



Three Threes of the First Christmas

Three Groups, Three Gifts, and Three Words

Prepare

Please Read the Following Passages:

- Matthew 2
- Luke 2

Study Guide

Ezekiel 9-10 - the Glory disappeared until the incarnation at Bethlehem, possibly the star was the Shekinah glory.

I. Three Groups

- a. **Politicians** Abhorred (Herod - Matthew 2:3, 16)

Christ would interfere with his right to rule

- b. **Religious** Ignored (Scribes, Pharisees - Matthew 2:4)

Hosea 11:1

Knew **Content**, not **Christ**

Lack love & obedience (John 7:17)

- c. **Magi** Adored (Daniel 5:11, Matthew 1:1-2, 7-11)

O Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Daniel saved the hides of the other Magi

Knowledgeable academically and spiritually in tune

II. Three Gifts (Matthew 2:11)

- a. Gold for **Royalty**

- i. Mighty **King** (Daniel 4:34-37)

- b. Frankincense for **Deity**

- i. Ministering **Priest** (Hebrews 4:15-5:1)

- c. Myrrh for **Humanity**

- i. Martyred **Prophet** (II Corinthians 5:21)

- ii. The Just One, the perfect Man

III. Three Words (Luke 1:8-14)

- a. **Joy** (Luke 2:10)

- i. Holy Happiness (Psalm 16:11, John 15:11, John 16:24, John 17:13)

- b. **Peace** (Luke 2:14)

- i. Holy Oneness (Romans 5:9-11, Philippians 4:4)

- ii. Were enemies, reconciled to be sons (Romans 5:8-10)

- iii. Propitiation satisfied the wrath, the just demand of a holy God

- iv. Replace anxiousness with Peace (Philippians 4:6-7)
- v. Peace given from Jesus (John 14:27)
- c. **Glory** (Luke 2:14)
 - i. Holy Purpose
 - ii. Departure (Ezekiel 8) from temple
 - iii. Now (1 Corinthians 6:15-20) indwelling the believer