

## Matthew Lesson 2

### The Gospel According to Matthew -- Chapter 2

Chapters 1 and 2 introduce the entire book of Matthew.

Let's look at Matthew Chapter 1.

Genealogy of the King – 1:1-17

Birth of the King – 1:18 – 2:23

Announcement of His birth – 1:18-24

Adoration by the Wise Men – 2:1-12

“Out of Egypt I Called My Son” – 2:13-23

Historical background: Herod the Great, was ruler over Judea and Samaria. Herod's son wasn't a good ruler, so Rome ruled through governors. Pontius Pilate was the ruler over Judea during Jesus' adult life.

Herod was very crafty, capable and cruel. No one knew how he would respond to a new situation.

#### Vocabulary

- Magi / Wise men
- worship
- Messiah
- Prophet
- shepherd
- Summoned
- Ascertained
- Gold, frankincense and myrrh

- Outwitted
- Furious

#### Questions about Chapter 2:

- Why did the wise men go to Jerusalem?
- Why was King Herod afraid?
- Why do you think all of Jerusalem was afraid?
- Who did Herod ask about the birthplace of the Messiah? How would they know?
- Why would Herod kill all boy babies in Bethlehem two years old and under?
- Why did Joseph take the child Jesus to Egypt?
- When did Joseph and his family return to Nazareth?
- What do we learn about God from this story?

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