The Gospel of Matthew "Messiah's World Revelation"

Matthew 2:1-12

Observation 1: This King is for everyone

a)They are Gentiles b)No barn scene here

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Why is this so important?

HE IS FOR US!



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Prov. 9:10 The fear (proper recognition) of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

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I Cor. 1:26 For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. [27] But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; [28] God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, [29] so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

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Observation 2: The wisdom of this world is foolishness before our King

Vs. 2b - "We saw His star... & have come"

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I Cor. 1:18 For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [19] For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." [20] Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? [21] For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. [22] For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, [23] but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, [24] but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. [25] For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

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C.S. Lewis - "All that is not eternal is eternally out of date"

Observation 3: The "star" of revealing

Option 1 – A Conjunction of Saturn/Jupiter at the time when Jesus was born

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Option 2: Matthew 2:9

The First Noel – written in 18th century England "O'er Bethlehem it took rest, and there it did both stop & stay", right over the place where Jesus lay"

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Option 2: Matthew 2:9

- Exodus 14:19/23:20 Israel is led by an angel/by a pillar of cloud
- ➤ Matt. 28 Angel at Jesus' tomb has the appearance of lightening
- ➤Gen. 28 Jacob's dream angels descended/ascended like falling stars
- ➤ Rev. 1:20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in My right hand, & the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches.
- ➤ Rev. 9:1 And the fifth angel blew his trumpet, and I saw a star fallen from heaven to earth, and he was given the key to the shaft of the bottomless pit.

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Observation 4: The King has come