

# The Coming of the Messiah

*Matthew 2:1-23*

## I. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ in His Coming.

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 1-2, 9-12)

- Who were these men?

The exact identity of the Magi is impossible to determine, though several ideas have been suggested. It is believed they were Gentiles of high position from Babylon, who were given a special revelation by God of the birth of the King of the Jews. This special revelation may simply have been in the sky, as might be indicated by their title “Magi” (specialists in astronomy) and by the fact they referred to a star which they saw. This revelation could have come through some contact of the Jews in Babylon during the 70-year captivity with copies of Old Testament manuscripts. Many feel the Magi’s comments reflected a knowledge of Balaam’s prophecy concerning the “star” that would “come out of Jacob” (Num. 24:17). Whatever the source, they came to Jerusalem to worship the newborn King of the Jews.

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 2, 10-11)

- Psalm 5:11; 16:11; 1 Peter 1:8

2. Through \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13-15, 19-23)

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_ obedience (vs. 13-15)

2. By \_\_\_\_\_ obeying (vs. 19-23)

- Psalm 37:7, 40:1

## II. Those who sought to \_\_\_\_\_ His Coming.

The political leaders

A. \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 3-8, 16-18)

1. Through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 7-8)

2. Through \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 16)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the Son of Herod (v. 22)

He was noted for tyranny, murder, and instability, and was believed to be insane as a result of close family intermarriages.

## III. Those who were \_\_\_\_\_ of His Coming.

The religious leaders (vs. 4-6)

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

B. The \_\_\_\_\_

- The scribes' attention was to the law, gaining for themselves distinction by their intimate knowledge of its contents. Their duty was multiplying copies of the law and teaching it to others.

## IV. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ His Coming.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Prophet [Micah 5:2] (vs. 5-6)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ the Prophet [Hosea 11:1] (v. 15)

C. \_\_\_\_\_ the Prophet [Jer. 31:15] (v. 17)

D. The Prophets (v. 23)

Some believe the quote "He shall be called a Nazarene" comes from Isaiah 11:1, "*And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.*" The word "Branch" is the Hebrew word which has consonants like those in the word "Nazarene" which carry the idea of having an insignificant beginning.