



Matthew's Gospel

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Matthew's Gospel: Chapter 1:22-2:12

NOTE: The following are the general notes used for the teaching. They were primarily meant for reminders of the topic I wanted to cover, and do not include all that was said during the teaching.

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- The Isaiah text is about the Kings of Israel causing apostasy



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- Again, Matthew's use to make it fit is not wrong – he is establishing his theological perspective



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- Matthew stresses there were no sexual relations with Mary



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According to the Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament:
In Mt 2:1 μάγοι may be translated as 'men of wisdom who studied the stars.'

Rick's Notes:

Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition.). New York: United Bible Societies.



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Now there was a certain man there whose name was Simon Magus who lived in that city a long time and deceived the people of Samaria by his sorcery while magnifying himself and saying, I AM Great!

Rick's Notes:

HRB footnote: History tells us this man was an evil deceiver and when he went to Rome he took the title of '*Pater*' meaning '*father*' and through antiquity, false Christianity has confused this Simon the Pater with Simon Peter the Apostle. The reality is that The Apostle Peter spent very little time in Rome, only at the end of his life.



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Rick's Notes:

Magon – root word is also magos



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In Exodus, they mimicked Moses' miracles, but eventually could not match YHVH's powers.



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+ Daniel 2:48

Then the king made Daniel great and gave many great gifts to him. And he made him ruler over all the province of Babylon, and chief of the prefects over all the wise men of Babylon.

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This word does not go back to magoi in the LXX.



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