

Matthew 2

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The Visit of the Wise Men

¹ 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,

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.

³ When Herod the king had heard these things, 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 demanded of them where Christ should be born.

⁵ And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

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.

⁷ Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

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.

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.

¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

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.

12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

The Flight to Egypt

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.

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

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.

The Massacre of the Infants

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, 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 enquired of the wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

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.

The Return to Nazareth

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:

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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — ἄγγελος (Angelos)

Angel, messenger

The Greek **angelos** (ἄγγελος) means angel or messenger. Angels announced Christ's birth (Luke 2:9-14), ministered to Him (Matthew 4:11), and will accompany His return (Matthew 25:31).

Born Again — γεννάω ἄνωθεν (Gennao Anothēn)

Born again, born from above

The Greek phrase combines **gennao** (to beget/birth) with **anōthen** (from above/again). Jesus told Nicodemus, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God' (John 3:3)—a spiritual rebirth by the Holy Spirit.

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Prophet — προφήτης (Prophētēs)

Prophet

The Greek **prophētēs** (προφήτης) denotes a prophet—one who speaks forth God's message. Jesus was recognized as 'a prophet mighty in deed and word' (Luke 24:19), fulfilling and surpassing the prophetic office.

CROSS REFERENCES

Matthew 2:1 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 2:5; Genesis 25:6; 49:10; 1 Kings 4:30; Isaiah 11:10; Micah 5:2; Luke 2:11; 2:15; John 7:42. **References Jesus:** Matthew 1:25

Matthew 2:2

Parallel theme: Numbers 24:17; Revelation 22:16. **Kingdom:** Psalms 2:6; Isaiah 60:3; Jeremiah 23:5; Zechariah 9:9; Luke 23:3; 23:38; John 18:37. **Worship:** Hebrews 1:6

Matthew 2:3 **References Jerusalem:** Matthew 23:37. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 8:29; Acts 4:2

Matthew 2:4 **Parallel theme:** Acts 6:12; 23:9

Matthew 2:5 **Parallel theme:** Ruth 1:1; 2:4; 1 Samuel 16:1; John 7:42

Matthew 2:6 **References Israel:** 2 Samuel 5:2; Micah 5:2. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 2:1; 28:18; Genesis 49:10; Isaiah 40:11; John 7:42; Colossians 1:18; Revelation 2:27; 11:15

Matthew 2:7 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 18:21; Psalms 55:21

Matthew 2:9 **Kingdom:** Matthew 2:2. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 25:12; Proverbs 8:17; 2 Peter 1:19

Matthew 2:10 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 32:13; Psalms 67:4; 105:3; Luke 2:10; 2:20

Matthew 2:11 **Worship:** Matthew 2:2; 14:33; Psalms 72:15; 95:6; Isaiah 60:6; Revelation 19:10. **Parallel theme:** Numbers 7:14; 1 Kings 10:2; Psalms 72:10; Luke 2:16

Matthew 2:12

References God: Matthew 2:22; Genesis 31:24; Exodus 1:17; Acts 4:19; 5:29; Hebrews 11:7. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 1:20; 2:13; 2:19; 27:19

Matthew 2:13

References Lord: Matthew 1:20; Acts 5:19; 12:11. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 2:12; 2:16; Exodus 1:22; Job 33:15; Acts 10:7; Revelation 12:6; 12:14

Matthew 2:14 **Parallel theme:** Matthew 1:24; Acts 26:21

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Matthew 2:16 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 49:7; Judges 16:10; 2 Kings 8:12; Proverbs 28:15; Isaiah 26:21; 59:7; Daniel 3:13; Hosea 10:14; Revelation 17:6

Matthew 2:18 **Parallel theme:** Jeremiah 4:31; 31:15

Matthew 2:19 **References Lord:** Matthew 1:20; Jeremiah 30:10; Ezekiel 11:16. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 2:22; Psalms 76:10; 139:7; Isaiah 51:12; Daniel 8:25; 11:45

Matthew 2:20 **Parallel theme:** Exodus 4:19; 1 Kings 11:21; 11:40. **Resurrection:** Matthew 2:13

Matthew 2:21 **Parallel theme:** Genesis 6:22; Hebrews 11:8

Matthew 2:22

Parallel theme: Matthew 1:20; 2:19; 3:13; 1 Samuel 16:2; Psalms 73:24; 121:8; Isaiah 30:21; Luke 2:39; John 7:52. **References God:** Psalms 48:14

Matthew 2:23 **Parallel theme:** Judges 13:5

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