

The King is Born

Don Williams- The Illegitimate King

Matthew 2:1-8

"After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem² and asked, "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."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and 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 Messiah 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 shepherd 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 search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him."

Deuteronomy 17:15

He must be from among your fellow Israelites. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite.

2 Samuel 7:12

"When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom."

Matthew 1:1

"This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:"

Lesson #1- Unchecked suspicions of others will lead to destruction of self

Matthew 2:16

"He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance."

Romans 8:31

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Lesson #2- Unhealthy cravings come at a cost you can't afford

- The Herod of Success
- The Herod of Past Hurts
- The Herod of Addiction

Lesson #3- There can only be ONE King in the Kingdom.

We're not typically threatened by a little baby, but neither do we want to bow before a king.

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