

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for August 28, 1983

The Magi
Matthew 2:1-3
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The implications of the story:

- A. Who are the Magi? **Matthew 2:1** Magi from the east
1. Priestly tribe of the land of Media
 2. Magicians, **Acts 13:8**
The Magi of **Matthew 2** are the priests of Media
Herod was troubled, **Matthew 2:3**
 3. **Jeremiah 39:13** Magi hold important position in the court of Nebuchadnezzar.
Daniel describes the function of the Magi. Daniel is made #2 man of court with
Magi at his command. This is how the Magi could have been made aware of
the prophecies of Christ.
- B. What is their significance?
1. Magi had a dual role in Persian Empire both as priests and politicians. As
politicians they appointed the king. The Roman Empire never had control of
Media- Persian Empire but had conflict with them for decades.
 2. When the magi arrived in Jerusalem they would have been accompanied by
thousands of armed soldiers, "Persian Warriors."
 3. Attention is focused on Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.