

Old and New

STEPPING INTO CHRISTMAS

Matthew 2:1 *After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod,*

The _____

2: 1...*Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, 2asking, "Where is the One who has been born King of the Jews? We saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."*

The _____ for The King

3*When King Herod heard this, he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. 4And when he had assembled all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.*

The _____

5*"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet [Micah] has written: 6'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah, for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of My people Israel.'"*

When a king is born, people have to _____.

7*Then Herod called the Magi secretly and learned from them the exact time the star had appeared. 8And sending them to Bethlehem, he said: "Go and search carefully for the Child, and when you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him." 9After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the Child was. 10When they saw the star, they rejoiced with great delight. 11On coming to the house, they saw the Child with His mother Mary, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasures and presented Him with gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another route.*

The _____

Mary and Joseph: God _____ what they need to fulfill His purposes.

The Magi: If you need direction and guidance in your life, one of the best avenue you have in hearing from God is through _____.

The _____

13 *When the Magi had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up!" he said. "Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him." 14So he got up, took the Child and His mother by night, and withdrew to Egypt, 15where he stayed until the death of Herod. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet [Hosea]: "Out of Egypt I called My Son." 16When Herod saw*

that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was filled with rage. Sending orders, he put to death all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under), according to the time he had learned from the Magi. 17Then what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: 18“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

_____ and the Exodus	_____ and the new Exodus
Journey to Egypt	Journey to Egypt
Oppressive king kills children (Pharaoh)	Oppressive king kills children (Herod)
God’s “son” called out of Egypt	God’s “son” called out of Egypt
40 years in the wilderness	Baptized in the Jordan
Passage through the Jordan	40 days in the wilderness

Jesus’s life is re-telling Israel’s _____.

19-23 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. 20“Get up!” he said. “Take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those seeking the Child’s life are now dead.” 21So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and went to the land of Israel. 22But when he learned that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, 23and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

_____ (Greek) - natseret (Hebrew) - natser/nazer means “branch/_____”

Isaiah 11:1 Then a shoot will spring up from the stump of Jesse, and a Branch from his roots will bear fruit.

God continually chooses to use the _____.

There is nothing in your life God can’t _____ for His purpose.

Is He _____ King?