

Matthew 2:1-12

Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come

Sermon Notes for Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 2013 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, 61 The Glory of God Draws The Wealth of the Gentiles
 - D. Exodus, Abraham, Paradise

- II. **Correcting Misconceptions About Matthew 2:1-11**
 - A. The **Timing** - 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 (Song of Songs) 4:6,7
Gold - Genesis 2:11,12

- III. **Some Truths Revealed**
 - A. Constitution of the New Temple/House of the Lord - Canticles 3:6; Isa. 60:7

 - 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.) **Intentional Light-bearing** - Isa. 60; Philippians 2:14

 - 3.) **Hope** in Difficult Times - Strength and Weakness, Wisdom and Folly,
Jacob, Job, Jonah, Naomi

 - 4.) **Great Joy!!**

Conclusion – Departing Another Way

Children's Notes for Epiphany Sunday, 2013

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. Adam and Cain went _____.
13. Abraham traveled _____.
14. We shouldn't _____.
15. Jacob and Naomi had a very _____ life.
16. When we shine, we _____ others to Jesus.

