



The King for Everyone

First in “Three Perspectives on Christmas”

Matthew 2:1-12

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Introduction: Picture some angry, shouting, fist-waving Afghans, Iraqis, or Iranians.

Matt 2:1-2 Jesus the Messiah’s birth elicits international, gentile responsiveness.

A. The Magi

B. From the East

C. His Star

Matt 2:3-8 Jesus the Messiah’s birth also elicits national, Jewish concern.

A. Herod and his ignorance (vv. 4-6)

B. His diabolical plan (vv. 7-8)

Matt 2:9-12 Jesus the Messiah’s birth elicits Gentile worship of Him as King.

A. (vv. 9-10) Micah 5:2 and the star

B. (v. 11) Into *the house* (not a stable!)

C. (v. 12) The Magi’s return

Conclusion: