



9:00 Live Sunday School at FBJ

Lesson 13: Prostrate and Hand-Licking like a Dog: Matthew 2:1-12

I. Matthew 2

A. Recall Matthew is in the middle of five prophesy fulfillments

1:23 – virgin conception

2:6 - Bethlehem

2:15 – Living in Egypt

2:17 – Weeping in Ramah

2:23 – Called a Nazarene

II. vv.1-2

A. v.1 - What are the Magi? - *magos*- Strong's G 3097 – word magician comes from this - Only 5 times in NT
– twice in Acts to describe magicians

- Remember these are Gentiles

B. Magi, Daniel and Balaam

1. Daniel 5:10-12 – “chief of the magicians” - What is the queen referring to? Daniel 2:46-49

2. Daniel 9:20-27 – the prophetic 70 weeks are years = time of the crucifixion

3. Numbers 24:17 (Balaam's 4th prediction): *I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.* (ESV)

C. Magi recognize He was born the King of the Jews

D. v.2 – The Magi were always watching the stars – they did astrology and astronomy - There is an entire study on Hebrew constellations

- They saw “His” star not just a star

- In the Greek modifier for the sentence structure, the term “we saw” modifies “when it rose” not “his star” – meaning “we were in the east when we saw it rising”

III. vv.3-6

A. v.3 – Herod was “*tarasso*”- same word as what apostles felt when Jesus was walking on the water and what Zechariah felt when he saw Gabriel

- “all Jerusalem” certainly hyperbole but the point was plenty of people were skeered

B. What’s scary about 3 dudes on camels? – Who were the Parthians?

C. v.4 – Herod brings 2 groups: 1) scribes and 2) chief priests - Herod wants to know: Where is the Messiah?

D. v.5 – The answer was clear: Bethlehem

E. Micah 5:2 and v.6

1. The addition of “by no means least” and 2nd Samuel

2. Matthew, like many Jewish scholars, loosely quote the TaNaKh - End of the quote was from 2nd Samuel - Matthew is quoting the scholars

IV. **Luke 2:39**: *And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.*

V. vv.9-12

A. v.9 - How did the star move? When did it appear? Nick’s guess...

B. v.10 – more joy – “exceedingly” – same used by Mark to express the stone rolled away

Our Prophet, Priest and King is worthy of me falling on my face and
giving Him my WORSHIP

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