

## Sabbath School Department.

## VISITOR BIBLE LESSONS.

## INFANT MESSIAH

Jan. 4.—Matt-2: 1-12.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."

Lesson TOPICS.—1 The Seekers. 2 Their difficulties. 3 Their success and the Results.

INTRODUCTION. The Book containing the story was written about A. D. 60, by Matthew sometimes called Levi. Before he became a disciple of Jesus, he was a collector of Government taxes, and accustomed to keep accounts, and thus he was measurably fitted to write the history of his Lord. The narrative was originally written for Jewish believers, and probably at an early period both a Hebrew and a Greek version of it were circulated.

THE SEEKERS.—v. 1-2 Bethlehem of Judea, distinguished from Bethlehem of Zebulun. Jesus was king David's birthplace, and there Jesus was born, probably in the year of the world 4004, not 1880, but 1884 years since. The town is about 6 miles south of Jerusalem still exists with a population of 3 or 4000.

Days of Herod. During the reign of Herod the Great, born B. C. 71, and declared king of Judea by the Roman Senate, B. C. 40. He rebuilt the temple and beautified Jerusalem. In less than two years after Christ's birth, the tyrant died despised for his craftiness and detestable for his cruelty. Wise men, or Magi, a class of religious and learned men in Persia and its neighborhood, who studied the stars and cultivated scientific knowledge. To Jerusalem, because it was the capital of Judea and the seat of the holy temple, where such earnest, persevering seekers as the wise men, might expect to obtain information concerning any marked event happening to the Jews. His Star; probably a supernatural star, which they believed to be the natal star of that universal king which the historians say the world was about that time expecting to spring from Judea. This star may have been of the nature of that enormous cloud which served as a guide and token of God's presence to the Israelites in the wilderness, but instead of being in pillar form was star shaped. The East. Probably in the East of Persia, a land 700 miles distant, whence they had come to pay their homage.

THEIR DIFFICULTIES AND HELPS.—v. 3-12. Having overcome the difficulties of a long journey lasting four or five months, and arrived at Jerusalem, they are disappointed and perplexed in finding neither in the royal palace, nor in the city any tidings of the recent birth of a king. Besides, their very enquiries embarrass both king and people. Herod was troubled at Jerusalem; the king, through fear that one born king of the Jews, would supersede him, was not king by birthright but by the appointment of a foreign government. The people expected a revolution if a new heir to the throne appeared. But now aid comes for the seekers. Herod summons a council composed of the chief Priests—the High Priests and the heads of the 24 courses of priests (1 Chr. 24: 6, 2 Chr. 36: 1) and the Scribes, writers who copied the scriptures and taught and interpreted them. They informed the king what holy writ declared of the birthplace and rule of Messiah, and this was communicated to the Magi by the party Herod who secretly, so that no warning might be given to the friends of the newborn king, called the wise men and inquired of them, ascertained exactly, at what time the star appeared indicating the day of Christ's birth, so that he might make certain the destruction of the child. His declared intention to destroy him also, was no doubt a mean falsehood designed to deceive the wise men.

The eager inquirers, aided by divine revelation departed for Bethlehem, and travelling by night, as is the custom in the East, to their great joy, their supernatural aid, the star in the East re-appeared, and went... stood or seemed to do so, over where the young child was—Bethlehem.

III. THEIR SUCCESS AND THE RESULT.—v. 12. They reached the house into which Mary had moved from the inn stable where Jesus was born. The light of nature and of revelation had at last led them to the presence of the divine child, who came to be the Light of the world. The results were, first they fell down, offering the adoration of reverential spirits; next, gratitude and love prompted them to open their treasures and to present gifts most valuable and appropriate. Frankincense, a fragrant gum used for incense in worship and a symbol of prayer. Myrrh, also a rare and precious aromatic gum used in ointment. "Myrrh, a mortal, gold to a king, frankincense to God." Another way, not by the highway through Jerusalem, but northeastward toward Jordan. Finding another king led them another way than that Herod pointed out. Those who find Christ will be led in the right way. Ps. 36: 9.

## ILLUSTRATION.

In the annals of the Celestial Empire, there is historical evidence of ambassadors "wise men" having been sent towards the West in search of the "Great Saint who was to appear." The following from the *Annals* narrates the circumstances:—

"In the twenty-fourth year of Tchao-Wang, of the dynasty of the Teheou, on the eighth day of the fourth moon, a light appeared in the south-west which illuminated the King's palace. The monarch struck by its splendor, interrogated the sages, who were skilled in fortelling future events. They then showed him books in which it was written that this prodigy signified the appearance of a great saint in the West, whose religion was to be introduced into this country. The King, consulted the ancient books, and having found the passage corresponding with the time of Tchao-Wang, was filled with joy. Then he sent the officers Tsin and Thain King, the learned Wang Tsun,

and fifteen other men to the West to obtain information."

So sensible were these "wise men" of the time and place of the Saviour's birth, that they set forth to hail the expected Redeemer. The envoy encountered in their way the missionaries of Buddhism coming from India, announcing an incarnate God; these the Chinese took for the disciples of the true Christ, embraced their teaching, and introduced them to their fellow-countrymen as the teachers of the true religion. Thus was Buddhism introduced into China in place of Christianity.—*Biblical Things*.

## HISTORICAL POSITION OF PALESTINE.

The people of Palestine on the map of the world has fitted it and its successive people for a remarkable place in history. Here is a little country, with only eight thousand square miles, or two thousand less than the State of Vermont, which, if we measure it by the scope of its history, the remote antiquity of its literature, and the great forces it has started into irresistible movement, we must place among the foremost in the ancient family of nations. It is practically the meeting-place of three continents—Africa, Asia and Europe. If Belgium is the "cockpit of Europe," where many of the chief battles of modern times have been fought, Palestine holds the same relation to the ancient world. Her plain of Esdraelon has been the battle-ground of nations and civilizations from Abraham's day to Napoleon Bonaparte's. This little country was the pathway of the nations on land, while on the sea it was her Phœnicia which planted colonies all around the shores of the Mediterranean, created Carthage, rival of Rome, and dared to send her ships as far north as Britain. There is something, too, akin to magnetism in this wonderful little land. It gave a certain measure of historical importance, and indeed of immortality to every people and land it touched. Take from our knowledge of Egyptian history all we have learned from the Mosiac narrative, and there will be a marvellous diminution of the fund. It is only where Assyria in an early day came into a relation with Syria that we get something of a definite knowledge of that great Oriental power. We find Rawlinson in his *Five Monarchies*, and Wilkinson in his *Manners and Customs of the Egyptians*, constantly appealing and leaning on the Scripture history, in order to treat the subject in consecutive form. It is Palestine that brings all great ancient countries within our vision. It is our best telescope for a view of the remote past. We read the fortunes of other people through her. Of right did she not possess the Greek language. It was foisted upon her through Alexander's conquest, and yet so carefully did she learn the new tongue that it became the receptacle of the new faith from Him of Nazareth, and the medium of its communication to the remotest shores known to men. Palestine long resisted Rome, and finally suffered destruction through Titus. Heracles and faith were bartered like a piece of merchandise, and were, in turn, owned by Canaanite, Jew, Assyrian, Greek, Syrian, Maccabean, and Roman. But in three centuries we find Bethlehem supplanting Rome. Christianity held the sceptre on the Seven Hills, and paganism became a thing of the country village, or *paganus*. Dr. J. F. Hurst, in *Harper's Magazine* for December.

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