

God Is...A Missionary God

Galatians 4:4-5 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, ⁵ so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

Revelation 7:9-10 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and *all* tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches *were* in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, “**Salvation** to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

Matthew 2:1-12

1. Who were _____?

Matthew 2:1-2 ...magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

Micah 5:2 But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, *too* little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”

2. How did the Wisemen know about _____?

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Daniel 1:19-21

Daniel 2:48 Then the king promoted Daniel and gave him many great gifts, and he made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

Numbers 24:17 A star shall come forth from Jacob, a scepter shall rise from Israel...
Daniel 9:24-27

3. God’s mission has always been _____.

Matthew 2:7-8 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.”

Matthew 2:16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.”

What does this history of the Wisemen have to do with us?

- You never know when you will go through times of darkness, so don't let the darkness extinguish your light.
- You never know how your spiritual influence impacts others, so shine for Jesus.
- You never know how your spiritual faithfulness will influence future generations, so shine for Jesus.
- Satan is always at work to dim the light of the gospel. Listen to God and obey.
- God invites us to join His story, to be a part of His plot.
- Matthew 28:19-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- God invites you to join His mission. Not only to know Christ, but to make Him known.