

“Wise men from the east” Matthew 2:1 – from study on The First Advent

Matthew 2:1. The expression ***“when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea”*** denotes that Jesus was already born, not the exact day of His birth. It would be like saying *“When our house was built, we landscaped the garden”* i.e. when the construction was finished but not on the exact date that construction was finished.

The coming of the ***“wise men from the east”*** is consistent with the east-west movements of God throughout scripture and history, according to Numbers 2:3, with the mention of the tribe of Judah, from which the Lord sprang, Luke 1:78, Hebrews 7:14 and Psalm 19:4-6.

“And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab shall be captain of the children of Judah.”

Numbers 2:3 is the first mention of the word ***“captain”*** with respect to the nation of Israel and relates to the Lord Jesus Christ as ***“the captain of their salvation”*** Hebrews 2:10. Note that Psalm 19:4-6 is literal. See *Geocentricity* by Dr Gerardus Bouw.

“..In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.”

Compare Micah 5:2, John 1:14, 3:29, Hebrews 6:20, 12:1, 2.

The sun typifies the Lord Jesus Christ according to Malachi 4:2.

“But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.”

The Lord’s east-west movements include:

- 1.1. God’s calling to Abraham to go west, Genesis 12:6.
- 1.2. Jacob’s return westwards, Genesis 32-35.
- 1.3. The entry into the Tabernacle, Numbers 3:38.
- 1.4. The entry of the nation of Israel into the then land of Canaan, Numbers 19-25.
- 1.5. The return of the Jews from captivity, Ezra-Nehemiah.
- 1.6. The entry of the Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem at His Return, Ezekiel 44:1, 2.

See *The Book of Matthew* by Dr Peter S. Ruckman pp 24 ff and the *Ruckman Reference Bible* p 1237 for detailed study.

The spread of the Gospel, according to Acts 1:8, essentially goes east to west in church history, from the land of Israel to the British isles ***“and unto the uttermost part of the earth,”*** the Devil being forced to follow with papal persecutions of true believers. See *The Monarch of the Books* by Dr Peter S. Ruckman pp 6-7 and this writer’s work *‘O Biblios’ – The Book* pp 14-15.

Note that God drives Adam and Eve out *west to east*, Genesis 3:24 and when Cain left God’s presence, he went *west to east*, Genesis 4:16.

It should be noted that the design of European abbeys, cathedrals, minsters, including York Minster and Westminster Abbey is such that entry is *west to east*¹, the *opposite* of God’s direction for blessing. It is no coincidence, therefore, that nominal European Christianity i.e. Catholicism has been ***“against God”*** for the last 1500 years or more.

Rome is in particular *and will be until the Second Advent* a **“sin against God”** Genesis 39:9, a **“spirit against God”** Job 15:13, a **“hand against God”** Job 15:25, **“words against God”** Job 34:37, a **“fight against God”** Acts 23:9, **“enmity against God”** Romans 8:7 and **“blasphemy against God”** Revelation 13:6. Revelation 13:6 describes the popes, especially the *last* pope, the final antichrist. See *The History of the New Testament Church*, Volumes 1, 2 and *The Book of Revelation* Chapter 13 by Dr Peter S. Ruckman:

“And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.”

Note also Ezekiel 8:16, with respect to eastwards worship that is idolatrous worship undertaken by men who had turned their backs on God.

“And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD’S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.”

Ezekiel 8:16 is the only time in scripture when worship is said to be **“toward the east.”** Worshippers in European abbeys, cathedrals, minsters, including York Minster and Westminster Abbey have always **“worshipped...toward the east.”**

The wise men would, like Balaam, have been **“from Aram, out of the mountains of the east”** Numbers 23:7. Numbers 22:5, Deuteronomy 23:4 indicate that Balaam lived by the Euphrates River in Mesopotamia, so that, given the extent of Aram, the wise men could have come from near Haran, the area of Abraham* **“A Syrian ready to perish”** Deuteronomy 26:5 and from as far down the river as Babylon. See the *Oxford Bible Atlas*. *After he had departed from **“Ur of the Chaldees”** Genesis 11:31.

They may therefore have been aware of the promises of God to **“Abram the Hebrew”** Genesis 12:1-6, 14:13.

The notion that the wise men were called Gaspar, Balthazar and Melchior is a non-scriptural, Catholic fable, more **“words against God”** Job 34:37.

“They that be wise” Daniel 12:3, therefore, will obey Revelation 18:4, *including separation from the Romish counterfeit modern ‘bibles’ that repeatedly depart from the 1611 Holy Bible in order to line up with Rome’s official Catholic Bibles; Douay Rheims, Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles and the Romish New World Translation of the Watchtower cult; NIV, TNIV, ESV, NASV, NRSV, NKJV etc. with which are among Rome’s “ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH”* Revelation 17:5 by which in large part **“the great whore...did corrupt the earth with her fornication”** Revelation 19:2. See *New Age Versions* by Dr Mrs Gail Riplinger for detailed insights into the Romish counterfeit modern ‘bibles.’

Revelation 18:4 reads as follows.

“And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.”

In conclusion **“They that be wise”** will carefully note Revelation 18:8.

“Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.”

References

¹ en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architecture_of_cathedrals_and_great_churches