

Magi Discussion

Remember that these monologues are essentially historical fiction, based on the Scripture but filling in plausible subjective details, both emotional responses and motivations. Your first task is to decide if they are reasonable.

Was the visit of the Magi important?

What stars might they have been noting? See www.tccsa.tc/articles/Conjunctions.pdf

What did they provide?

Why did Matthew and the Holy Spirit include them?

Can this event be reconciled with prohibition of astrology?

Can something made for good be turned to bad?

They came from the area where Daniel had lived as a “wise man.” They may have been his spiritual descendants.

Might they have been familiar with Daniel 9:25 and looking for “the anointed one?” (7 sevens and 62 sevens) See www.tccsa.tc/articles/70th Week per Halley.pdf

What was the response of Herod and why did he respond that way?

Who are the players in the spiritual battle?

Can we conclude that the Magi were on the good side?

What are reasons to celebrate their arrival, “Epiphany”?

How should this change the Jews understanding of the arrival of their Messiah?