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Wise Men Still Seek Him No Room In the Inn The Principle of Looking Early

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St Matthew 2:

- 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.
- 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, inquired 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.
- 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.**
- 12 And being **warned of God** in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.
- 13 And when they were departed, behold, **the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.**
- 14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:
- 15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, **Out of Egypt have I called my son.**
- 16 Then Herod, when he 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 inquired of the wise men.



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How did the wise men know what time to seek the Lord?

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1. A magus
 - a. The name given by the Babylonians (Chaldeans), Medes, Persians, and others to the wise men, teachers, priests, physicians, astrologers, seers, interpreters of dreams, augers, soothsayers, sorcerers, etc.
 - b. The oriental wise men (astrologers) who, having discovered by the rising of a remarkable star that the Messiah has just been born, came to Jerusalem to worship him.
 - c. A false prophet and sorcerer

Who knows what plan Satan may have had for them looking for the savior, but God was there to protect Christ.

Why were they looking for him? What was the time line?

I always had a question in my mind of how did they know the exact time of the star appearance.

Herod consulted with the chief priests and scribes to find out where Christ should be born.

Herod consulted with the wise men to find out when he should be born.

Armed with this information he set out to kill the Christ child.

You hear me speak about time often.

My journey on studying about started when God spoke in my spirit that he would destroy the earth in the same manner in which he created it.

2 Peter 3:

8. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, **that one day is with Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.**

Revelations 20:

1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a **thousand years,**
3. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the **thousand years** should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed for a little season.



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4. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and **reigned with Christ a thousand years.**

After reading this I thought back to how God **created the earth in six days and rested on the seventh day.**

I began to wonder were there **7 spiritual days to the existent of man** and did this point in Revelations marked the seventh day and after which there would be a new beginning with a new heaven and a new earth. (Revelations 21)

If this was the seventh day, then **I needed to locate the other six days** so my journey began.

The scripture that really aided me was the **four hundred years of bondage.** It helped me to understand that four meant bondage.

My eyes really got opened when I walked into Books-a-Million at the corner of Big Bethel Road and Hampton Roads Center parkway near where I live and saw a book on special display called **The TimeChart of Biblical History.** It was over 4000 years in Charts, Maps, Lists, and Chronologies.

In a center of the main page was a time line of the lineage of Christ and my eyes really got big when it showed that John the Baptist was beheaded in 4004 and the Christ era began.

Key actions at the end of each day

427 years from the Flood to the call of Abraham.

Day 1 (1000 years) – Enoch was translated

Day 2 (2000 years) – The Birth of Abraham

Day 3 (3000 years) – The building of the Temple during the reign of Solomon

Day 4 (4000 years) – The ministry of Jesus Christ in the earth at the beheading of John the Baptist