

THE Story

Lesson 4 Chapter 22 The Birth of the King (Pt 4) p.313-316

1. At the bottom of page 313 we are introduced to "Magi from the east." Who were they? (Check out Daniel 2:48; Deuteronomy 4:29; Isaiah 55:6 & Jeremiah 29:13)

Why do you think it is traditionally assumed that there were only three magi even though their number is never given? Is there any hint in the text that there were probably more than three?

What do you think was the nature of "the star"?

How do you think the Magi made the connection between the star and the newborn King of the Jews? (Check out Numbers 24:17; Daniel 9:24-26)

2. What is significant about the stated purpose of the Magi's journey to Jerusalem?

3. Why do you think that King Herod and all of Jerusalem were "disturbed" by the arrival of the Magi?

4. On the top of page 314 we find a quote from the prophet Micah about the birth of the Messiah. What is significant about the town predicted for his birth and the kind of leader he would be?

5. Why do you think Herod was so concerned that the child be found?

6. What might be implied by the statement "on coming into the house"?

7. What is significant about their act of worship and the recipient of their worship?

8. What is significant about the three gifts they presented to Jesus?

How might the value of those gifts been God's way of providing for Joseph and Mary's future needs?

9. What is impressive about Joseph's life of obedience as illustrated from the bottom of page 314 to the middle of page 315?

10. On page 316, Jesus childhood is summarized by Luke with these words: "Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and favor with God and man." How and why should we commit to keep growing in these 4 areas of life?

11. As you review this portion of God's inspired Word, what truths do you learn about our humanity....sins to avoid & examples to follow

about our God... His promises to claim & His character to embrace