



## Introduction

*Wise men come to worship Jesus.*



## Questions

1. How did the chief priests and scribes know where the Christ was to be born?
2. Where does the angel tell Joseph to flee to, and why?
3. How did Joseph know it was safe to return to the land of Israel?



## Summary Points

- **v 1 and 2** Wise men come to king Herod wanting to find and worship the new born King of the Jews (see theme)
- **v 3 to 6** Herod is told by the chief priests and scribes that the prophet Micah had said he was to be born in Bethlehem
- **v 7 to 12** Herod tells the wise men to find the child and come back to tell him where it is. The wise men are guided by the star to the house where they present their gifts. Having been warned not to return to Herod, the wise men return to their country a different way
- **v 13 to 15** After being warned, Joseph flees into Egypt (see map)
- **v 16 to 18** Herod kills all baby boys from 2 years old and under in Bethlehem and the surrounding area
- **v 19 to 23** After Herod's death Joseph is told by an angel to return to Israel and after another warning settles in Nazareth in Galilee

**Timeline** AD 30 (see theme)



## Theme / Information

### Titles of Jesus - king of the Jews

*A selection of verses showing how this theme runs consistently through the Bible.*

A special descendant of Israel's King David who would sit on David's throne is mentioned in the Psalms:

*Psalms 132 verse 11*

The prophet Isaiah spoke of a descendant of David who would sit on David's throne:

*Isaiah 9 verses 6 and 7*

Nathaniel, one of Jesus' disciples said that Jesus was king of the Jews:

*John 1 verse 49*

At his trial before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, Jesus confirmed that he was to be a king:

*John 18 verse 37*

Pontius Pilate subsequently displayed the fact for all to see:

*John 19 verse 19*

The apostle Peter told his hearers that Jesus would be a king like King David:

*Acts 2 verses 29 and 30*



**Jesus' travels - early life**

Map showing the travels of Mary and Joseph during the early life of Jesus (Matthew 2 and Luke 2).



**? Answers to questions**

Verses which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 5, Q 2: v 13, Q 3: v 19 and 20



# Bible timeline

