

HIS STAR

Matt. 2:1-12

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What is, and What is the Significance of 'His Star'?

I. PROPOSED EXPLANATIONS

A. Symbolic Event

Problem: Ignores the literal nature of Revelation.

B. Natural Event

1. Some which have been offered:

- a. Comet [Chinese 4 B.C.]
- b. Nova
- c. Conjunction [Jupiter, Saturn, Mars 6 B.C. & Jupiter, Venus 2-3 B.C.]

2. Problems

- a. Astrology connection (Deut.18:9-14)
- b. Selective viewing
- c. Turn "off and on"
- d. "Stood over" the house

II. PERSONS INVOLVED

A. Who are the "Wise Men"

B. Relation to Balaam (Num. 22:5)

C. Relation to Daniel

- 1. Religious caste in Babylon's state religion (Dan. 2:2, 10)
- 2. Daniel made their leader (Dan. 2:48)
- 3. Daniel 5 prophecy of 69 weeks [483 years] (Dan. 9:24-27)

III. PURPOSE FOR HIS STAR

A. Announced Christ's Birth to a Select Audience (Matt. 2:2)

B. Guided Men to His Dwelling in Bethlehem (Matt. 2:9)

C. Caused Joy and Glory (Matt. 2:10-11)

VI. PRESENT APPLICATION

A. We Must See the Light in Salvation (John 1:5-10)

B. We Must Share the Light in Service (Matt. 5:4)

- 1. Presently WE are the light of the world (Matt. 5:4)
- 2. Our present purpose is similar to the purpose for "His star":
 - a. Announce Christ
 - b. Guide Men to Him
 - c. Our Lives should be and Cause Joy and Glory