

A detailed painting of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus who is lying in a manger. Joseph is kneeling in front of the manger, holding the child's hands. Several other figures, including a shepherd with a staff and a man with a scroll, are gathered around. A white lamb is in the foreground. The scene is set in a dark, rocky cave with a small window in the background. The lighting is warm and focused on the manger.

A One-Star Hotel  
Matthew 2:1-12

Part One

# Summary of Today's Message

Today our focus is on these Wise Men from the East  
We will explore the myths surrounding the wise men  
And dip into Old Testament Prophecy as to their origin

This is part one in a two part message and today  
We will look closely at the very important question the  
Wise Men asked when they came to Bethlehem

# Summary of Today's Message

'Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?  
For we have seen his star in the east and have come  
to worship him.'

# The Arrival of the Wise Men

The Wise Men showed up when Jesus was in a house probably about several months later

By this time Jesus had been circumcised and presented in the temple

Mary and Joseph gave a “poor peoples offering” of two turtle doves

Believers celebrate Jesus’ birth not just at Christmas, but the celebration is ongoing

## Some Facts About the Wise Men

They asked a very important question, “Where is He that is born King of the Jews”

Historians believe they were Zoro-Astrians whose god was Ahura Mazda who the gift of light or fire to humanity

# Some Facts About the Wise Men

This system of worship is still practiced by a few in India known as Parsees who claim to be direct descendants of the magi

# The Role of the Prophet Daniel in the Magi

Daniel was captured by Nebuchadnezzar when the Jews went into Babylonian

captivity and he interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar and as a result they

spared the lives of all the magi and Daniel became the chief of them -Daniel 2:48

Daniel primed the pump for these wise men in chapters 2, 4, 7, and 9

# Old Testament Prophecies on the Birth of Jesus

Numbers 24:17, “A star will come from Jacob and a ruler will arise from Israel.”

Isaiah chapter 9:2 “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light and those who dwell in the shadow of death, a great light has shined.”



# The Origin of the Star is Unknown

Some say it was the appearance of the planet Jupiter

Others say it was a conjunction of two planets  
together forming the sign of a fish

Others say it was a low-hanging meteor in the night  
sky

The Origin of the Star is Unknown

Others say it was a comet in the earth's rotation

The DVD "The Star of Bethlehem" - is a Myth

## The DVD “Star of Bethlehem”

- The star was a sign that took place in the constellation of the lion in the night sky
  - which according to the ancients was the constellation that referred to the nation of Israel and from what they saw in that constellation they knew a king would be born to the Jews

# The Star of Bethlehem

There was a movement in the constellation of Virgo indicting the virgin birth of the king of the Jews.

The Point Matthew is Making

The Main Point of Matthew's Account of the Birth of Jesus Regarding the Wise Men

A group of dignitaries who were not Jewish, were Zoro-Astrians and they knew

that there was somebody born the king of the Jews when by and large the Jew were unaware of it

## POINT TO PONDER

Have you found in your search peace and salvation  
from King Jesus?

“Pistol” Pete Maravich did

Watch and listen to his thrilling testimony