

# THE GOSPEL

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# OF JESUS CHRIST Born Of The HOLY SPIRIT

## BETHLEHEM, THE CHRIST CHILD, AND THE WISE MEN

**Matthew 2:1** "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, (Herod: called Herod the great, reigning 40 BC to 4 AD. His father was an Edomite, and not a true Jew, but Rome chose him to rule the Jews because he was a great builder. The Wise men: mag'-os= Chief Magian, Magi, Oriental Scientist, studying the stars, in Babylonia & Persia).

**2:2** "Saying, Where Is HE That Is Born KING OF THE JEWS? For we have Seen HIS Star in the East, and have come to Worship HIM. (This really sets Herod off, because the Jews never accepted him as their true king, only as Rome's puppet king over them. Worship: proskyneo= to kiss the Master's hand. Do homage, Reverence, Adoration. Read Psalm 2:10-12 "Be Wise now therefore, O ye kings: Be Instructed, ye judges of the Earth. Serve The LORD (Creator) with Fear, and Rejoice with Trembling. KISS THE SON, Lest HE be angry, and ye perish from the way, when HIS Wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed Are They That Put Their Trust In HIM. (The Jews had spent 70 years in Babylon, so these Wise men were Acting in Obedience to the Psalms of David; learned from the Jews).

**2:3** "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. (JESUS, Born into the Lineage of both Abraham and King David, would have been favored, over Herod 'the choice of Rome.' ROME, who by General Pompey, had captured Jerusalem around 63 BC. Herod stirred up Jerusalem, the Capital of Roman Palestine. The land was called Israel & Judaea until the Babylonians captured it. Later in the 5th Century BC The Ancient Greeks called it 'Palaistine.'

Palestine comes from Latin 'Palestina' the Roman province. The British, in 1920 made the mistake of calling the Land of Israel; 'Palestine, while allowing the Jews to return home, and there has been conflict ever since. Finally, in our day of Enlightenment, our President Recognizes Israel; and Jerusalem as her Capital).

**2:4** "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. (Every since returning from Babylon the Jews were awaiting their Messiah, the Christ. But Herod, not a true Jew, had to ask the Jews for Information of where Christ was supposed to be born, according to the Scriptures. Herod certainly didn't know the Holy Scriptures. JESUS was called by these 2 Titles. The Christ: Christos= the Anointed King/Priest. And Messiah: the Anointed of the LORD GOD (Creator).

**2:5-6** "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is Written by the Prophet. 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. (This is all Herod needed to hear. A Governor Coming To Rule Israel in his place. Notice here how Creator LORD GOD, through the Prophet Micah, Calls this Land occupied by Rome. HE Calls It Judaea, and Israel; not Roman Palestine. Read Micah 5:2 "But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah (fruitful), though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall HE come forth unto ME that is to be Ruler in Israel; Whose goings forth have been from of Old, from Everlasting. (To be a Shepherd of His people. Remember that King David was a Shepherd of his Father's Sheep). Micah 5:1 "Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid Siege against us: they shall smite the Judge of Israel with a Rod Upon The Cheek. (Before the coming of

their Christ; Israel would be under Siege by Rome, Israel's Army would not prevail against Rome, but later Israel's Leaders would Strike their own Christ instead. This would happen when they take JESUS captive and during the Trials, and Crucifixion of the Christ, Born King of the Jews).

**Matt 2:7** "Then Herod, when he had privately called the Wise men, enquired of them diligently what Time the Star appeared. (Herod wanted to know JESUS Age because he had murder on his mind. Herod had gained reign over Jerusalem just 27 years after Pompey had conquered it, and he was not interested in another King growing up to replace him).

**2:8** "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 to worship HIM also. (By the time these Wise men had traveled from Babylon or Persia, to Israel; JESUS was not still in the Manger where the Shepherds had found Him. By now HE was a Child in the House. Herod had no intention to worship, he just wanted JESUS location for his evil plan; of extinguishing HIM).

**2:9** "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. (The LORD Creator guided these Wise men by a Special Star to HIS Only Begotten Son, to bring their Royal Gifts and their Worship to HIM).

**2:10-11** "When they saw the Star, they rejoiced with exceeding great Joy. 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. (Royal Gifts Fit For The King).

(Bible Verses from KJV. Additional Capitals used for Emphasis).