

GIFTS FOR
THE
KING

MATTHEW 2:1-11

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1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 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.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born.

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5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

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9 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.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

Introduction

A. The importance of the wise men

B. The mystery of the wise men and their mission

C. Some things we know about the wise men

1. They were wise men = magos

2. They came from the east = Babylon

3. They came seeking a king

4. They came bearing gifts to the Lord Jesus

I. Gold For The Royal King (2:11)

A. Universal symbol of royalty

B. Jesus is the Messiah Prince

Daniel 9:25

Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

I. Gold For The Royal King (2:11)

C. Bible types concerning the gifts of gold - continued

2. Heaven

Revelation 21:18, 21

18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

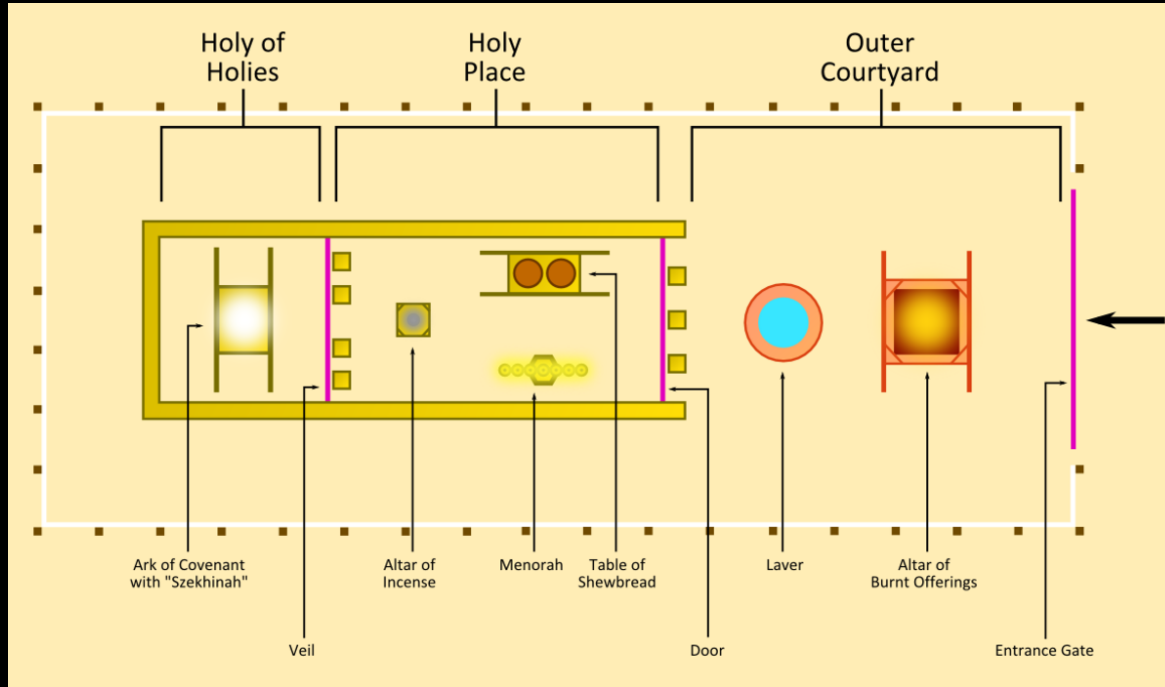
21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

Need one with authority to forgive and justify

I. Gold For The Royal King (2:11)

C. Bible types concerning the gifts of gold

1. Tabernacle and the ark



Exodus 25:10-40

I. Gold For The Royal King (2:11)

E. The Christ-child is King of Kings

Romans 14:11 (Isaiah 45:23)

For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

II. Frankincense For A Priestly King (2:11)

A. Commonly used in the temple by priests

Daniel 9:24

Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

II. Frankincense For A Priestly King (2:11)

B. Frankincense in the Bible and types

1. A symbol of purity

Exodus 30:34-37

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; these sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight:

35 And thou shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure and holy:

36 And thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And as for the perfume which thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD.

II. Frankincense For A Priestly King (2:11)

B. Frankincense in the Bible and types - continued

2. A king who is pure

3. The grain offering

Leviticus 2:1-2

1 And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon:

2 And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD:

II. Frankincense For A Priestly King (2:11)

C. God's purpose to bring righteousness in your life

Romans 4:22

And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

III. Myrrh For A Suffering King (2:11)

A. Commonly used in death as an embalming spice

John 19:39-40

39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

40 Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

III. Myrrh For A Suffering King (2:11)

B. Bitter to taste – speaks of sorrow, suffering, and death

Isaiah 53:3-4

3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

III. Myrrh For A Suffering King (2:11)

C. Must be crushed to be used

Isaiah 53:5

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

The Gospel In Gifts

Believe on the Lord – Gold

Jesus Christ – Frankincense

and Be Saved – Myrrh

Our Royal, Pure, Priestly, Suffering Savior