

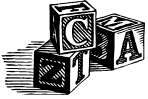
Acts 2:12 And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another,

"What Does This Mean?"

"Waiting for His Arrival and the Storyline of the Bible"

January 3, 2010 - Epiphany

Response Questions for, "Kingdoms in Conflict: The Visitation by the Magi," (Matthew 2:1-18).



Basic Ideas from, "Kingdoms in Conflict: The Visitation by the Magi."
The Holy Spirit is calling to us from this passage to consider three ideas.

1. The Holy Spirit desires for us to know King Jesus has come and His kingdom is in conflict with the serpent's seed.
2. The Holy Spirit desires for us to choose to believe and follow the promises made by the Shepherd King.
3. The Holy Spirit desires for us to feel the joy of resting under His protective arm.



Basic Questions from, "Kingdoms in Conflict: The Visitation by the Magi."

1. What do you believe to be Matthew's primary intent in providing this story for his readers?
2. Why is the inclusion of King Herod's carnage important for the Story's telling?
3. Why are magi from the East significant? How might they have come to believing faith?
4. Knowing the promises of God are sure, how does this temper what we read?
5. When the magi arrived in Jerusalem, what do you think they might have expected to find concerning the birth of the Christ?
6. Why was Herod so afraid?
7. Who might be our contemporary *magi*?
8. Who might be our contemporary "Herods"?
9. How do we exclude pagan *magi* today?
10. What are the ways that we bow to "Herod" today?
11. Can you think of how the *magi* further "disclose" the nature of pagan religion and power politics?
12. Why must the church protect the seed of the woman? Is there any other option?



The **Basic Application** from, "Kingdoms in Conflict: The Visitation by the Magi."

1. Let us not forget the tale of two seeds and the two kingdoms in conflict.
2. This world under Satan's management, our flesh and the devil himself are in direct opposition to all that is God. Let us not forget this fundamental thought.
3. Do you know God, if not then you are still of Satan's seed.
4. It is possible to leave the lineage leading to death and enter into the narrow gate leading to life. All you must do is receive Him and then you will become one of His sons.
5. How might we speak to the issue of abortion and infanticide as a community of faith?

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