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Study No. 3
Christ's Birth - Prophecies Fulfilled

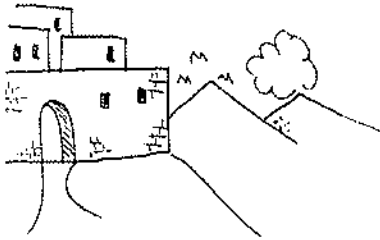


Matthew 2: 1-12

Suggested Further Reading
 Isaiah 9: 6 Micah 5: 2 John 14: 1-6



Matthew 2: 6



The birth of the Lord Jesus was no accident! It was not planned by Mary and Joseph, but it was wonderfully and carefully arranged by God Himself! As well as sending angels to announce the news to the shepherds, God gave an extraordinary sign in the heavens declaring His birth!

- What had been seen?
- Where were the men when they saw it?
- Why had these men travelled to Jerusalem?
- Who was king at the time of their visit?

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What question did they ask the king?

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When the king had consulted his 'experts', they informed him that the Christ would be born in Bethlehem.

Underline from what source they had obtained their information.

The king's diary Newspaper headlines The prophet's writings

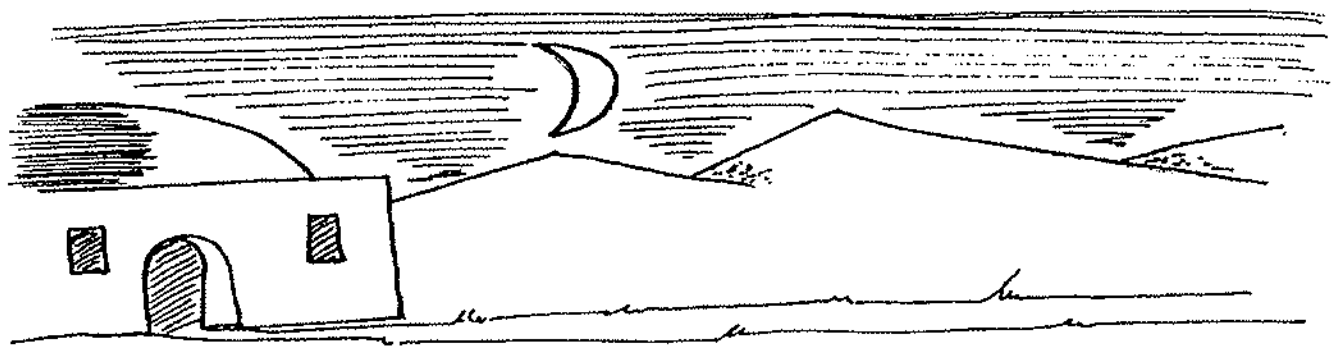
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This information had been written by Micah about 700 years before Christ's birth took place.

Look up Micah's prophecy (Micah 5: 2) and using the facts given in it, cross out the **WRONG** words.

The town's full name was Bethlehem *Elkanah / Ephraim / Ephrathah*.
 It was a small town in *Judah / Joppa / Jezreel*.
 Yet from it would come a *Soldier / Ruler / Builder* over *Iturea / Issachar / Israel*.

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The last phrase in Micah 5: 2 teaches us that the Lord Jesus existed before He was born in Bethlehem.

Turn to Isaiah 9: 6 and list ALL of the names of ...“the child born ... the son given.”

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How wonderful it is to see that these prophecies of the Old Testament came true so accurately! The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies in the New Testament times greatly strengthens our faith in the Bible as God’s inspired Word. It also convinces us that prophecies yet unfulfilled will also come true, for example, our Lord’s promised return. He said, “If I go ... I will come again”. (John 14: 3)

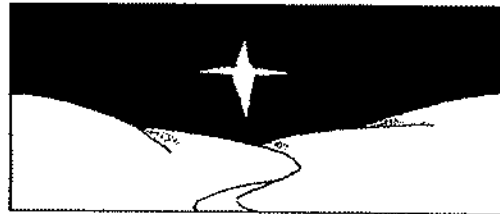
Herod requested the Wise Men to let him know where the Child was, when they had found Him.

What did he say he wanted to do?

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We know that, in so saying, Herod was insincere and deceitful. (See Matthew 2: 13.)



The worship of the Wise Men was very different.

Write a sentence to show how sincere and genuine they were in their worship of Him.

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Only one word answers are required to these points about the Wise Men’s visit to see the young Child, Jesus.

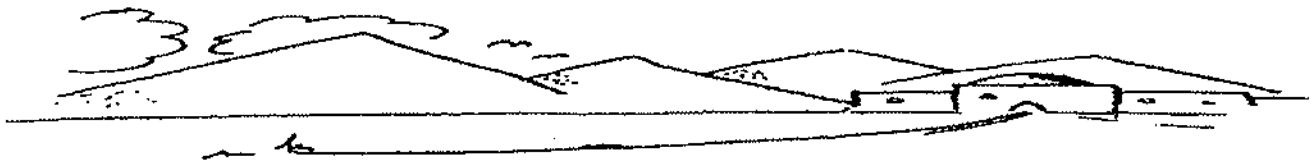
1. Their reaction on seeing the star.
2. One of the gifts they brought to Him.
3. The place where they found Him.
4. What they did when they saw Him.

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The Wise Men saw Jesus as a Ruler and as Someone worthy of their best gifts and highest adoration. Herod, however, saw Jesus as a rival and as a threat to his throne and rule.

How do you view Him? Is He the supreme Lord of your life, or is He a threat to the way you are living?



For teacher’s remarks

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