

Matthew 2:1-12

A Light to the Nations

Sermon Notes for Sunday, January 13, 2008 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri

Introduction - Epiphany and the Church Year

- I. **Old Testament Postmillennial Prefigurements of Matthew 2:1-11**
 - A. Micah 5:1-4a Bethlehem and Conquest
 - B. Numbers 24:15-23 (see also 23:18-25) A Star, A Scepter, and Dominion
 - C. Isaiah 60:1-14 The Glory of God Draws The Wealth of the Gentiles
- II. **Correcting Other Misconceptions About Matthew 2:1-11**
 - A. The *Timing* of Fulfillment of Simeon's Song (the Nunc)? Luke 2:25-35
 - B. We *Three Kings* - Unnumbered Priests: Not Kings, but King-makers
Zoroastrian God-fearers?
 - C. Following Yonder *Star* - A Very Unusual Star! v. 9
A Tabernacle for the Sun; A House for the Son, A Leading Light
Ps. 19:4; Amos 5:26/Acts 7:43; Ex. 40; Ps. 80:1,2; Mal. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:6
 - D. Bearing *Gifts* - King, God, and Sacrifice? Yes but...!
Frankincense - Lev. 2
Myrrh - Ex. 30:23; Ps. 45:8; Canticles 4:6,7
Gold - Genesis 2:11,12
- III. **Some Truths Revealed**
 - A. Constitution of the New Temple of the Lord - Canticles 3:6; Isa. 60:7
Change of priesthood, change of law (Heb. 7:12)
 - B. The Great Reversal Has Been Effected
Joseph and Myrrh Gen. 37:25; 43:11,12
 - C. Our *Response* is
 - 1.) **Worship** (Tribute, Spirit-consecrated Prayer at the Golden Altar)
Gold - Money/Labor
Frankincense - Prayer
Myrrh - Love (Esther 2:12)
 - 2.) **Deliberate Light-bearing**, Honoring the Family Names
Blank Prayer Requests

Christians (By Baptism) , Refracted Into:
Hebrews – Abraham

Israelites – Jacob

Jews – Judah

Conclusion – Departing Another Way

Children's Notes for Epiphany Sunday, 2008

1. When is Epiphany? _____.
2. How many days after Christmas is that? _____
3. _____ said Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.
4. _____ makes us think the Wise Men rode on camels.
5. How many men brought presents to Jesus? Were they Kings?
6. Name two other places where gold, frankincense and myrrh come together in the bible.
 - A. The _____
 - B. _____ ' _____ wedding cart.
7. _____ was used to anoint the temple items.
8. Frankincense was burned on the _____ altar.
9. In worship, we act as we should to _____.
10. In worship, we _____ good habits.
11. In worship we re-_____ our view of the world.
12. Abraham the Hebrew was _____.
13. Jacob the Israelite _____.
14. Judah the Jew was to rule through _____.
15. These family names tell us how to _____.
16. When we shine, the _____ come to Jesus.



**Wise Men Worship Jesus
Matthew 2**

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