

WHO LAYS IN YONDER STALL?

MATTHEW 2:1-12

HISTORY'S TRUE KING SIZE BED



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MATTHEW 2

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ²“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”

³When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

ISAIAH 9

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

MATTHEW 2b

4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them **where the Messiah was to be born.** **5** They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:
6 ‘AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.’” [Micah 5:2]

MATTHEW 2c

7 Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared. **8** And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found *Him*, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him.” **9** After hearing the king, **they went their way**; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over *the place* where the Child was.

MATTHEW 2d

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **11** And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. **12** And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Matthew challenges prejudice against pagans.

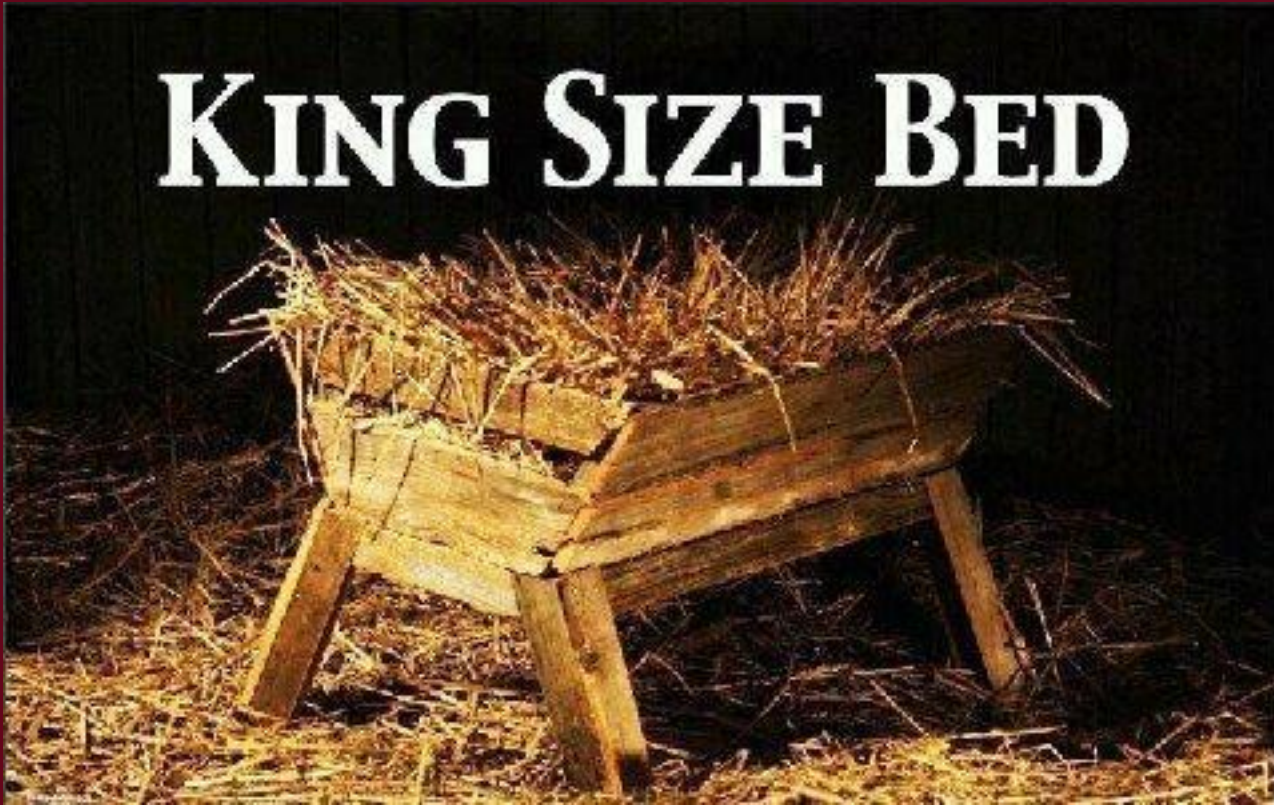
Although the Bible forbade divination (Deut 18:9-13), which includes astrology (Is 47:13; see also Deut 4:19), for one special event in history the God who rules the heavens chose to reveal himself where the pagans were looking (compare Acts 19:12, 15-20). Without condoning astrology, Matthew's narrative **challenges our prejudice against outsiders to our faith** (see also 8:5-13; 15:21-28):

MATTHEW 2x

16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

**REMEMBER, A BABY WAS
DISCOVERED IN THIS BED.**

KING SIZE BED



**Born to be a King? -or- Born as King
Come to be served -or- as a shepherd to Israel
Child of Mary and Joseph -or- Child of God
Son of Man -or- Son of God**

WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL?

WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL,

AT WHOSE FEET THE SHEPHERDS FALL?

WHO IS HE TO WHOM MAGI COME,

WORSHIPPING AND BOWING LOW?

chorus

'TIS THE LORD! O WONDROUS STORY!

'TIS THE LORD! THE KING OF GLORY

AT HIS FEET WE HUMBLY BOW

CROWN HIM, CROWN HIM LORD OF ALL

WHO IS HE IN YONDER STALL? b

**WHO IS HE IN DEEP DISTRESS,
FASTING IN THE WILDERNESS?**

**WHO IS HE TO WHOM THEY BRING
ALL THE SICK AND SORROWING? (chorus)**

**WHO IS HE ON YONDER TREE
DIES IN GRIEF AND AGONY?**

**WHO IS HE THAT FROM THE GRAVE
COMES TO REC-ON-CILE AND SAVE?
(chorus)**