

A photograph of three camels and their handlers in a desert at sunset. The camels are silhouetted against the orange and yellow sky. In the upper right corner, a bright star with a lens flare is visible. The text 'The Wise Men Principle' is overlaid in the upper left.

## *The Wise Men Principle*

# Miracle

*A surprising and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws and is therefore considered to be the work of a divine agency.*



*Miracle*

*Dunamis – power, might, ability,  
force, works of power*



## Matthew 2:1-12

*<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”*



## Matthew 2:1-12

*<sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.*



## Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>5</sup> “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: <sup>6</sup> “But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””



## Matthew 2:1-12

*<sup>7</sup>Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup>He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”*



## Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>9</sup>After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.



## Matthew 2:1-12

*"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.*



## Matthew 2:1-12

*<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.*



*The miracles that took place in the story of the Magi*

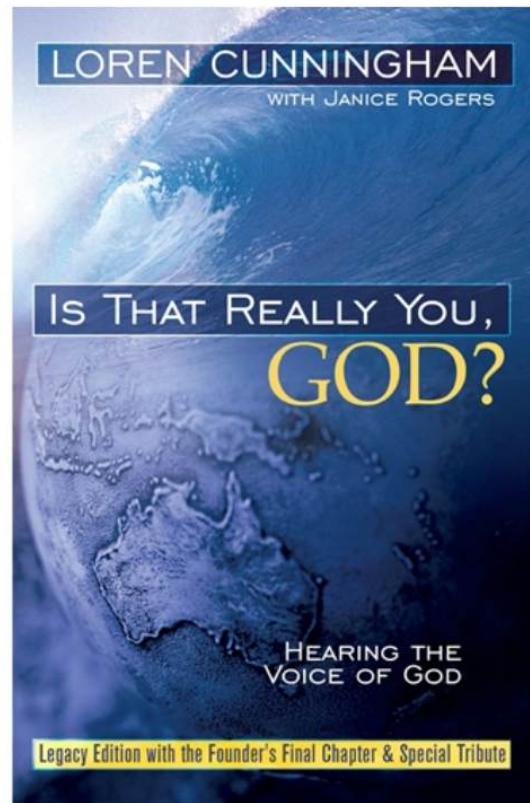


# The Star



# The Collaboration





## 2 Corinthians 13:1

*Every matter must be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.*



# The Gifts



# The Dream



# The Prophecies



## Micah 5:2

*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.*



## Jeremiah 31:15

*This is what the Lord says: “A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”*





**There were three kinds of people  
in the Christmas story.**





Those who had a general understanding  
of what God was accomplishing.





Those who only understood the part they were playing  
and didn't know the "big picture."



**Those who were clueless that God was doing something.**





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