

Mt. 2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi** from the east came to Jerusalem

SIZE of the Caravan



and asked, “**Where** is the one who has been **born King** of the **Jews**? We saw his star in the east and have come to



worship him.”³ When **King Herod** heard this he was **disturbed**, and **ALL Jerusalem** with him.

3 pts - Parthians





1. Herod 40 BC / 37 BC / Caesar's policy of détente – buffer nations
2. Magi - Council of the Megistanes / Weak old King / why no spies



3. Parthian Jews / 11 Parthian books of Bible → 4 tied to Royalty

Ezra -- 20% Acts 2:9 / *Neh.* / *Esther* / *Daniel* -- Daniel 6 *Rab-mag*
II Kgs. / *I & II Chron.* / *Isaiah* / *Jer.* / *Lam.* / *Ezekiel*

Politics



Politics → Line that makes me *GRIMACE in Pain*

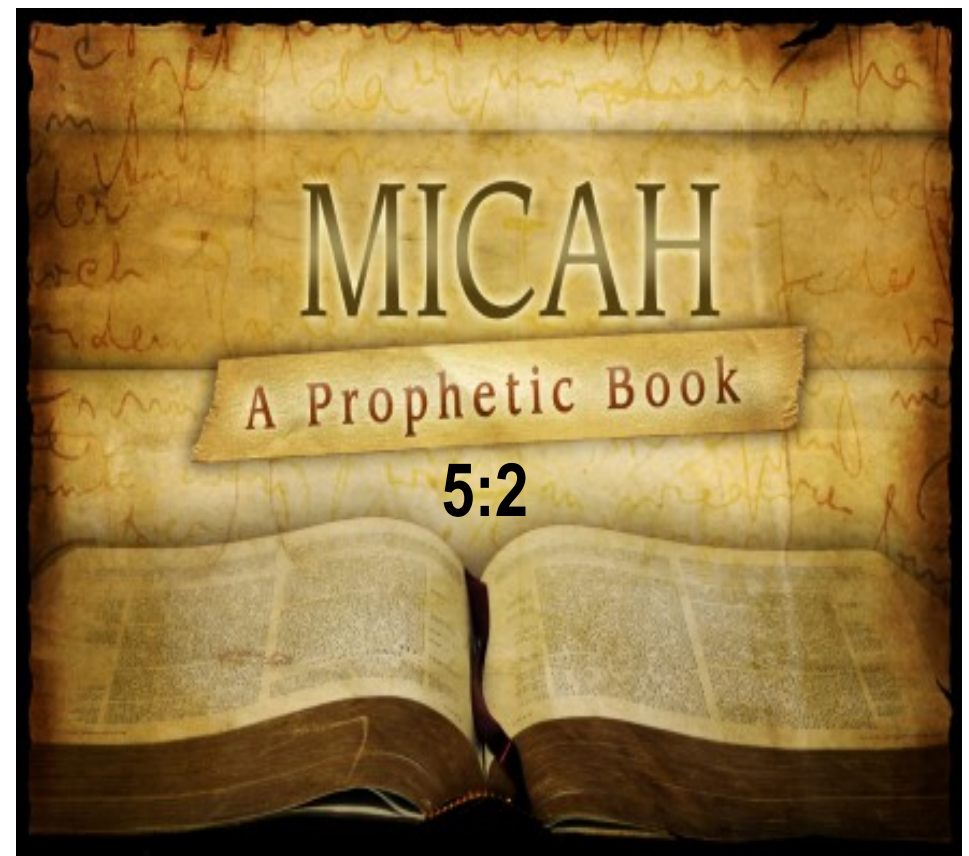
~ *If people just Understood.....*

Opposite

~ **Praying** - II Chronicles 7:14

When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them **WHERE** the Christ was to be born. ⁵ "In **Bethlehem** in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

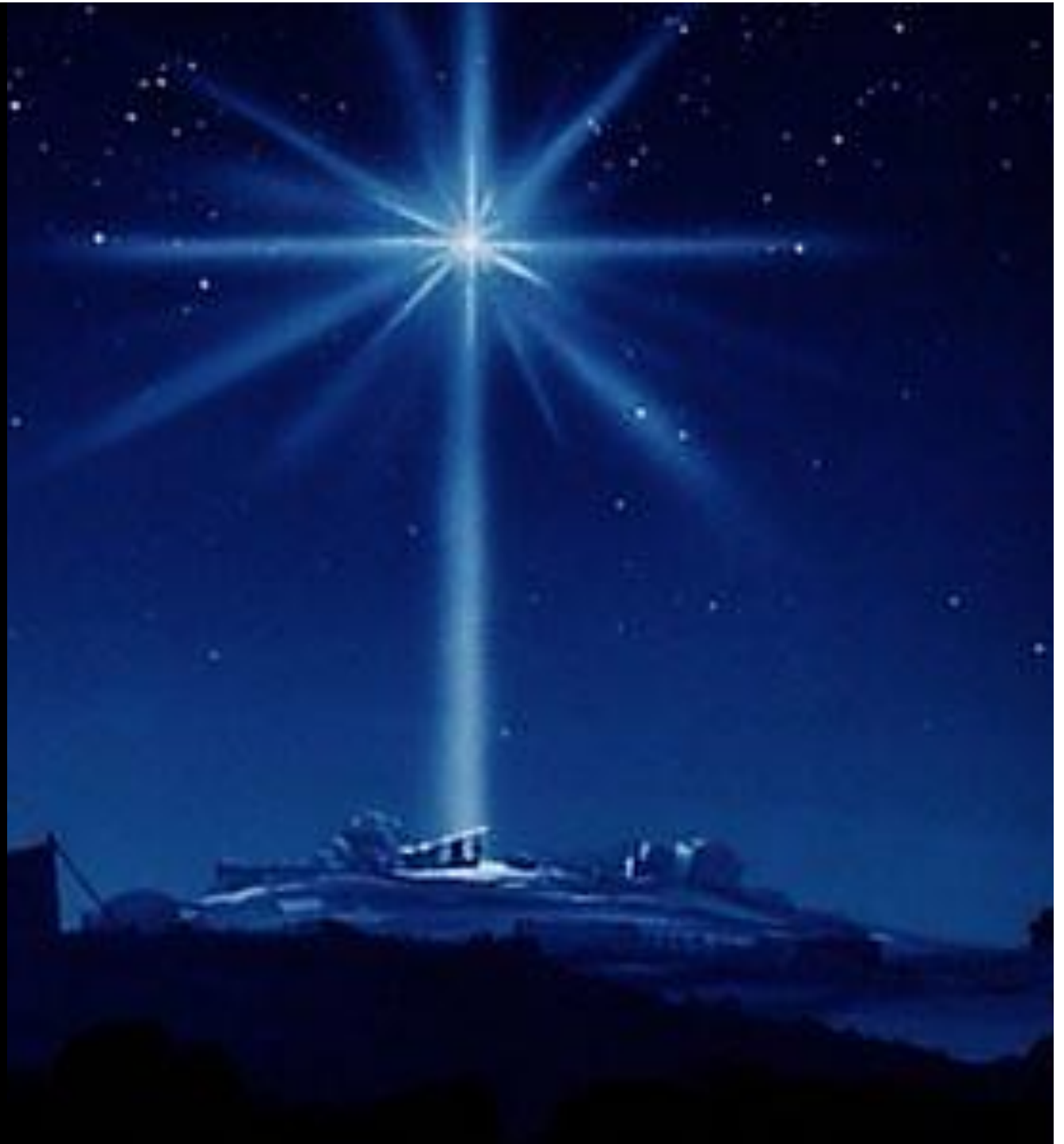
⁶ *"But you, **Bethlehem**, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a **Ruler** who will be the shepherd of my people Israel."*



⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the **Exact Time** the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go



and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, **Report to ME,** so that I too may go and worship him.”⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their



way, and the star they
had seen in the east

Went Ahead

(6 miles)

of them until it

STOPPED

Over

the **place where**

the child was.

¹⁰ When they **SAW**

the **star**, they were

overjoyed. **Rev. 12** v.11



¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down & worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of **Gold** & of **Incense** & of **Myrrh**.

Meaning?

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¹² And having been **warned** in a **dream not** to go back to Herod they returned to their country by **another route.**

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. **“Get up,”** he said, “take the child and his mother & escape to *Afford?* **Egypt.** Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the **child to kill him.**”



¹⁴ So he got up, took the child and his mother **During the Night** and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet:

“Out of Egypt I called my son.”



Massacre of the Innocents

¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been **outwitted** by the Magi, he was **furious**, and he gave **orders to kill all the boys** in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were **two years old and under**, in accordance with the **time he had learned from the Magi.** ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸ *“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and **Refusing** to be **Comforted**, because they are no more.”*