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Promise



The promise
of God Joy
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Joy Comes When We Seek Him

SEEKING
THE KING'S JOY

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Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

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.” ⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose 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 and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

μάγος - *mágos*; Magi was the name for the priests and wise men among the Medes, Persians and Babylonians. A Magi specialized in the study of astrology and enchantment and thus were known as enchanter, and magicians (Daniel 1:20; 2:2, 27; 5:7).

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¹⁷ A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.

Numbers 24:17 (NIV)

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Matthew 2:3-6 (NIV)

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Matthew 2:10-11 (NIV)

SEEKING JOY REQUIRES WORSHIP

Gold: wealth

Incense (frankincense): fragrance used in worship

Myrrh: ingredient used for anointing oil and medicine