the
star?**

CONJUNCTION

One of the more striking naked-eye events in the night sky is an alignment of two or more of the brighter planets. There are a number of conjunctions that might have been interpreted as an event that was pretty significant. Of particular interest might have been a rare conjunction between Jupiter and Saturn.

NOVA

The sighting of a new star, or 'nova', was recorded by Far Eastern astronomers in 4 B.C. in the constellation Aquila. This stellar outburst was visible to the naked eye and would have been visible from Jerusalem.

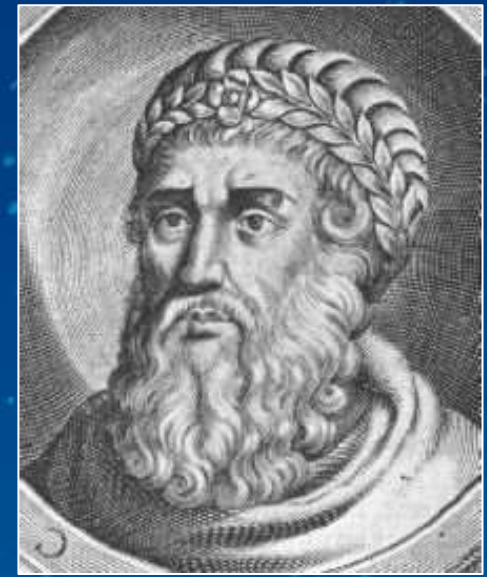
**What
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star?**

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:3

Meet King Herod

In 40 BC, the Roman Senate appointed Herod I as king of the Jews. Herod, an Idumean, took Jerusalem in 37 BC and until his death in 4 BC, Herod ruled as king of the Jews.



Herod constructed the magnificently planned and constructed port city of Caesarea Maritima. The crown of his constructions was the Jewish Temple in Jerusalem, which he rebuilt on a grandiose scale. The project, begun in 20 BC, was not completed until AD 62, and it is this Temple that Jesus and His disciples knew.

Herod also fortified his realm with a string of impressive wilderness fortresses. Eventually, Herod ordered the execution of his Hasmonean wife, Mariamne, of their two sons, of other members of the Hasmonean family, and of his son Antipater.

Source: Harper's Bible Dictionary

Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ” Matthew 2:4-6

Old Testament Prophecy

“But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.” Micah 5:2

Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” Matthew 2:7-8



A masterpiece
of Gentile da
Fabriano

Adoration of
the Magi in
paintings
(1423)

After hearing the king, they [magi] went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. Matthew 2:9-10

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Gifts presented to Jesus by magi

After coming into the house they [magi] saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

- **Gold** = the most precious of metals, a sign of wealth and nobility; given for Jesus' royalty

For us: We give Jesus our Resources

- **Frankincense** = costly, beautiful-smelling incense that was used only for the most special of occasions; used at weddings if it could be afforded; used in grain offerings at the Temple; given for Jesus' deity

For us: We give Jesus our Worship

- **Myrrh** = valuable perfume; mixed with spices, it was used in preparation of bodies for burial; given for Jesus' humanity

For us: We give Jesus our Eternity

And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.
Matthew 2:12

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For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called **Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. Isaiah 9:6

“for today in the city of David
there has been born for you a
Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:11

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Titles so far in this series

Wonderful Counselor

Mighty God

Everlasting Father

Prince of Peace

Savior

Christ

Lord

“She will bear a **Son**; and you shall call His name **Jesus**, for He will save His people from their sins.” Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet [Isaiah 7:14]: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a **Son**, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Matthew 1:21-23

Names for the Christmas Child

- **Son**

- υἱός huios

- **Jesus**

- Ἰησοῦς (Jesus) is the Greek form of the Hebrew name Yeshua (ישוע) which means “salvation”

- **Immanuel** עִמָּנוּאֵל

- El אֱל is one name of God in Hebrew
- Hebrew meaning of Immanuel is literally “with us is God”

Son

The eternal God took on human flesh – the Incarnation

Jesus is called in the Bible:

- Son of Man (Daniel 7, Mark 10:45, Matthew 26:64)
- Son of God (Matthew 14:33, John 1:49, Romans 1:4, Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:13, Hebrews 4:14, Revelation 2:18)
- The only begotten Son of God (John 3:16)
- Son of the living God (Matthew 16:16)

He is given the name Jesus / Yeshua

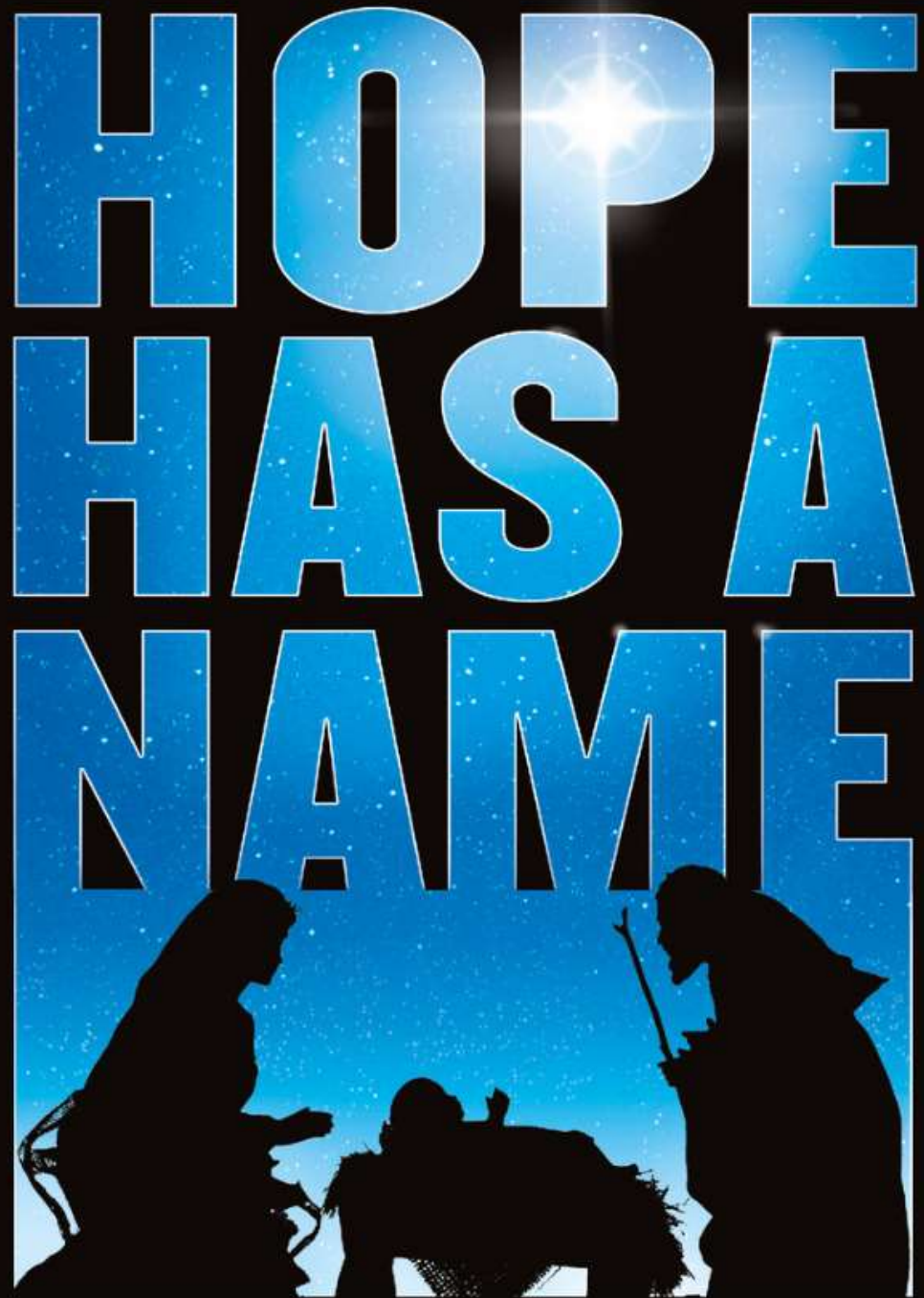
- And when eight days had passed, before His circumcision, His name was then called Jesus, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. Luke 2:21
- They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down out of heaven’?” John 6:42
- Pilate said to them, “Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They all said, “Crucify Him!” Matthew 27:22

Immanuel עִמָּנוּאֵל

- ‘Moreover, I will make My dwelling among you, and My soul will not reject you. I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.” Leviticus 26:11-12
- And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.” Revelation 21:3-4

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lamb of God mighty one of Jacob Messiah root of David
brightness of the Father's glory Isreal seed of the woman holy one lion of the tribe of judah
mighty to save morning star Lord from Heaven rose of sharon surety
redeemer only begotten our hope physician branch son of man
daysman cornerstone Lord of Glory sanctification vine I AM most holy
life the only mediator fountain witness good shepherd overseer
day man of sorrows servant prince elect wonderful
Lord living stone priest holy one heir of all things leader light king of kings deliverer
sanctuary power of God Jesus God of the whole earth
eternal life redemption ransom light of the world master seed of David wisdom
the second man living bread King of Glory root of Jesse savior nazarene propitiation God's dear son
God with us governor unspeakable gift rock of offense last Adam
king over all the earth christ shiloh word of life friend of sinners mighty in battle messenger of the covenant image of God
your holy one horn of salvation forerunner the way son of joseph carpenter's son
God manifest in the flesh finisher of faith judge teacher word
lord almighty counselor precious cornerstone shepherd and overseer of souls commander
man christ Jesus bright and morning star captain of salvation
most mighty the angel of the Lord bridegroom
first and last



“And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered”
Joel 2:32

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:12