

*"When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the Star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When They Saw The Star, They Rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Matthew 2:9-10 KJV*



Three wisemen? There is no scripture which indicates how many there were, but there were three gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The wisemen were not present at Christ's Birth. We often see manger scenes with wisemen. But they were not there. They started out when the Star appeared, which probably occurred at Christ's Birth. According to Matthew, the Child was a little under two years old when they got there, because in an effort to destroy Him Herod killed all males less than two years of age. *"Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king. There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, 'Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the east, and are come to worship Him.' Herod the king...gathered all the chief priests and scribes [and] demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, 'In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet.' Then Herod...privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the Star appeared. Being warned of God in a dream...they departed into their own country another way. When [Herod] saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men."* It was almost a two year campaign by caravan; with supplies, water, security and food preparation. They were from the east, so I wonder if they had been studying the writings of Daniel? I wonder if there was a group of eastern astrologers that had trained under the great Hebrew dream interpreter, Daniel? They called Christ, the *"King of the Jews."* They had been waiting for the Star to appear. They called it *"His Star."* Stars, as we know them, are flaming balls of gas, so was this an angel? It was certainly a messenger. It must have been somewhat closer to the earth than the other stars, because it went before them and *"stood over where the young child was."* It was truly a unique star. It heralded the Birth of THE KING of Eternity! There will never be another like it. The Word of God says that those that turn many to righteousness will shine as the stars forever. Those that point souls to Christ are truly *"wisemen."* We should all be unique *"stars,"* pointing to where *"seekers"* can find Jesus. There is no better time to proclaim the Gospel than when the world celebrates the Birth of *"THE KING."* Give the gift that truly keeps on giving, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Seekers should rejoice when they see us, because of the precious Truth we bear.

They saw the Star and they were glad,  
Exceeding joy by them was had,  
They brought their gifts to see the KING,  
We ought to Him all seekers bring. ~CGP

Believers are in the service of their KING. We are the Heralds of His Majesty's presence. Let all who seek Him hear our trumpets! Lead them to Jesus.

*"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the Hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ." 1 Peter 3:15-16 KJV*