

Discerning the Times II

“Wise men Discerning Wisdom”

Let's take another look at four wise men.

KJV Matthew 2:7 Then Herod, when he had privily **called the wise men**, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. ⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and **worship him** also. ⁹ When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. ¹⁰ **When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.** ¹¹ And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and **fell down, and worshipped him:** and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² **And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.** ¹³ And when they were departed, **behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt,** and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: ¹⁵ And was there until the death of Herod: **that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

Wise men discern between the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God.

Wise men follow the light.

I

KJV 1 Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.** ¹⁰ But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for **the Spirit searcheth all things**, yea, the deep things of God.

The Holy Spirit reveals the wisdom of God.

The Holy Spirit shows what God has in store for us.

What has God prepared for us?

II

Wise men distinguish between man's view and God's wisdom.

There is a difference between man's wisdom and Godly wisdom.

KJV 1 Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which **man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;** comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not **the things of the Spirit of God:** for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because **they are spiritually discerned**

Wise men follow the light, the guiding power of the Holy Spirit.

- Discerning voices by the Holy Spirit will keep us on the right path.

III

Wise men can be aided by research and divine guidance.

Wise men follow the light.

Wise men change their plans.

Wise men don't succumb to pressure. Vs 12

- Wise men make right choices.

IV

Joseph is the fourth wise man.

Wise men have the gift of discerning of spirits.

Wise men understand spiritual language, dreams and visions. Vs 13

Joseph's discernment of the dream saved his family.

God gave clear directions.

God had provided funding for the journey: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God provided refuge and a safe place for the family during a time of danger, death and destruction.

- Discern what He has prepared for us.
- *Ask “What has He prepared for you?”*