

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

Are not the least among the rulers of Judah;

For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel."

Matthew 2:1-6 NKJV

Hello family,

Isn't it interesting to note that the chief priests, the scribes, and even Herod himself knew about the promised Savior? They knew!

The chief priests were in charge of worship in the temple in Jerusalem and consisted of the ruling high priest, Caiaphas, the former high priest, Annas, and the high priestly families; all of which were included in the ruling Jewish council known as the Sanhedrin.

The scribes were Jewish scholars, professionally trained in the teaching and application of the Old Testament law. They too were members of the Sanhedrin. And they knew from the Scriptures where the Savior would be born.

After hearing the news about the birth of the King of the Jews from the wise men, Herod called these chief priests and scribes together and asked them for details. They told him. Read it right from the Scriptures (Micah 5:2) that they knew, studied, and were supposed to be applying and teaching.

We know from the Scriptures what Herod did next, he tried to use the wise men to lead him to the young Christ, and when that didn't work out he ordered the murder of children in an attempt to remove any threat to his throne and his way of life.

The chief priests and scribes continued on with their same traditions and lifestyles even after acknowledging the birth of the Savior who was promised by God in His Word.

As we celebrate Christmas this year let's make sure that we take the information that we have, the truth that we know from God's Word about the Lord Jesus Christ, and truly rejoice in Him, truly worship and praise Him, sincerely thanking Him and serving Him with love and appreciation for Him, our Savior, Christ the Lord, King of kings, and Lord of Lords.

Merry Christmas family, and Happy Birthday Lord Jesus!

In His love, Pastor Dave Wolff.