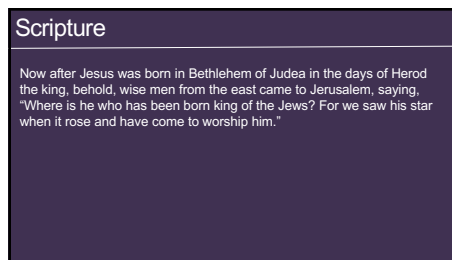




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Point

1. The wise men historically were demonic, pagan, occult worshippers

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mage ^m. — any person well respected in the pagan world for their knowledge in the (occult) arts; especially astrology, medicine, and dream interpretation.

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2. The wise men historically worked for and answered to the king concerning future events and decisions

Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for this was the king's procedure toward all who were versed in law and judgment," (Esther 1:13, ESV)

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Point

3. The wise men historically were limited in what they could interpret

So in the morning his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt and all its wise men. Pharaoh told them his dreams, but there was none who could interpret them to Pharaoh." (Genesis 41:8, ESV)

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Scripture

Now ~~after Jesus was born~~ in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, ~~wise men~~ from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For ~~we saw his star when it rose~~ and have come to worship him." When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and ~~assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people~~, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: " 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.' " ~~Then Herod~~ summoned the ~~wise men secretly~~, and ascertained from them ~~what time the star had appeared~~.

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Scripture

And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it ~~rose~~ ~~went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was~~. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And ~~going into the house~~, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and ~~they fell down and worshiped him~~. Then, ~~opening their treasures, they offered him gifts: gold and frankincense and myrrh~~. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way." (Matthew 2:1–12, ESV)

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REFLECTION

The birth of Christ caused the Wise men, who were once leaders in the occult and divination, to worship, serve, and protect Him as their Lord and Savior. They ended their evil practices!

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