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Sermon Notes for January 1, 2023

“The Wise Men Revisited”

Sermon Text: Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 1026); **Old Testament Text:** Jeremiah 31:15 (p. 836); **New Testament Text:** Romans 1:18-20 (p. 1195)

Read **Matthew 2:1-12 (p.1026)** while listening to the sermon, then, answer the questions below.

1. Find one fact in **Matthew 2:1** and another fact in **Matthew 2:2** that tell us with certainty the wise men were not present on the day of Jesus's birth.
2. What alerted the wise men to the fact that the Messiah had been born?
What did they feel compelled to do when they became aware of the Messiah's birth?
3. According to Pastor Dave, from where did the wise men come?
What Jewish prophet of old was once part of that same school of wise men?
What might these wise men have learned from this prophet's teachings?
4. Read the first 4 lines of **Numbers 24:17 (p. 169)**. What two things did this prophecy say would come out of Israel in the distant future?

To whom was this prophecy pointing?

5. Read **Matthew 2:3**. Why was King Herod troubled when he heard the wise men's news?

Why was all of Jerusalem troubled with him?

6. Read **Matthew 2:4-6**. Where did the chief priests and scribes say the Messiah was to be born?
Why was it ironic that the wise men knew the Messiah had been born and the chief priests and scribes had missed it?

