

Let Your Eyes Look Up! Follow the Star!

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Thesis: What is found in the "Star" of Christ Jesus the Lord?

Introduction:

The Northern Star is often thought to be the doorway to Heaven.
When Jesus was born there appeared a star that marked the place of this New Born King!

I. The Way of the Star (Matthew 2: 1 – 12)

- 1 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem
- 2 and asked, "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."
- 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, & all Jerusalem with him.
- 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.
- 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet 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.' "
- 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared.
- 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."
- 9 After 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 stopped over the place where the child was.
- 10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.
- 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down & worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures & presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
- 12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Shekinah Glory of God? Or The Holy Spirit?

Guiding and Showing the Way

Holy Spirit Still Guides Those Who Seek Him Today!

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(Flip)



II. How Did These Wise Men Know to Follow "The Star"?

The Wise Men Were Advisors to the Kings
Knowledge of the Ancient Hebrew Writings

A. Daniel: Leader of the Wise Men

(Daniel 1:19 – 20)

19 The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service.
20 In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanterers in his whole kingdom.

(Daniel 9:2)

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years.

(Daniel 9:25)

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,' and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble.

B. Daniel Knew the Prophecy of Balaam

(Numbers 24:17)

"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel. He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the sons of Sheth.

III. How Can We Know "The Way" of "The Star"?

A. Know the Word of God

(II Timothy 3: 16 – 17)

16 All Scripture is God-breathed & is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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(Turn Inside Out)



B. Obey the Word of God

(I John 2: 3 – 6)

3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.

4 The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, & the truth is not in him.

5 But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him:

6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.

C. Let the Word Transform Our Lives Like it Did the Wise Men

(Romans 12: 1 – 2)

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

IV. What is Found in "The Star"?

A. Jesus is the Morning Star

(Revelation 22:16)

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

B. Salvation - Eternal Life

(John 3:16)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

C. The Right to Reign With Him

(Revelation 2: 26 – 28)

26 To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations--

27 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery -- just as I have received authority from my Father.

28 I will also give him the morning star.

(Revelation 3:21)

To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Conclusion:

Do You Know "The Star"?

Do You Follow "The Star"?

Will You Be "A Star"?

And Reign With Christ Jesus The Lord

