

HOW TO INTRODUCE THE KING (II)

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Matthew 2:1-25

“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.” Matthew 2:2

Matthew wrote in order to demonstrate to the Jews that Jesus is their King. When this fact is applied to our study of Matthew, everything he wrote will be understood better and more fully.

Matthew introduced Jesus to his readers by citing seven facts connected with Jesus birth. These demonstrated His kingly credentials. But he continued to present more proof, and his report of the Magi visit added much to it. We consider that amazing event by asking five questions:

1. Who were the Magi?

2. How did they know about Jesus' birth?

Jewish Exiles
Star

3. What was the star?

4. What did the Magi do?

Sought the newborn King
Aroused the interest of Israel's religious and governmental leaders
Thereby provided yet another confirmation the Jesus is the King
Found the young King
Worshipped the young King, giving Him gifts
Disregarded Israel's king, obeying God in order to spare the true King

5. What was the effect of their visit?

Brought to the forefront the prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
Thwarted Israel's king, exposing his inability to harm the true King
Indirectly wrought the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy (Jer. 31:15)
Demonstrated Jesus Christ's kingship
Showed that the King of the Jews would also be worshipped by Gentiles