

TEXT

LUKE 2:1 - 7

- 1 ¶ And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be **taxed**.
- 2 (And this **taxing** was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)
- 3 And all went to be **taxed**, every one into his own city.
- 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called **BETHLEHEM**; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
- 5 To be **taxed** with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
- 6 And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

IT HAD TO BE EXACTLY AT THIS TIME

57-1222 THE.GREAT.SHINING.LIGHT_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-24 N-1 SUNDAY_

« 7 † So as we, this **time** of the **season**, as we focus our thinking towards **CHRISTMAS**, it's too bad that we have to lot it to a myth called Santa Claus, in the stead of **the real CHRISTMAS that it's supposed to be**. Many little children in the land today know nothing more than **CHRISTMAS** means "a sleigh full of toys, and some mystic reindeers pouncing on the house," to only learn later of this myth; to even hurt their faith, when it comes to know **THE TRUE CHRISTMAS STORY**, that it had nothing to do with reindeers, or a man smoking a pipe, with fur around his coat. **It was the birth of our blessed Lord Jesus**. And it's most unusual to see how God worked in this manner, **because no other time would've ever worked in all the history of the world. It had to be just exactly at this time**. And now, for a few moments let's just look right at the season.

« 9 † It was a **time** that when **HEROD**, the murderer, was king. It had to be; this heartless man had to be king at the **time**, for we're acquainted with the Scriptures that said he slew all the children from **two-year-old** down, trying to find the Christ. **And it had to be just at that time**.

And then there had to be, at the **time**, that there had to **raise a taxation** to cause **MARY** and **JOSEPH** to go back to their hometown of Bethlehem where they were registered, and their births was on the record of the courts and in the temple, to be taxed. And Christ was to be born in Bethlehem, and they were many miles away when this took place.

BETHLEHAM - BECAUSE OF THE TAXATION

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« 11 † And we've been noticed at the perils they had to go through in order to get there. Now, they didn't have a great, fine plush ambulance to take **MARY** up there. And they didn't have it as today, that we could've had some kind of an excuse. **It was the king's order**. No excuses are made. **It must be fulfilled. "The king said so." No matter her conditions, or what, they must return to their homeland**. No comfort for the little expecting mother, and no way of travel, only by foot, or on the back of a **little donkey**.

And we're told that **JOSEPH** taken **MARY**, this expected mother at any time, and setting her on the back of a **little donkey**. And if anyone ever road a donkey, knows what a rough ride that is. The little fellow, along a narrow trail that wind up over the mountains, **coming to BETHLEHEM**, from lower Judaea, very rough and rugged road. What if the **little donkey** would not have been sure-footed and would've fell with this little expecting mother?

« 13 † Or, in the days when there was **so much travel** coming into their homelands, the whole country was working, alive with pilgrims and travelers, back to the homeland, a **very good set-up for robbers** in those days. When they seen the little caravans of small peoples, the riders, **the robbers** could've rode right in and slew them, and took their goods, and went off. **What a thing it was to this young married couple, that they had to face**, and how it would've been.

Also what if some of the **wild beasts**, which there was lions and many destroying, **wild animals** that roamed in the deserts that they had to cross. What if a **wild beast** would've took towards the little party, what could **JOSEPH** have done with a stick in his hand, and a wife that could hardly move? **They had that to face**.

WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR

MATTHEW 2:1 - 2, 9 - 11

- 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.** [It Had To Be At This Time]
- :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.

ASTROLOGERS

54-1206 EXPECTATION_ BINGHAMTON.NY MONDAY_

« E-37 † So when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, **three MAGIS, stargazers**, came from the East. They said, "We have seen His **star** in the West." They were in the East, look, the Orient is--is east of Jerusalem. So said, "**We have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him.**"

Look, do you believe they actually followed a **star**? The Bible said they did. Now, it come over very... They kept **time** then by **stars**. And no observatory, no scientist, all the people standing up on the watches, looking at every **star** moving, to see what **time** moving, to see what **time** it was, in the night, and so forth, **stargazers**. **There wasn't anyone seen that Angel, or that star, but these MAGIS, for they was expecting to see it.** They had read God's prophecy when He spoke through Balaam back there, and said, "**There'd be a star out of Jacob rise,**" and they were looking for it. So that's the reason tonight the American people are not expecting, they're not looking for a great Holy Ghost pouring out revival. And that's the reason they're not receiving it, while it's poured out; they're not expecting it. That's all. They're looking to see a reformation in the church, and the people come back and join church and live on out in the world. And that, it's not that age. It's the **time** where God is filling His people, and baptizing them into the Body of the Lord Jesus Christ. And that's the reason they're not expecting it; they're not seeing it is going on.

47-1123 THE.CHILDREN.OF.ISRAEL_ PHOENIX.AZ SUNDAY_

« E-48 † It was in the days of the coming of Jesus. Those astrologers went right on up there and worshipped Him, the **three WISE MEN**. **And the priest was in the temple debating whether this was right or that was right.** That's the truth.

51-0413 THE.WORKS.THAT.I.DO.BEAR.WITNESS.OF.ME_ PHOENIX.AZ FRIDAY_

« E-49 † People may not recognize God's gift when He comes down from heaven. But God's able to speak through some other resource and to reveal it down. I tell you, when God sends anything... The **WISE MEN** realized. **Nobody else see all, that Star, but them WISE MEN. They were looking for it.** And Jesus is here tonight in His power, all of His power to heal every person that's in this building. **If you're looking for Him, you'll find Him.** He's here. There's a fountain open tonight. Brother, when a man hunger and thirst for God there's bound to be something in there to create that thirst.

THE WISE MEN

51-0928 AT.THY.WORD_ NEW.YORK.NY FRIDAY_

« E-47 † the **WISE MEN**, what did they see when... and they followed to Jesus? Nobody else saw it. It passed right over the observatory, every planetarium, is that right? And every city had a planetarium. They kept **time** by the **stars**, is that right? **And isn't it strange that them WISE MEN went right through city after city, city after city, following a star that even the stargazers and the men in the planetarium in telling the time and things, never saw nothing of it? They were looking for it;** that's where it's at. You get what you expect.

WISE MEN: FROM HAM, SHEM, JAPHETH**54-0306 THE.UNCONDITIONAL.COVENANT.THAT.GOD.MADE.WITH.HIS.PEOPLE_ PHOENIX.AZ SATURDAY_**

« E-22 † Now, God in the... After the antediluvian destruction, when He saved the household of Noah, Noah and his sons and their wives... Noah had **three** sons: **HAM, JAPHETH**, and--and Sham--**SHEM**. And out of those sprung the generations of peoples that we have today.

We're taught in another phase that the **three WISE MEN** that came to worship Jesus, consulting one another, found out one was from the--the lineage of **HAM**, one from **SHEM**, and **JAPHETH**, those **three**.

And Jesus said when this Gospel's been preached to **HAM, SHEM**, and **JAPHETH'S** people, then the end shall come. The **three** ancient fathers coming to pay tribute as they followed the **morning Star** to Christ...

CONSTELLATION**62-1223 THE.REPROACH.FOR.THE.CAUSE.OF.THE.WORD_ JEFFERSONVILLE.IN V-2 N-16 SUNDAY_**

« 220 † They got an old astronomy cale-... markings of it, they've dug up. That is exactly that **time** this constell' came in, in the constellation of these **stars**, and throwed right down towards Babylon, and the **WISE MEN** brought it down. Remember? **They crossed their orbits**, low swung, billions of light years apart again. And those Jewish **WISE MEN** that was up at Babylon, they seen that constell' **come into that constellation, them stars. Three of them move in, together, and make that one morning star.** And they knowed that by the Word of God, that that was the **time, when them stars come together, that the Messiah was to be on earth.**

221 That's the reason they **started**. "Where is He, born King of the Jews? Where is He? Somewhere! For, when those **stars** come in, till their celestial bodies become into this one great celestial body here, when them **three's** moves together, Messiah will be on earth in that **time.**" And when they moved into their orbits, them men knowed that the Messiah was on earth.

TWO YEAR OLD CHILD**56-0122 THE.JUNCTION.TIME_ STURGIS.MI SUNDAY_**

« E-35 † Now, your tradition of the **WISE MEN** a finding a baby laying in a manger, you just might as well forget that, 'cause that's just tradition. He wasn't a baby. They was looking for a child **two years old**, a young child, not an infant. And they killed all the children, right then, from **two years old** down to catch it. You see? 'Cause they never come to an infant. They come to a young child.

And they were **two years** in their journey following this **star**. And do you believe they saw it? Sure they did. The Bible said so. **But nobody else saw it.**

OUT OF EGYPT**MATTHEW 2:13 - 15**

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.**

HOSEA 11:1

1 ¶ When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and **called my son out of Egypt.**

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