

Let Earth Receive Her King (Pt. 1)

Matthew 2:1-12

Introduction (1-2)

A. The Story's Setting (1a)

- When did they come? (1a)
 - “After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea.”
 - “In the days of Herod the king.”
 - At least 40 days after Jesus' birth.
 - Less than 2 years after His birth.

B. The Supporting Cast (1b-2)

- Who were they? “The Magi”
- Why did they come? (2)
- How did they know about the Messiah?

The Lessons...

1. Messiah would be largely rejected by His own people, but gentiles from the nations would gladly receive and honor Him (cf. Matt. 28:19).
2. This story anticipates the suffering that Messiah would eventually have to endure.
3. Messiah is the King of the Jews and of all people.