

La Visita de los Sabios de Oriente



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Mateo 2:1-12 - *La Visita de los Sabios de Oriente*

Cuando Jesús nació, en Belén de Judea, en días del rey Herodes, llegaron del oriente a Jerusalén unos sabios, 2 preguntando:-- ¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que ha nacido? pues su estrella hemos visto en el oriente y venimos a adorarlo.

3 Al oír esto, el rey Herodes se turbó, y toda Jerusalén con él.

4 Y, habiendo convocado a todos los principales sacerdotes y escribas del pueblo, les preguntó dónde había de nacer el Cristo.

5 Ellos le respondieron:--En Belén de Judea, porque así fue escrito por el profeta:

**6 “Y tú, Belén, de la tierra de Judá,
no eres la más pequeña entre los príncipes de Judá,
porque de ti saldrá un guiador,
que apacentará a mi pueblo Israel”.**

7 Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los sabios y se cercióró del tiempo exacto en que había aparecido la estrella.

8 Y enviándolos a Belén, dijo:--Id allá y averiguad con diligencia acerca del niño y, cuando lo halléis, hacédmelo saber, para que yo también vaya a adorarlo.

9 Ellos, habiendo oído al rey, se fueron. Y la estrella que habían visto en el oriente iba delante de ellos, hasta que, llegando, se detuvo sobre donde estaba el niño. 10 Y al ver la estrella, se regocijaron con muy grande gozo.

11 Al entrar en la casa, vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose lo adoraron. Luego, abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron presentes: oro, incienso y mirra. 12 Pero siendo avisados por revelación en sueños que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino.

Matthew 2:1-12 - *The Wise Men Worship Jesus*

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

5 They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

**6“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a Ruler
who will shepherd My people Israel.”**

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him.”

9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

11 And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

A Closer Look: *The Wise Men Worship Jesus*

- 1. Why did the wise men follow the star?** *(They wanted to worship the new King)*
- 2. Why did they stop in Jerusalem?** *(Since they were looking for a king, they thought He might be found near the capital. They asked the reigning king.)*
- 3. What did King Herod's advisors tell the wise men?** *(They told what the prophets had said of Jesus birth. He would be born in Bethlehem.)*
- 4. How did the wise men react as the star led them to the home of Jesus?** *(“They rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.”)*
- 5. When they saw Jesus, what did they do?** *(They knelt and worshipped Him. They gave Him gifts.)*
- 6. Name the gifts they gave?** *(gold, frankincense, and myrrh)*
- 7. The evil King Herod hoped to kill the baby Jesus. He hoped the wise men would guide him to Jesus. Who warned the wise men not to go back to Jerusalem?** *(God in a dream)*
- 8. Jesus was born Jewish and the wise men were gentiles. Who did Jesus come to save?** *(Jesus came to save all people, including you and I.)*
- 9. Jesus is called a King. Where does He rule?** *(He rules the universe.) Is Jesus your King too? (Yes!)*