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O' precious Father, we come to you once again, and we come as always with praise and thanksgiving in our hearts, thanking you because of the revelation that you have given us of yourself and of the Word. And we thank you, Lord, for letting us know that the Word of God, the Bible, is an outline of what you had in mind all the way through, even before you ever started your creation, and now you are working it out. You have given us, the Wife of the Lamb, the details of the Word that applies to us specifically, and we praise you for letting us know what you have been doing all the way through time. Father, I thank you for anointing me to say the words that you would have me to say and for helping me to deliver it in a way that you can say, "Well done." May the people understand and know that surely God is among us through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ and His Christ Wife, who is also part of the Godhead. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Today I am taking a thought in which we will see that Jesus Christ's original purpose was to come to the nation of Israel to be their King. So the title of the message is a question that was asked by the wise men in the Book of Matthew, Chapter 2. And the question was: *Where is He that is Born King of the Jews?* Therefore, we will start reading in Matthew 2:1-2. It says, *"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."* I want you to notice, they

followed a star to Jesus, and when they got to Jerusalem, they assumed the best place to find where the King was born was to go to the king's palace and ask the question, "Where is He that is born King of the Jews?" But one of the points that I want to highlight here is the fact that they did *not* ask, "Where is He that is born Savior of the world to give a new birth?" because the purpose for Jesus to come was to present Himself as the King of the Jews, which the prophets in the Old Testament back that up and verify it. And today we are not planning on going through a long story of telling about their prophecies concerning Jesus, but we will tell about what the angel said when he came down to earth to make the announcement of the birth of Jesus and about the wise men as they came looking for a King. And the Jews were also looking for a Savior, but not a Savior to save them from their sins, but to save them from being under the Roman rule to set them free from that order. Again, most of the people in that day were looking for a King to deliver them from the Romans, and not a Savior to deliver them from their sins.

In the Old Testament scriptures, God promised that He would send a deliverer, and here came His Son Jesus, not only to be the King of the Jews, but much more than that; and the rest of why He came was played out and was revealed in its time. And that is the way God does His Word. And His Word, the Bible, is so wonderfully written that it is the most amazing book that we could ever read. It shows the opening up of God's thoughts, God's mind. So we see Jesus just as He came to begin with, as the King of the Jews to save them from the Romans. That is what they were looking for. But there was more to be revealed that would be triggered by the fact that the Jews rejected

Him as their King and had Him crucified by the Romans. Then that put His coming into a whole new level of revelation, a whole new level of the working of God, and it opened up as time dictated.

Notice, the original purpose of the coming of Jesus was as the King of the Jews. The wise men were seeking Him that was born King of the Jews, for they knew what the prophet had said about the King coming. The wise men knew the prophecy, and they were astrologists (Magi). They were stargazers. They knew that when certain things took place in the earth, there would be certain signs in the heavens. So they knew by the prophecy of the Old Testament that was written to Israel that when the King came, there would be a certain star. And they recognized it; they knew what it was when they saw it. They knew why that star was in the heavens, and they knew to follow it and they would find the King of Israel—not the Savior of the world, but the King of Israel. Notice, they were not looking for the Savior that would give them a new birth and save them from their sins, but they were looking for the King of Israel to come. But when their King came, the Jews rejected Him. Therefore, even to this day they are still looking for their King to come. And now our Savior, Lord, Husband, and King will not disappoint but will come just after the great tribulation period is over and take His rightful place as the King of not only Israel, but the King of all the earth.

So the Jews are still looking for their King to come, and they are going to get their King! But when their King comes back to this earth, when they see Him again, there will be a group of saints with Him dressed in fine linen, clean and white, and that will be us, His Wife, who had

been taken up prior to the great tribulation period. We come back with Him, as shown in Revelation 19:11-16. Then the Jews will have their King, the King of the earth. And there will be a number of the Jews called 'the woman of Revelation, Chapter 12,' that will recognize it. So there will be a group of Jews that hear the message of the two prophets (which are the two witnesses, the two olive trees) of Revelation, Chapter 11:1-11, and the message they heard causes them to flee to a place in the wilderness that God prepared for them to get away from the European beast, the Roman beast; because during that time, they will be seeking to kill all the Jews that heard these two prophets of Revelation, Chapter 11. And God will spare the lives of this group of Jews during the great tribulation.

All of these prophecies have been playing themselves out through time; and we are right here at the time of the end. And as this plays itself out, the King will come; and this is the time that He *will* deliver them and take over the whole earth. So because of what the two prophets of Revelation, Chapter 11, prophesy, there will be a group of the Jews whose lives will be spared in order to repopulate the Jewish nation with natural people during the time of the millennium. And by the time they get through prophesying, time will have elapsed to the middle of that seven year period called the 70th Week of Daniel. And these Jews will know where to go and how to survive during this tribulation period and will be ready to meet their King as He comes back. So that is in the making right now in our day and in our time.

Now let us go back to the wise men again and show that they were looking for the King of the Jews. And when we look at the birth of Jesus, we can see how all of this plays

itself out. And it is such a wonderful story, a mysterious story, things that were hid in God since the beginning of time. It is just like when our Lord Jesus Christ was about to ascend back to heaven, His disciples asked Him, "Will you at this time restore back the kingdom?" Here, He had already been crucified and resurrected, and He was here for forty days and nights teaching things that pertained to the Kingdom of God. We see that in Acts, Chapter 1, which was a few days before the Jewish Feast Day of Pentecost, when they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" which was spoken of in the prophecies of the Old Testament. And He answered their question by saying, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power." Earlier, they had asked about His coming, and He said, "Even the angels of heaven do not know." (Matthew 24:36) So we thank God that He has been revealing these things to us that the angels of heaven do not even know until God's time comes. And Jesus Christ Himself evidently did not know at the time He ascended back to heaven, because He told them there, "That is kept in the Father's power." In other words, "That is hid in the Father; and He will reveal it when the time comes."

So we are reading in Matthew, Chapter 2, about the wise men that came to see the King of the Jews. And when we get to Verse 11, we will see that they came into *a house* to enquire about the child. And at that time, when they arrived at the house, there were no shepherds there. This was about two years on down the road from the time that the shepherds came (which we will read about in the Book of Luke as we get further into the message). It was announced when the *shepherds* came that they came to a

stable. But, here, when the *wise men* came to worship the King of the Jews, that was on down the road a couple of years from the birth of Jesus, and they came to *a house* and inquired about the young child, and there were no shepherds there.

Again, Matthew 2:1. *"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."* So they knew the prophecies. They knew what they were looking for. I want you to watch *this*. They were Magi who studied the stars, and they looked for a certain star. (Numbers 24:17) And until that star came, the only thing they could do was read in the Word of God that there would be a star and that all of this would take place.

So the heavens declare things many times before they are known in the earth. But I am not a stargazer, and I do not know anything about a star, other than when I look up, I like to see them twinkle. And remember the little song, "Twinkle, twinkle, little star; how I wonder what you are. Up above the world so high; like a diamond in the sky." And that is my limit as to what I know about a star! But there were people in those days that studied the stars and the movement of the planets, and they could predict things. And these wise men hit the nail right on the head. And they followed that star. And they knew where they were going. And they knew what they would find. So they headed out for Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, and from there to Bethlehem of Judaea. So they knew all these things by the prophecy and by the star that God showed them. And God brought to pass what He had in mind all along.

Verse 3, *"When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him,"* because he knew what the Word of God said, so he was expecting another king to rise and carry on the leadership of Jerusalem; and he did not want to lose his seat of authority — *"If there is another king born, we have to deal with it, because we are just not going to let that happen!"* For he believed the wise men. He believed them because *he* knew something about the scriptures also. And not only was *he* troubled, but it got all of Jerusalem troubled. They were all shook up, the priests and all.

Watch Verse 4 here. *"And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ (meaning Jesus) should be born."* I want you to notice, he went to them knowing there would come one to be King of Israel, but that is all he knew about it. And then watch here, Verse 5, *"And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,"* This was in the prophecy of Micah 5:2, and they knew what the Word of God said, but they had no idea this was the time it was to be; they had no idea that Jesus had been born. They were in their religion; they were happy in their religion, and they did not want to be bothered. But evidently this rumor that the King was born got Jerusalem all troubled, got Herod all troubled. And I tell you something else, this message of the last trump of God that is sounding today is getting many people troubled!—Many wonder out loud, "What is married by proxy? What is the feminine part of Christ? What is the two parts of that *them*?" and "What is the Wife of the Lamb? What about the Bride? What about the church?" and "What is this fine linen, clean and white?"

When Barbarajeane and I were in Malawi, Africa, in a town called Blantyre, I preached and brought forth the revelation about the fine linen and the white robes, showing that the Wife of the Lamb is dressed in fine linen, clean and white, and all other Christianity is in white robes. And the people would not let me leave for five days! They said, "More! More! More!" They wanted to know more about that, saying, "We have never heard anything like this!" Well, when we left there, they were just rejoicing in that revelation; you would not believe how they were rejoicing in the Lord. When we started, they were kind of long-faced and expected me to get up and read the Spoken Word books of Brother William Branham, or quote this one and quote that one. But, no, I got up there and preached the living anointed Word and we all had a jubilee! And five days later they finally let us go.

See, that was bringing them good news from a far country. And I tell you, today there is good news, and the country is not so far because we are living in a heavenly place as Christ the Wife of the Lamb, and the glory of God is falling all around us. And we now see the prophecy of the Book of 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 of glorified flesh and bones showing itself in human flesh in a body of people to the extent that it is just totally amazing!

So Herod, here, went to the only source he knew, a carnal source. He did not go to God and ask Him about it. Notice, he gathered all the priests and demanded of them, "Where is Christ supposed to be born?" (meaning, "Where is Jesus supposed to be born?") And the priest is continuing with the prophecy in Verse 6 saying, *"And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel."*

See, that is what the Jews were looking for, not someone to die on the cross and save them or anything of that nature. They were looking for someone to deliver them naturally. See, that scripture was being fulfilled. And, here, Herod came right face to face with scripture being fulfilled. They were quoting the scripture; but no one knew the fulfillment of this prophecy was going to be way on down the road. Herod did not know the Jews were going to reject Jesus and He would be crucified, even though there was scripture saying it would be thus in the Book of Isaiah, Chapter 53 — “He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth.” And also in the Book of Zechariah 13:7 the scripture says, “smite the shepherd and the sheep shall be scattered.” But they could not put the scripture together.

We see that same thing today; people cannot put the scripture together. It takes the Lord Jesus Christ to put the scripture together! We are Christ the Wife, and the scripture has been put together for us perfectly just like Paul put scripture together in his day; for what was for his day and for his time, he put it together perfectly. In Romans, Chapter 16, he said, “This that I am saying has been hid since the world begun. Hitherto, it has not been made known to mankind; but here it is as a big bright shining light.” And the virgin that he had espoused to the Lord Jesus Christ was walking in the light of it. And he told them, “You are living epistles,” which was the Word that was available in his day and his time. And now in this moment of the twinkling of an eye through this Word of the glorified flesh and bones that we are preaching, God has created us *not* to be the virgin, but we are the Wife of

His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who at Calvary became the Lamb of God.

Again, Verse 6, *“And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.”* And in Isaiah 9:7 it says, *“He shall sit on the throne of David.”* See, at that point, it was not saying He is going to come, die, and be our Savior. No, that was not the time for that. First, He had to present Himself as the King of Israel; and the Jews had to reject Him. And by the Jews rejecting Him, then that triggered the other scriptures to begin to be fulfilled. So it went into another phase of the working of God.

So the wise men asked—*“Where is He that is born King of the Jews?”* That is what He was born for, to be the King of the Jews initially. And after He was rejected as the King of the Jews, He became our Savior and the Lamb of God by dying for the sin of the world. But just before He went to the cross and became the Savior, he went to the Garden of Gethsemane to meet with death face to face because of the curse of death that was put upon mankind in the Garden of Eden; for there He would take the curse off of us, the Wife of the Lamb. So He went into the garden and prayed until His sweat became as it were great drops of blood, and He defeated death, and that took the death sentence off our body and clothed us in fine linen, clean and white. And to all other redeemed saints there is given white robes, this includes the tribulation saints, for the Word of God says in Revelation, Chapter 7, *“And they washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb,”* and also in Revelation, Chapter 12, *“And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”*

That put the cross into plain view. And, thank God, we came by the cross, but the Lord Jesus Christ went to the garden first and defeated death for His Wife by overcoming death for us, and then He went to the cross and gave His life as the Lamb of God for all of God's children. See, everything has to be in its place; and it works so good, it is so perfect, and it is so wonderful.

Notice the Jews here, they had no idea what God was going to do; but it was hid in the Old Testament there. It was just as Paul said in the Book of Romans 15:8, showing exactly what the Lord Jesus Christ came for, which was 'to confirm the covenant made to the Jewish fathers.' But then Paul switched gears and reached back and got some Old Testament scripture that *he* could make live. And that is the thing about it; the scripture that *we* can make live. We cannot make the scripture live that Jesus is going to be born. That has already lived and brought forth its fruit. But Paul went straight to the scriptures that he could make live, and he said he was the apostle to the Gentiles, because the Gentiles were outside the realm of the Jewish law. He started preaching to the Gentiles, and he made the scripture live that God gave him to preach! And then *the Jews* began to look at the scripture that Paul was preaching, and a number of them loved what he was preaching as God gave them revelation and they accepted it. That is why he wrote, "neither Jew nor Gentile." And now we are the Wife that has taken it a step further; for as Paul brought a message that made the believers a virgin to the Lord Jesus Christ, now our message has married us to our Lord Jesus Christ, making us His Wife.

Now let us go on and see what Herod does. Verse 7 says, "*Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired*

of them diligently what time the star appeared." Now, here is something important to Herod, for he wanted to know from the wise men, "What time did this star appear to you?" So it was in his mind, "When was this King born?" He was trying to figure out the timing of this event. So when he figured out that the child would be about two years old by this time, he sent his soldiers and had the male children killed from two years old and under. Notice, Herod privately took the wise men aside (He did not want the priests in on this.), and enquired of them diligently, "What time did the star appear?" He wanted to record in his mind when the star appeared. And with their answer, now he got the time. Now he had something to go by. He was set to kill this child to keep him from becoming the King. So he knew it was about two years back from that time.

Verse 8, "*And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child* (He was no longer a baby; He was a young child now. Herod told the wise men, "Go and search for Him. He will be about two years old now. So go search diligently for this young child."); *and when ye have found him* (Watch, he is going to bring some deception in here.), *bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also."* See, he wanted the wise men to come and tell him where the child was. But God knew his heart. God knew his purpose, so God told the wise men to go another way, letting them know that Herod was up to no good, that he was up to doing evil.

Verses 9-10, "*When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."* They

knew they had found what they had been looking for when the star stopped—“This is it! This is the house.” They knew now where the child was. Verses 11-12, *“And when they were come into the house,”* Notice, there are no shepherds around here at this time. That was earlier when the shepherds came to a stable to see the baby Jesus. Yes, the wise men came, but it was not at the same time as when the shepherds came, for there were a couple of years between. So if the world wants to put the wise men and the shepherds together, that is all right, because it has no salvational significance. And what the world calls Christmas is just another day to me. So if you want to call the day of December 25th Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus, and make up plays, you are not going to get any argument out of me. December 25th is just another day to the Wife of the Lamb, because we are the living Word; that is what is built within us. We are the special part of the Word, and we cannot help it. We used to sing, “This little light of mine, I am going to let it shine.” But we the Wife do not have to let it shine; it is shining anyway! We do not have to let the sun shine; we cannot stop it from shining!

So let us get back to Verses 11-12, *“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: (Can you imagine Mary when those wise men came? They had been traveling all this time, following a star, and here they came and bowed down and began to worship Jesus. But she was not surprised.) and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream (Here is how God was defeating Herod who said to them, “When you find Him, be sure to bring me word, because I want to worship Him*

also." See, God warned them in a dream —) *that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.*" Verse 13 says, "*And when they were departed, behold* (Watch how God watches after His Son here. And He is still watching after Him. He is watching over us because we are part of the same special part of the Word as He is.) *the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise* ("You have to move; you cannot just sit here and think about this. It is time to move now." And when God says to move, we just get up and go. He let Joseph know this was urgent! "Arise," He said —), *and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt; and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.*" I want you to watch that — "Go there, and stay till I tell you. And when I tell you to get out of Egypt, get out!" Because the scripture said, "He called His Son out of Egypt."

Verse 14, "*When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:*" Sometimes we have to do it in secret; we cannot tell the devil what we are going to do, because if we tell the devil what we are going to do, he will try to throw every block that he can in front of us. So they went by night, in secret. Watch how this works out here. Verse 15, "*And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.*"

Now let us go to the Book of Luke to get another part of the birth of Jesus. Notice this amazing thing about the word of God; each one of these four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tells one part and then cuts it off, and then another writer will come by later and pick it up and tells another part, as each one uses their own

words as God would anoint them to bring another part of the story in. So we want to read in Luke, Chapter 2, starting with Verse 1, where Luke tells us some other details about the birth of Jesus. It says, *"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed."* Now, watch that. When Mary was ready to deliver Jesus, God had to get Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem, for the prophecy said the child would be born in Bethlehem, but they were in Nazareth. So God maneuvered things around to get them there. It is so beautiful and so wonderful! And the Word draws us like a magnet when we see the prophecy come into plain view and how God uses certain natural conditions to cause a certain thing to transpire. It was an unpleasant trip for Joseph and Mary to go and pay their taxes and make that long journey. Mary was heavy with child, ready to deliver; and she had to travel all that way on a little donkey. And it was an unpleasant thing to do, with all the people there, all the crowds, and all the confusion; but they had to pay their taxes. So God used that to get them to Bethlehem, because there is where the child had to be born. Jesus could not be born anywhere else. It had to be right there.

Let us get Verses 2-4 now. *"(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)"* Verse 3, *"And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. (That is why they had to go there, because that was their hometown and they were required to register there.) And Joseph also went up from Galilee (Watch the movement here; it is interesting.), out of the city of Nazareth (He could not be born in Nazareth; it had to be Bethlehem.), into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)"* So, "Where is He that is born King of the

Jews?" It had to fulfill itself right there in that land. It could not be in any other land. It could not even be in another city. It had to be in the exact city. And God took and worked conditions so that Joseph and Mary were forced to go down there; for they would not be going down there with Mary in the condition she was in of their own accord, because she was in no shape to ride a little donkey all those miles. But after they got there, the baby was born.

Verses 5-6 says, *"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."* It could not be anywhere else. It was some rough traveling, but it was the will of God! They had to get there for the baby to be born. It could not be born anywhere else because the scripture had to be fulfilled. Certain things were done that the scripture might be fulfilled.

Verse 7 says, *"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."* There were no rooms available. So what did they do? They took shelter in a stable with the animals; and there Jesus was born, and they made Him a little bed in a cow trough full of hay. But notice, when the wise men came, they went to *a house*; for at that time Jesus was a young child.

Verse 8, *"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night."* I have come to understand that these shepherds were kind of like priest's shepherds. They raised many sheep for the purpose of sacrifices; for they needed many unblemished sheep for all those sacrifices. These shepherds were special men trained to raise sheep without blemish because the Old Testament was still in effect (the sacrificing of

animals). But Jesus, who would become the Lamb of God, had come to be their King. And at that time Israel had not yet rejected Him.

Notice, here, the shepherds were in the field keeping watch over their flock by night. Verse 9, *"And, lo, the angel of the Lord* (Notice, *the angel*; Gabriel was the messenger concerning all of this, both for John the Baptist's birth and for Jesus' birth. Here came the angel that stands in the presence of God—"My name is Gabriel.") *came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.*" This was something that shocked them! "What in the world is taking place?" Verses 10-11, *"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."* And I want you to notice, this is Jesus who would later become the Christ; and He was born in the city of David. Why not in Nazareth? Because according to the Word, it had to be in the city of David!

Verses 12-14, *"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel* (It was Gabriel first, and then here came a band of angels to really give them a choir.) *a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying* (Watch what they were saying.), *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."* And that 'peace and good will toward men' takes place in the millennium. The angels might not have known it, and certainly the shepherds did not, but this would not be fulfilled until the beginning of the millennial reign; and prior to that time, the Jews would have rejected Jesus the Christ and given Him up to be crucified.

Verse 15 says, *"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another (They were all religious now; feeling good spiritually.), Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us."* See, God made it known to them, and they did not fool around; they were ready to go. Verses 16-18, *"And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe laying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds."* Many that heard about this thought, "This is too outlandish! Oh, well, these shepherds, you know, they always have a story to tell." So they wondered about it. But to others, the shepherds' testimony made their heart burn; for they believed.

Verse 19, *"But Mary (She knew where the baby came from.) kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."* For even she did not know the whole story. Verse 20, *"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."*

I want you to notice, in this story here in Luke, Chapter 2, there are no wise men, just the shepherds. And then when we read about the wise men in Matthew, Chapter 2, there are no shepherds. This is two different occasions. Jesus was about two years old when the wise men came to the house to see and worship Him. It is in the Bible; we can read it ourselves how Herod went and had the children killed from two years old and under. That is why he asked the wise men when it was that they had first seen the star, for that would tell him about how old the child was.

Notice our title again, *Where is He that is Born King of the Jews?* Where is the King of the Jews? The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the King of the Jews, is making Himself known in our very day; and there is a group that recognizes that there has been a fountain opened to Israel. It is just as it was when the King came as a baby and the shepherds told of the coming of the King in that day; for even though many wondered about it, those that were ordained to see, knew it was the truth and gave the glory to God, having great joy!

Praise God, He is moving in specific things for us in this moment of time; and we are fulfilling scripture as we walk. We are living scripture. We are the living Word of glorified flesh and bones; we are the same special part of the Word that was with the Father from the beginning. The glory of God is falling, and the power of God is real; and it is here with us today — that glory that He gave to us! We are living in it! We can feel it! We can see it with our eyes and handle it with our hands, the Word of eternal life! And it is so wonderful. He gave us this glory because we were made from the same special part of the Word that the Lord Jesus Christ was made from, joined to that glorified Word that is now glorified flesh and bones.

Father, we thank you for your love, for your goodness, and for the great grace that you have given us, the Wife of your beloved Son. May you take these words today and use them for your glory. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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