

## **Matthew Chapter 2**

**Contents:** Visit of the Magi, flight into Egypt, Herod's slaughter of the innocents. Return of Joseph and Mary to Nazareth.

**Characters:** **GOD**, **JESUS**, Joseph, Mary, Herod, chief priests, scribes, wise men, Archelaus.

**Fulfillment of Prophecy: Micah 5:2**

**Conclusion:** The light of the Scriptures and the light of nature was/is created to lead the seeking soul to **CHRIST**, the **SAVIOR**. Those who follow this light to **HIM** will find in **HIM** unspeakable joy. Those who refuse this light will have in this life only dread of **HIM** and upon HIS return... alienation.

**Key Word:** Star of Bethlehem, 2, 9, 10. (**See Matthew 2:18, Jeremiah 31:15**)

**Strong Verses:** 6, 9-11.

**Striking Facts:** 12. This is the first of 21 unsuccessful attempts on the life of **JESUS** which marks the enmity of satan and his desire to cut **HIM** off before His appointed work could be done. That enmity was manifested in Old Testament times against the royal line, and now that **CHRIST**'s sacrifice has been made, it is shown in the blinding of the hearts of men lest they see **HIM** as their **SAVIOR**, and against "Believers in CHRIST" that their testimony for **HIM** might be hindered. **See 2 Timothy 4:3-4.**

### **Word Study:**

Enmity - the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something.

### **Questions:**

1. What gifts did the Magi bring to JESUS?
2. What instruction did Herod give to the Magi?
3. What was the approximate age of JESUS when the Magi came?
4. Where did the Magi come from?
5. What did Herod do?
6. Why did Joseph leave Bethlehem?

**Discussion Question:** Why is the picture of the manger and the Magi, so often used?