



FUNDAMENTAL GRACE BIBLE STUDY

Matthew

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Lesson 5: Chapter 2:1-23

Christ's Opening Events: Herod's Messianic Persecution

1. Review

- a. Christ's kingly genealogy & Joseph's angelic dream
- b. Christ's birth in Bethlehem...of a woman, under the law – Lu2:1-21; Cf. Gal4:4
- c. Mary, while chosen of God, was a sinner like anyone else born of Adam – Lu2:22; Cf. Lev12:1-8
- d. Simeon & Anna's prophecy concern light to Gentiles, redemption & glory of Israel – Lu2:27-38

2. 2:1-3

- a. "Herod the king" Jews ruled in their own land by Romans – Dan2:26-45
- b. "wise men" could know Daniel's Messianic prophecy – Dan9:24; 1Kgs4:29,30; Mt12:42; Cf. Zech8:23
- c. "King of the Jews" the wise men knew of what Israel's Messiah would do – Isa9:6-7; Jn19:7-21
- d. "troubled" Herod nor the rulers in Jerusalem desired the coming of Christ – Ps2:1-12; Cf. Ac4:24
- e. Machiavelli. *The Prince: Of Mixed Principdoms*: "blood of the ancient line of Princes be destroyed"
- f. **Note**: Attempts to kill Christ were against his Kingship, not his cross-work – Gen3:15; 1Cor2:7-8; Jn10:17

3. 2:4-8

- a. "chief priests...scribes" some knowledge remained in Israel, but not much – Jn3:1-12; 18:3-6
- b. Prophecy #2: "thou Bethlehem" Christ coming from Bethlehem – Mic5:2
- c. Christ's nativity was questioned frequently: division in Israel – Jn1:46; 7:41-43,52
- d. "what time the star appeared" apparently 2 years had passed – Mt2:7; Cf. 2:16

4. 2:9-11

- a. "his star" angels are spoken of as stars – Nu24:17; Rev1:20; 9:1; Judg6:20; Cf. Rev12:4,7
- b. "the star went before them...and stood" house and inn are different – Mt2:11; Cf. Lu2:7
- c. "young child" which is different than a "the babe" – Mt2:11; Cf. Lu2:8
- d. "treasures...gifts" proper Gentile response to Israel & their King – Gen12:1-3; Ps72:1-10; Isa60
- e. "gold...frankincense...myrrh" linked to holy anointed Priest/King: eternally – Ex30; Cf. Heb7:1-3
- f. **Note**: the verses do not indicate they are 3 Gentiles or kings

5. 2:12-23

- a. "warned of God" = present intervention | God spoke, they responded | we have his Scripture
- b. "slew all the children" not the first time subtly to wrath against children – Ex1:8-10,15-22; 2:1-2
- c. Prophecy #3: "Out of Egypt" Christ coming from Egypt – Hos11:1; Ex4:22; Cf. Jn3:7
- d. Prophecy #4: "Rachel weeping" died having Benjamin – Gen35:16-20; Cf. Jer31:15; Josh18:20,25
- e. "Rama" Ramah (city of tribe of Benjamin) where Israel asked Samuel for a king – 1Sam8:1-7
- f. Prophecy #5: (**spoken** does not necessitate **written**) Cf. Mt27:9 or Paul quoting Christ – Ac20:35
- g. "Nazarene" there is the "law of the Nazarite" – Nu6:1-21
 - i. **Note**: Samson was a type of Christ, judging & delivering Israel – Judg13:5
 - ii. John the Baptist was a Levite with a Nazarite description – Lu1:13-15



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Israel Under Gentile Rule

1. Began with besieging & exiling Israel (Assyria) & Judah (Babylon)
2. Continue through Exile and Return of Judah to the land
3. Gentile Kingdom Progression:
 - a. Assyrian | Babylonian | Medo-Persian | Grecian | Roman (Daniel 2:1-45)
 - b. **Roman Emperors:**
 - i. Augustus (27BC-14 AD) – Lu2:1
 - ii. Tiberius (14-37 AD) – Lu3:1; Mt22:17
 - iii. Claudius (41-54 AD) – Ac11:28; 18:2
 - iv. Nero (54-68 AD) – Ac25:21
 - c. **Provincial Kings**
 - i. King Herod (Judaea) – Mt2:1-19; Lu1:5
 - ii. Archelaus – Reigned in Judaea after his father Herod – Mt2:22; Ac12:1
 - iii. Herod the Tetrarch (Galilee) – Lu3:1; Mt14:1
 - iv. Philip the Tetrarch (Ituraea & Trachonitis)
 - v. Lysanias the Tetrarch (Abilene)
 - vi. King Agrippa – Ac25:13-26:32
 - d. **Governors**
 - i. Pontius Pilot (Judaea) – Lu3:1
 - ii. Felix – Ac23:11-35
 - iii. Festus – Ac25:10-12
 - e. Annas & Caiaphas
 - i. Jewish High Priests – Lu3:2
 - ii. Annas was father in law to Caiaphas – Jn18:13
 - f. Herodians – Mt22:16

