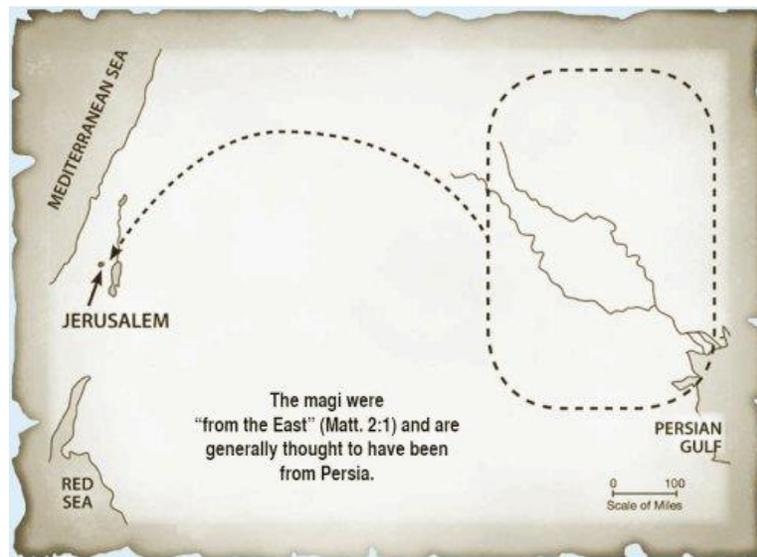


Prince of Peace

The Prince of Peace Matthew 2:1-18



Matt 2:1-18

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,

2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

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

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.

5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.'" (Micah 5:2)

7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also."

9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.
10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.
11 And 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 to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.
13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."
14 When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,
15 and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son." (Hosea 11:1)
16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.
17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:
18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."
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The bible makes no sense unless you understand God's plan for His creation.
His plan is to...

- [Rule His creation \(Isaiah 9:6-7\)](#)
- [Redeem His creation \(Isaiah 53:5-6\)](#)
- [Restore His creation \(Isaiah 9:5\)](#)

1. [God allows what He hates to accomplish His plan.](#)

- God allowed Satan to tempt man.
- God allowed man to fall into sin.
- God allowed sin to corrupt His creation.
- God allowed Israel to rebel against His rule.
- God allowed Israel to be ruled by the Romans.
- God allowed Herod to be appointed by the Romans to rule over Israel.
- God allowed Herod to slaughter innocent children.

God allows what He hates to accomplish His plan.

2. [God moves kings and stars to accomplish His plan.](#)

- God sent idolatrous Kings to rule over Israel.
- God sent Israel into exile into the east.
- God sent prophets to speak to pagan Kings and their officials.

- God sent the people of Israel back to the land of Israel through pagan Kings.
- God sent a star to guide men from the east to Jesus.

God moves kings and stars to accomplish His plan.

3. God provides everything that is needed to accomplish His plan.

- God sent the wise men prophecies to guide them to Jesus.(Daniel 9:
- God sent the wise men a star to guide them to Jesus.
- God sent the wise men with gifts to provide for Jesus.
- God sent the wise men a dream to guide them out of Israel.
- God sent Joseph a dream to guide him out of Israel.

God provides everything that is needed to accomplish His plan.

God's plan for your life.

His plan is to...

- Rule you (Romans 10:9)
- Redeem you (Romans 5:8)
- Restore you (Romans 8:28-29)

You are the star that He wants to use to guide others to Jesus! (Matthew 4:19; Matthew 5:14-16; Matthew 28:19-20)

To cooperate with God...

- You must yield to His plan
 - You must trust Him
1. You must believe that He allows what He hates to accomplish His plan in your life.
 2. You must believe that He will move kings and stars to accomplish His plan in your life.
 3. You must believe that He will provide everything you need to accomplish His plan.

Will you yield to His plan?

Will you trust Him?

Micah 5:2

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

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Hosea 11:1

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

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Jeremiah 31:15

15 Thus says the Lord: "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more."

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Numbers 24:17

17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel, And batter the brow of Moab, And destroy all the sons of tumult.

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