

# Two Reactions to the Coming of the Great King

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## *Matthew 2:1-23*

When the true King comes into the world, wise men and women come to **WORSHIP** Him, foolish men try to **DESTROY** Him so that they may retain their power. While men may try to destroy the true King, God will **PROVIDE** and **PROTECT** in such a way that His kingdom will prevail. Jesus, **DESPISED** by the world, has come into the world to **SHEPHERD** His people, to give them **HOPE** in the midst of suffering, and to bring them back **HOME**.

### I. The Wise and the Worldly

- A. **HEROD** and the rulers of Jerusalem
  - a. **AGITATION**.
  - b. Seeking to destroy.
  - c. Murdering to remain in power.
- B. The Wise Men from the East
  - a. **SEEKING** the one born the True King.
  - b. Seeking information about the King.
  - c. **WORSHIPPING** Him.
    - i. Gold for the King.
    - ii. Frankincense for the High Priest.
    - iii. Myrrh for the Savior who gives his life for his people.

### II. The Sovereignty of God

- A. God Provides and Protects the **WISE**.
- B. God's Kingdom Prevails over the **WICKED**.

### III. The **PROPHECIES** of the King

- A. Bethlehem (Micah 5:2)
- B. Egypt (Hosea 11:1)
- C. Rachel (Jeremiah 31:15)
- D. Nazareth (The Prophets)

The book of **PSALMS** begins with a contrast between the wise and the foolish. The wise are blessed for the Lord **WATCHES** over them; the wicked conspire and plot in vain, but in the end they will **PERISH**. When we reflect on the birth and coming of the Great King, we have a decision to make. Do we seek him in order to worship Him or with agitation in our hearts do we plot to get him out of our lives. Truly blessed are those who take **REFUGE** in the Great King!