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They* entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. MATTHEW 2:11

Magi*

μάγους (magous)

A sorcerer, a magician, a wizard. Of foreign origin; a Magian, i.e. Oriental scientist; by implication, a magician.

Vision & Revelation (Seeing the Star and saw the child with his mother):

Seeking Truth: The Magi followed a star, demonstrating a willingness to seek God beyond familiar paths (like Herod).

God's Guidance: God uses signs (stars, dreams, Spirit) to reveal His will to those open to Him, even Gentiles.

How do we discern God's vision for our lives today (Scripture, prayer, Holy Spirit)?

Submission & Worship (they bowed down and worshiped him):

Profound Respect: "Falling down" signifies acknowledging Jesus' divine Kingship and surrendering to Him.

Beyond Comfort: Their journey involved sacrifice and stepping out of comfort zones to find Christ.

What areas of my life need to bow before Jesus as King (priorities, decisions, fears)?

Consecration & Offering (Opening Treasures):

Gifts Symbolize Our Lives:

- ***Gold (royalty/our reign)- DANIEL AND THE MAGI/Covenant & Blessing: The abundance of gold showcased God's***

blessing and fulfillment of His covenant with David, a testament to the prosperity and peace under Solomon.

- ***Frankincense (divinity/holiness/worship) represent the daily divine presence of God and the daily prayers that rise to Him.***
- ***Myrrh (sacrifice/purpose/death) represent dedicating our all to Christ. Embalming/funerals***

Yielding Resources: Opening their treasures means offering our best talents, time, and treasure.

How can I consecrate my "treasures" (skills, finances, future) to God's purposes?

Key Elements of the Prophecy (Daniel 9:24-27)

- The Timeline: 70 sevens (or weeks), often interpreted as 490 years (70 x 7).
- The Purpose: To finish transgression, seal up sin, make atonement, bring everlasting righteousness, seal vision/prophecy, and anoint the Most Holy.

Key Events:

- Command to Restore Jerusalem: Signaled by a decree.
- Messiah's Coming: "Anointed One" (Messiah) appears after 69 weeks.
- Messiah's "Cutting Off": After the 69th week, the Messiah is cut off (crucified/killed).
- Future Fulfillment: The final week involves the Antichrist, a covenant with many, and the cessation of sacrifices, leading to the ultimate Messianic Kingdom.