

## **GENTILE MISSIONARIES TO ISRAEL**

In this lesson text, Matthew introduced the first Gentile Missionaries to Israel in New Testament.

**We will study four aspects of the Gentile Missionaries to Israel proclaiming the birth of the Messianic Savior of World as the newly born King of the Jews.**

**1. As we read our lesson text, pay special attention to the travel of the Gentile missionaries from the East by following four arrivals in the plan of God:**

(Matt.2:1- 8)	Arrival in Jerusalem	King's Star (Matt.2:2)
(Matt.2:9-10)	Arrival in Bethlehem	King's Star (Matt.2:7, 9)
(Matt. 2:11)	Arrival at the house of the Christ child	<b>Worship</b> (Matt.2:2, 4, 6, 8, 11) Ruling Shepherd
(Matt.2:12)	Arrival to a different route home	"warned by God" -

**2. One focus of this lesson is on the word saw (horao).**

It is found in our lesson text (Matt.2:1-8 and 2:2) saw His star; (Matt.2:9-10) He saw His star again; and (Matt.2:11) (Saw the Child).

The great discovery of what the Gentile Missionaries SAW was much more than the King's Star. They discovered it presented the birth of the messianic Savior of the World.

What they received from the King's Star was **divine guidance** in their pursuit of **divine truth** regarding Christ like the woman at the well and the city of Sychar (John 4:39-42).

There are always three areas of divine guidance in the Directive Will of God:

- Geographical will    Right place/ travel from The East to Jerusalem
- Mental will            Right divine viewpoint thinking/ searching for newly born King of Jews
- Operational will    Rightly doing directive will of God/ worship and gifts to Christ

In point three, we will learn another doctrinal lesson from the word SAW (horao).

**3. Every member of the human race is born with two sets of eyes:**

- Physical    (natural sight to body)    [blepo]            (Ps.94:9)
- Spiritual    (spiritual sight to soul)    [horao]            (1 Cor.2:9-10)

There are two sources of soul sight:

- Divine Viewpoint (DV)
- Cosmos Diabolicus (CD)

(2 Cor.5:7) "**For we walk by:**

- **Faith** (DV) [works in the Directive Will]
- **Not By Sight** (CD) [works against the Directive Will]

**(Eph.1:18-19)** “I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened (DV), so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, **what** are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, **and what** is the surpassing greatness of His power towards us who believe.”; (John 14:8-9)

#### 4. Grace salvation is designed to spiritual open blind eyes of the soul.

##### Salvation:

(Acts 26:18) “To **open their eyes** so that they may turn from darkness to light **and from** the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance **among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.**”

##### Blind Man:

(John 9:1-45): The blind man received two messianic miracles of sight after physically born blind (9:25) and spiritual sight with spiritual birth (John 9:35-38) (2 Cor.5:17).

(2 Cor.4:3-4) “And even if (1cc) our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to **those who are** perishing, in whose case the god of this world has **blinded the minds** of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light (to shine forth the enlightenment) of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

(Isa.42:6b-7) “I will appoint you as a covenant to the people, **as a light to the nations**, to open their blind eyes.”

The Magi Gentile came from the East to Israel to worship the King of the Jews; who they believed would become the “King of the kings and the Lord of lords (Matt.2:2, 8, 11; Luke 23:38; Rev.19:16).

#### Was it the special King’s Star or the special God of all stars that brought the Magi to Jerusalem?

##### Before you answer read:

(Ps.147:4) “He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name”.

(Matt.2:12) “And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.”

##### Salvation to the Ends of the Earth

(Isa.49:6) “He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant. To raise up the tribe of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones (pivot) of Israel; I will also **make You a light of the nations (Gentiles)** so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (Matt.28:18-20)