

5 BC – MAGI AUDIENCE BEFORE HEROD – MAGI WORSHIP THE CHRIST CHILD

Songs 6:12

"Before I realized it
my desire set me
among the royal chariots of my people."

The account of the visit of the Magi according to the Gospel of Matthew:

'Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, and thou Bethlehem, *in* the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.'

When the Magi came to Jerusalem they said to Herod the Great 'where is the One who has been born King of the Jews' (Matt.2 v 2). This brought acute embarrassment to Herod because he had been granted the title 'King of the Jews' by the Roman Senate. Herod's own chief priests (he appointed them) proved that the Christ would be 'born in Bethlehem... for this is what the prophet has written' (Matt. 2:5). More shame heaped on Herod – he was born in Idumea! Thus the throne of Herod was punished with public shame for ever claiming the name 'King of the Jews'! Popes – all religious rulers appointed by men - take notice! There is only one ruler of God's people.

A nation can only have one king. Yet the Magi discovered in Israel 'my desire set me among the royal chariots of my people' – there was a controversy - more than one royal chariot means there is more than one person claiming to be king. The Magi were not fooled. They followed the stars and with great faith passed up on the Roman appointed Herod the Great – and bowed down to a mere infant – Jesus was not yet three years old!

Songs 6:12 is the **17,627th** verse in the Bible.

If you have a mind for wisdom, learn how God packed information into the precise location of this verse... by reading our spiritual number analysis following...

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

17,627 = 4 x 4157 [572nd prime]

The meaning is:

[17627 = 4 x 4147]

'Message' (4) (of) 'Corrupt Throne Punished' [572]

The appearance of the Magi humiliated Herod who took the title 'King of the Jews'.