

Wise Guys December 22, 2024

Isaiah 47:13-14, *“Let now the astrologers, those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the new moons, stand up and save you from what will come upon you. ¹⁴ “Behold, they have become like stubble, fire burns them; they cannot deliver themselves from the power of the flame.”*

Deuteronomy 4:19-20, *“Beware not to lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them. But the Lord has taken you and brought you out of the iron furnace, from Egypt, to be a people for His own possession.”*

1 Kings 5:12, *“The Lord gave wisdom to Solomon.”*

2 Chronicles 1:9-11, *“Now, O Lord God, give me now wisdom and knowledge.” God said to Solomon, “Because you had this in mind, and did not ask for riches, wealth or honor; or the life of those who hate you, nor have you even asked for long life, but you have asked for yourself wisdom and knowledge that you may rule My people.”*

1 Corinthians 1:20;23;30, *“Where is the wise man? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? We preach Christ crucified, to both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. By God’s doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption.”*

Matthew 2:1-12, *“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ² “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.” ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They said to Herod, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, Are by no means least among the leaders of Judah; for out of you shall come forth a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’” ⁷ Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” ⁹ After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹ After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.”*

1. Seekers of Jesus

Hebrews 11:6, *“Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”*

2. Desired to Worship Jesus

3. Seeking and Worshipping Jesus Will Trouble Others

John 12:43, *“They loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.”*

Hebrews 11:2, *“By faith the men of old gained approval.”*

4. God Offered Guidance and Leadership to the Wise Men

James 1:12, *“Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved (by God), he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”*

5. See Jesus

6. Offered Their Treasures to Jesus

7. Warned by God

8. Obey God