

Part V
**“A Sign In The Heavens Above,
Becomes Our Worship On The Earth Below!”**

Matthew 2:9-12

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Q: “Where Was The New Star Going?

A: It Was Headed To Its Zenith Directly Above The Town Of Bethlehem

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The Star kept moving through the evening sky and as morning came, they saw a convergence of a New Moon settling on the horizon. They also saw the predawn sun coming up over the horizon moving to its place and the stars and planets converging all along the Zenith of the sky above and their excitement grew and grew!

Q: “What Was The Star Appearing To Do?”

A: The New Star Appeared To Stand Still In Its New Place Above Within A ‘Great New Sign’

“When They saw the Star (His Star), They rejoiced with an exceedingly great joy!” - Matthew 2:10b

CQ: “What Did Those Wise Men See When They Got To Bethlehem?”

Commentary

They Saw a NEW Star, a very bright new star come to life in the house of Virgo; specifically, they saw a new star being birthed in the womb of the Virgin, as she lay prostrate on her side over the land of Israel. They perceived that she was with child and about to give birth!

The Wise Men knew God was Coming to Earth not because of any prior religious training, with no knowledge of the Holy Scriptures that the Jews alone knew of, not because of faithful church attendance, or any special spiritual upbringing as children.

Already being well versed in Astronomy, and in the Positions & Names of the Stars They Knew! Knowing ahead of time the divine story of creation, the fall of the human race and the angels from heaven. Knowing the plan of God to redeem and save all peoples told by the constellations and stars from the beginning of time they knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that God was about to visit us!

They Knew God was about to Personally Visit His People By Becoming One Of Them – Himself! They were informed from the ancient writings, scientific discovery and the witness of the stars of the heavens, which told the whole truth of the reality of God’s Plan for Fallen Humanity! So, what did those wise men really see that first Christmas season, so long ago that convinced them beyond a shadow of a doubt that God had indeed visited His people?

They Also Saw His Newly Appearing Star Enter A New – Never Before Seen Sign In The Heavens!

A New Sign Given In The Heavens Above!

“Now a Great Sign appeared in heaven: a Woman (Virgo) Clothed with the Sun, with the Moon Under Her Feet, & on Her Head a Crown of Twelve Stars. Then being with Child, she cried out in labor & in pain to give birth. And Another (New) Sign appeared in heaven: behold, a Great, Fiery Red Dragon [Also a (Hydra)] having Seven Heads & Ten Horns, & Seven Diadems on His Heads. His Tail (Red Dragon) drew a Third of the Stars of Heaven & threw them down to the Earth. And the Dragon stood before the Woman (Virgo) who was ready to give birth, to devour Her Child as soon as He was born. She (Virgin) bore a Male Child Who was to Rule All Nations with a Rod of Iron!” **Revelation 12:1-5a (NASB)**

Show That Night of Nights Slide!

“When They saw the Star (His Star), They rejoiced with an exceedingly great joy! And when They had come into the house (stable), They saw the young Child with Mary (The Virgin) His Mother.

Matthew 2:10b-11a

Commentary

Here was the Plan Written Down Since Day 4 of Creation in the Making of the Stars, the Promise given to Us All in the Story, in the Vision of God Coming Down from Heaven in the Form of a New Star, the Very Mind of, the Very Will of, & the Very Love of God, Come Down to Earth, For the Word Became Flesh & Those Wise Men Saw His Glory in Living Form Now Dwelling With Them, As Their Emmanuel!

Q: “What Did Those Wise Men Do In Response To What God Had Done For Them On That Night So Long Ago?”

Q: “What Should Be Our Response To God For The Gift Of His Son Jesus Christ, To Us On This Holiest Of Nights?”

The Actions Of The Wise Men Illustrate Their Holy & Humble Response To God’s Divine Presence!

A1

“And They fell down and worshiped Him!” ... Matthew 2:11b

A2

And when They had opened their treasures, They presented gifts to Him of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.” ... Matthew 2:11c

Commentary

**They presented their gifts, their wealth, they presented their Very BEST!
But these gifts also represent a giving of themselves for God’s use in the World!**

A3

**When God Has Our Treasures, Our Finances, Our Time, Our Talents, What We Hold Dearest,
When He Has Our Hearts, He Has All Of Us For His Very Own!**

**The Wise Men’s Gifts Are Symbolic Of The Mission
Jesus’ Heavenly Father Sent Christ To Earth For!**

1) Gold

A) A Gift Fit For The King Of Kings & Lord Of Lords

**B) A Means Of Survival & Existence In The Two Years Jesus & His Family
Would Spend In Egypt To Avoid The Murderous Plans Of King Herod**

2) Frankincense

A) Used As Incense For Preparing Jesus’ Body For Burial & Entombment

B) A Gift For A Great High Priest!

**Which Represents The Prayers Of God’s People Ascending Up To Heaven Before The
Altar Of God, Where Christ Jesus As Our Great High Priest Makes Intercession For Us All**

3) Myrrh

**A) An Expensive Anointing Oil Used To Coronate Kings & Priests By The Prophets Of Old.
Women Anointed Jesus In This Manner At Least # 4x**

B) Used As A Holy Anointing Oil To Embalm & Consecrate Jesus’ Body After Death

**“Then, being *Divinely (Angelic)* warned in a *Dream* that *They (Wise Men)* should not return
to King Herod; so, *They* departed for their own country another way.” **Matthew 2:12****

**This Is The 5th Time Angels Are Sent As Messengers
To Guide Those Involved In The Birth Of God’s Only Son**

Commentary

Notice throughout the all the events surrounding the birth of God’s Only Son, angels, divine messengers, are active in enlightening those who are listening and waiting for God’s Presence, God’s Voice, & God’s Will in their lives, & in the World. The Wise Men were actively waiting on God to act in their world and in their lives, and so they heard the Divine Warning of God that very night & acted in total obedience!

**Q: “What Does God Desire From Us As A Response To His Son’s
Divine Presence With Us Here On This Holiest Of Nights?”**

Commentary

This Christmas Season won't you take a moment to stop and reflect and just look up into the night sky and consider the God Who created the stars, & planets above you, and the One that created you and gave you life!

This Christmas Season won't you take the opportunity to consider that the God who created the heavens, the earth and you; loved you so much He sent His Only Son, Jesus Christ to live among you, and to offer Himself as a Living Sacrifice for you. God, Your Father is once again this very night, offering you the opportunity to experience His grace, love, mercy, & forgiveness! He is offering you an opportunity to finally possess an everlasting peace in this life, & to gain eternal life with Him forever, through His Only Son, Jesus Christ the Lord!

Tonight – On This Holy Night

***God Is Waiting To Have A Relationship With You, To Draw You Into His Glorious Presence,
To Speak With You, To Bless You, With His Eternal Gift To You, His Only Son,
Jesus Christ, The King Of Kings, & Lord Of Lords!***

All You Have To Do Is

***Worship Him Alone Above All Else, Above All Earthly Possessions,
Above All Earthly Relationships, By Submitting Your Life: With All Of Your Time,
With All Of Your Talents, & With All Of Your Treasures, For His Use & His Use Alone!***

Tonight, Won't You Join Me

***By Bowing Down As True Wise Men & Women
In Humble Adoration & Worship Of Jesus Christ Our Present & Coming King!
Let Us His People, Be Ready To Greet Him At His 2nd Advent,
When He Returns Soon, To Take Us Home To Heaven With Him!***