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KING
S T A N D I N G

King Zedekiah

The Last Jewish King

Jeremiah

The Hasmonean Dynasty

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Pompey & Julius Caesar

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Julius Caesar & Antipater

Herod the Great

Octavian & Marc Antony

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Matthew 2:1-2 NIV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, **Magi** from the east came to Jerusalem and asked,

Matthew 2:1-2 NIV

“Where is the one who has been born **king** of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to **worship** him.”

Matthew 2:2 NIV

*“There had spread over all the East
an old and established belief, that it
was fated at that time for men coming
from Judea to rule the world.”*

(Suetonius: Life of Vespasian, 4:5)

*“There was a firm persuasion
that at this very time the East was
to grow powerful, and rulers
coming from Judea were to
acquire universal empire.”*

(Tacitus: Histories, 5:13)

"The Jews had the belief that about that time one from their country should become governor of the habitable earth."

(Josephus: Wars of the Jews, 6:5, 4)

When King Herod heard this he was **disturbed**, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:3 NIV

When **he** had called together all the people's **chief priests** and **teachers of the law**, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:4 NIV

“In **Bethlehem** in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

Matthew 2:5 NIV

‘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 shepherd my people Israel.’”

Matthew 2:6 NIV

Then Herod called the Magi
secretly and found out from them
the exact time the star had
appeared.

Matthew 2:7 NIV

He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and **worship** him.”

Matthew 2:8 NIV

After they had heard the king,
they went on their way, and the
star they had seen when it rose
went ahead of them until it
stopped over the place where the
child was.

Matthew 2:9 NIV

When they saw the star, they were **overjoyed**. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and **worshiped** him.

Matthew 2:10-11 NIV

Then they opened their **treasures**
and presented him with gifts of
gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11 NIV

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt...

Matthew 2:13 NIV

When Herod realized that he had
been outwitted by the Magi, he
was **furious**,

Matthew 2:16 NIV

and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

Matthew 2:16 NIV

After Herod **died**, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are **dead**.”

Matthew 2:16 NIV

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.

Matthew 16:25 NIV

What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet **forfeit** their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?

Matthew 16:26 NIV

The greatest threat to
my kingdom is Jesus.

The worth of my life will be ultimately determined by what or who I choose to worship.