

Matthew 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, (These are the Magi) (Bethlehem = the house of bread; Jesus is the Bread of life)

1Samuel-16 (Prophesied that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem – more than 1000 years earlier)

(David was a type <a precursor> for Jesus. David was king of Israel; Jesus is King of kings, Lord of lords)

2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. **Numbers-24:15-17** (The prophecy of the coming of Messiah. A star would announce His birth. That star led the Magi directly to Judea, to witness the fulfilling of the prophecy)

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. (There were 4 different Herod's in that time period. This one was known as Herod the Great)

NOTE: (The Magi announcing the birth of the "king of the Jews" was a challenge to the rule of the vassal king Herod. He was nothing more than a governor of this province, under Caesar)

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. (He feared that Jesus would replace him as a ruler of Judea)

(Notice who he pulls together to undo the coming of Jesus – the corrupt clergy of the Jewish religion. These are the same scumbags that would later falsely accuse Jesus; so that He would be crucified by the Romans)

5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, **Micah-5:2** (This prophecy foretold the very town where Jesus would be born. Man cannot do that)

(Only God can inspire the prophets with His knowledge. This is just one of numerous proofs that the Bible is the true Word of God)

⁶ And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. **Genesis-49:10 (Another prophecy fulfilled)**

⁷ Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. **(He's trying to get information – but not for any good reason. He is a corrupt governor, looking to wipe out any competitor)**

NOTE: (Herod was planning evil – all for nothing. Jesus came as Messiah – a spiritual savior. HE had no interest in becoming an earthly king. HIS kingdom was of saving souls. He would rule forever)

⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. **(Not likely; this guy was a liar. Herod thought that Jesus had come to replace him as king)**

⁹ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. **(Thee star stopped above where Jesus was born. God created the universe. HE controls nature itself, if He so chooses to)**

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. **(These are the Magi. They had no hidden agenda, unlike Herod)**

¹¹ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. **(the house – the stable behind the inn; there was no room at the inn when Joseph and Marry arrived)**

(It was customary to bring gifts when visiting a king)

¹² And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. **(They were warned by God of Herod's attempt at deception. He wanted to murder Jesus in order to keep his hold on power. He was pure evil)**

NOTE: (God protects His own – just as He protects Christians, today – even with all the attacks from the Muslims, the communists and the politically correct left in the Western countries. Christianity has stood the test of time; and it will do so right up until the end of this Age)

¹³ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. (There are no secrets where God is concerned. HE can read our minds. No one can deceive Him)

¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: (Joseph obeyed God, as he always did)

¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. (my son = my begotten – better translation; Jesus was God in the flesh, not a different person; not His son) see Hosea-11:1, Isaiah-7:14

¹⁶ Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, (Herod committed mass murder of countless children in order to get a single child)

¹⁸ In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. (Rama was later renamed Bethlehem)

Jeremiah-31:15-16 (Jesus would later be born in the same town that Benjamin, the last of the 12 patriarchs of Israel, was born)

Genesis-35:15-20 (Rachel gave birth to Benjamin in Bethlehem. She died there in childbirth)

¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

²⁰ Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life.

²¹ And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

²² But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: (Archelaus = prince of the people; but he was not much better than his father. He was just another vassal king for the Romans)

²³ And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

See Judges-13:5 (For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines)