

## Questions on Matthew chapter 2

1. How does Matthew date the birth of Jesus? Verse 1.
2. Since there are six kings named Herod mentioned in the New Testament, which king was on the throne when Jesus was born? Verse 1.
3. Who were the wise men and where did they come from? Verse 1.
4. How did they know about the birth of Jesus and why did they come? Verse 2.
5. Why were Herod and the inhabitants of Jerusalem so greatly troubled about the news of a new king of the Jews? Verse 3.
6. To whom did Herod go for information, what did he ask, and why wouldn't he have known the answer? Verse 4.
7. To what prophecy did they turn to answer Herod? Verses 5-6.

8. What do you think was the real intent behind the question about the time of the star's appearance and why was the question asked privily (privately) or secretly? Verse 7.

9. Why didn't Herod send an armed force to find the Babe instead of the wise men? Verse 8.

10. Why do you think the wise men "rejoiced with exceeding joy" when they saw the star? Verses 9-10.

11. Why did the star point out a house instead of a manger? Verse 11.

12. To whom did the wise men offer their gifts and worship: To the Child with Mary His mother, or to the Child alone? Verse 11.

13. How were the gifts brought to Jesus usually used, and can you see any significance in that they were offered to Him? Verse 11.

14. How did the wise men know not to return to Herod as they were ordered? Verse 12.

15. How did God make known His will to Joseph? Verse 13.

16. What characteristics in Joseph may reveal why God chose him to be Mary's husband and Jesus' protector? Verse 14.

17. Why would God send Joseph to Egypt and not to Edom, Arabia, or Mesopotamia? Verse 15.

18. What does this incident reveal about Herod's nature? Verse 16.

19. What prophet wrote the words about Rachel, to what event does it refer, and how is it possible for Matthew to use it about the slaughter of the infants? Verses 17-18.

20. Where do you think Joseph apparently thought of settling as he brought the family back into Israel? Verses 20-21.

21. Why should Joseph be afraid to return to Bethlehem, even though Herod and “those that sought the young Child’s life” were dead? Verse 22.

22. Who now ruled in the province of Judea and who ruled in the province of Galilee? Verse 22.

23. Why should Jesus be called a “Nazarene,” when He was born in Bethlehem? Verse 23.

24. Why do you think God allowed His only Son to grow up in such a despicable little town as Nazareth? Had not the by-word said, “Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth”? Verse 24.