

An Overview of the New Testament



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Jesus is worshiped by the Magi, but Herod seeks His destruction.

Read prayerfully the following sections.

- ▶ Ch. 2:1-12 Wise men worship Jesus and are interviewed by wrathful Herod.
- ▶ Ch. 2:13-15 Angel warns Joseph and Mary to escape to Egypt.
- ▶ Ch. 2:16-18 Herod's wrath signs the death warrant for all male children.
- ▶ Ch. 2:19-23 Herod wastes away and dies; Jesus' family returns to Nazareth.

Record your answers to these self-examination questions.

- ▶ What gifts do I bring to Jesus as I bow before Him in worship?

- ▶ How obedient am I to God's call when He asks me to change locations?

- ▶ When tragedies strike, do I blame God or seek understanding of His will?

Respond to God in prayer and praise.

- ▶ Ask for greater alertness to respond to the intervention of God.
- ▶ Ask for protection from the anger of ungodly people.
- ▶ Ask for wisdom to identify the voice of God.

Review the passage and answer these context questions.

- ▶ What sort of person were the wise men hoping to find?

- ▶ How long was Joseph commanded to stay in Egypt?

- ▶ How many times did Joseph demonstrate his obedience?

Research study questions; refer to scripture cross-references.

- ▶ What indicates that the wise men came to visit Jesus much later than His birth in the manger? [Matt. 2:11](#).

- ▶ There is much mystery regarding who these wise men were and where they came from. How do the following verses center our attention on who they came to see and what they came to do? [Ps. 72:9-11](#); [Is. 60:1-3](#).

- ▶ Herod's plan was to kill Jesus, but the scriptures already foretold that Jesus would be moved to Nazareth. How were these scriptures fulfilled? [Mic. 5:2](#); [Hos. 11:1](#).
