

MATTHEW -

JESUS AS

MESSIANIC KING



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VIRGIN CONCEPTION



1. Borrowed doctrine
2. Biologically impossible
3. Scripture
4. Jewish expectation
5. Fabricated
6. Early church
7. Not emphasized
8. Not important

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HEROD the

GREAT

(73-4 BC)

- ½ Jew & ½ Idumean (Edomite)
- Gifted orator & leader
- King of Jews by Octavian & Antony
- Murdered wife, mother-in-law, 3 sons
- Master builder - Temple in 19 BC
- Jewish leaders to be killed at death



2017



41' x 11.5' x 15' = 575 tons



2017



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2023



OTHER HERODS

1. Herod the Great (37-4 BC) Mt 2:1
2. *Archelaus (4 BC-6 AD) 2:22
3. *Antipas (4 BC-39 AD) Lk 3, 9, 13
4. *Philip (4 BC-34 AD) Lk 3:1
5. **Agrippa I (41-44 AD) Act 12
6. ***Agrippa II (~50-93 AD) 25-26

(rule), *son, ** g. son, *** son of Agrippa I

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Misconceptions

1. Not magicians - scientists
2. Not kings - wise men
3. Not at birth - ~1 year after
4. Possibly more than 3

Magi

(μάγος)

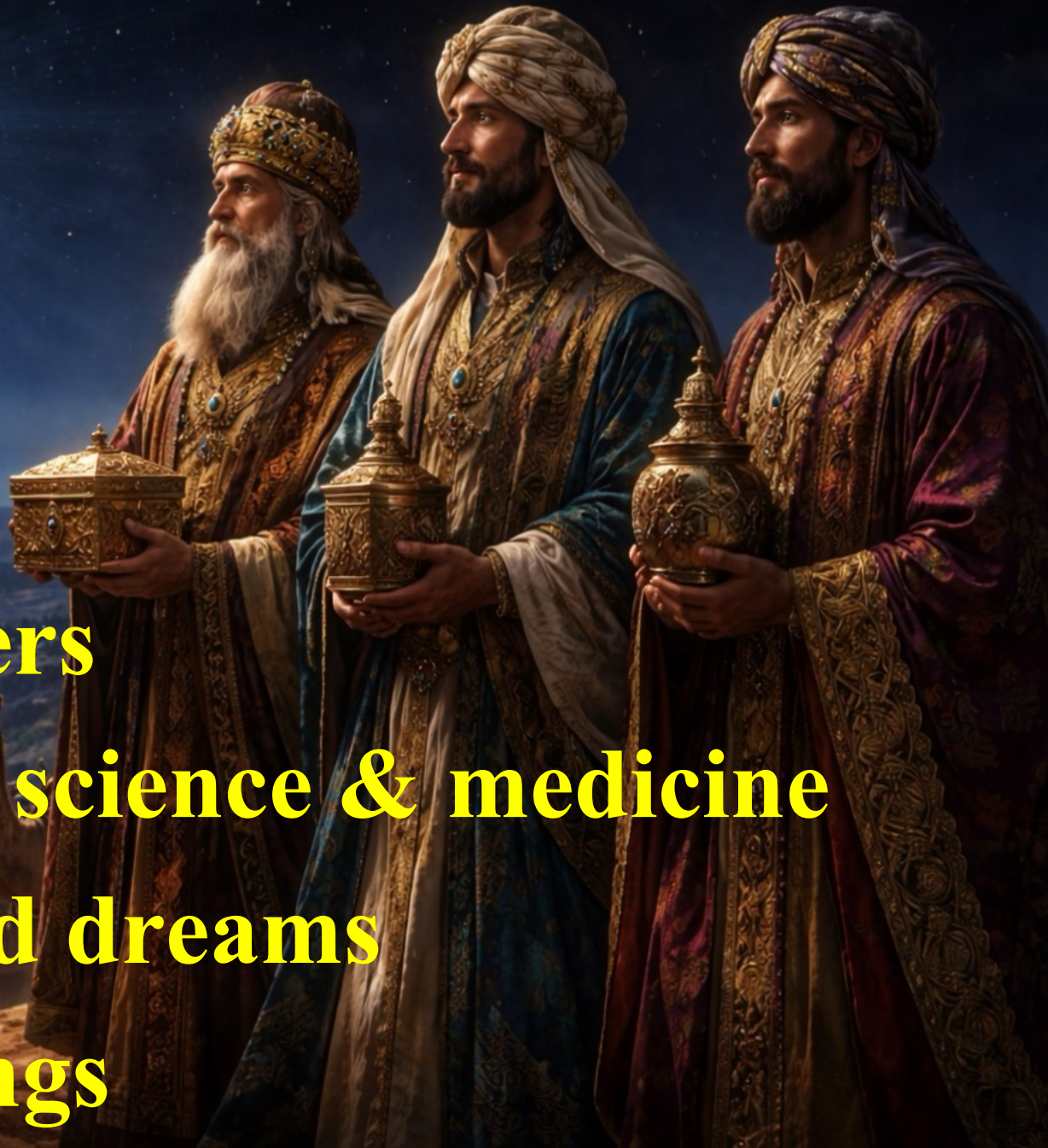
1. Wise men

2. Philosophers

3. Experts in science & medicine

4. Interpreted dreams

5. Taught kings





500-550 miles

Earth

U.S. Navy, NGA, GEBCO
Copernicus

300 mi



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(aster)

1. His star

2. Seen in east

3. Precise timing

4. Disappeared & reappeared

5. Moved ahead of them

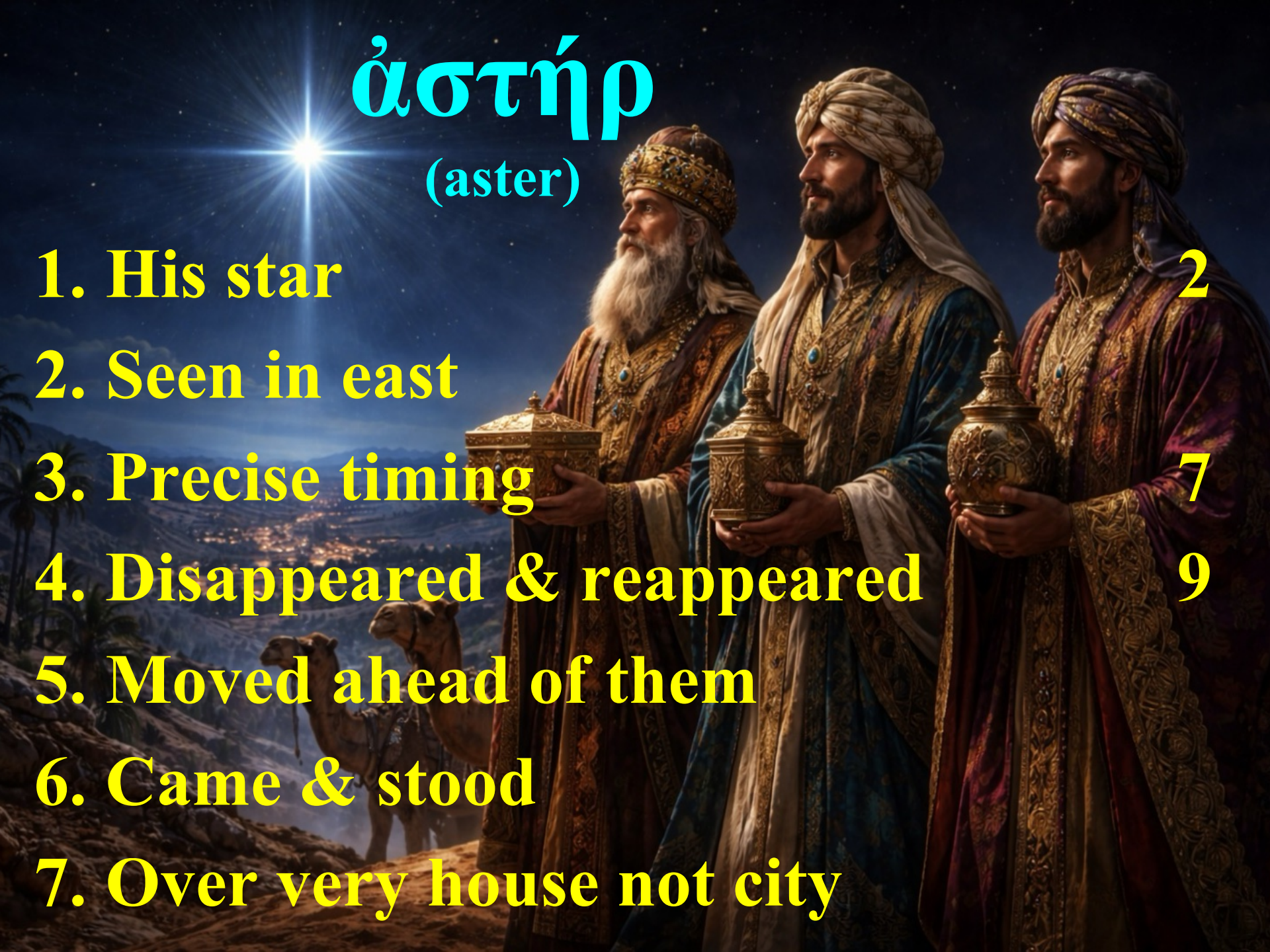
6. Came & stood

7. Over very house not city

2

7

9



ἀστήρ

(aster)

Possibilities

1. Comet
2. Nova
3. Planet Aligning
4. Supernatural



Num 24:17 “I see him, but not now;
I behold him, but not near; **A**
star shall come forth from
Jacob, A scepter shall rise from
Israel, And shall crush through
the forehead of Moab, And tear
down all the sons of Sheth.

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- 1. Troubled - ταρασσω (tarasso)**
literally - to stir-up water (Jn 5:4, 7)
or a crowd (Act 17:8, 13)
deep emotional stress, troubled
could include many emotions
Jesus - at death of Lazarus (Jn 11:33),
at betrayal (Jn 13:21),
Gethsemane (Jn 12:27)
here - emotionally troubled

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CHIEF PRIESTS



1. OT - 1 priest

2. 1st Century - often replaces many still living plus others

3. Aristocracy - corrupt

4. Rejected Messiah

SCRIBES



1. Mainly Pharisees
2. Authorities on Law called lawyers
3. Followed rabbis - tradition
4. More conservative than Sadducees

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RAMOT ALON

Mevaseret Zion

Jerusalem

Ma'ale Adumim

GILO

Bayt Jala

Bethlehem

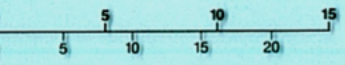
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Mt 2:1-6



Bethlehem

● city
○ city (uncertain location)



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Church of the Nativity

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not infant βρέφος (brefos)
about 1-2 years after birth

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- 3. Worship - προσκυνέω (proskuneo)**
to bow down before authority
leper (8:2), Canaanite (15:25)
false worship - 1st beast, angels
to worship - God (4:10, Rev 4:10)
Jesus (Jn 4:20-24, 9:38)

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A photograph of the Sea of Galilee at sunset. The sun is a bright yellow-orange orb on the right side of the horizon, casting a long, shimmering reflection across the water. In the foreground, a dark metal pier structure with several vertical posts and horizontal beams extends into the water from the left. The sky is a gradient of light orange and yellow, and the water is a deep blue with gentle ripples. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Sea of Galilee

**As an act of worship keep
sharing the Gospel. You will
find those seeking the
Messiah!!!**