

What Star is This?

Text: Revelation 22:16

I would hope by now, all of the preparations are done. The tree is up and decorated. The cookies are baked, the meal prepared, the gifts wrapped, The cards sent, and the guest invited. I am sure it has been a long few weeks leading up to tonight. So tonight, I would ask that you sit back, clear your minds, and relax and go on a journey with me. This journey finds some men wondering around one night in the dark. These men were not just your ordinary men, they were men who had studied the stars and the sky. They were wise men. They had been told of the news of the birth of the King. A King of the Jews. They were curious and wanted to go and find that babe. So here they are wondering around in Jerusalem asking people where can we find this new born baby. "Where is the Baby born to be the king of the Jews?" We have seen his star in the east and come to worship him. Now Bethlehem was a small town about six miles from Jerusalem and it was the hometown of King David. Now this was significant because the Jews were expecting the coming Messiah. Why? Because it was prophesied in the Old Testament. So here are these men wondering around trying to find a baby but not just another baby. A babe that would change the World forever as they knew it. They are told of the star, the bright morning star. They are told to follow that star and you will find the one whom you are looking for. So off they go. Walking on foot. I am sure there was chill in the air. The ground was not easy to walk on. It was very mountainous. But they continued not complaining but seeing a ray of hope in the sky. I am sure that there were those conversations. How much

farther? Do you think we are going in the right direction? Then they arrive in Bethlehem, I am sure knocking on doors, and asking Where the babe is? Have you seen him? We came from afar to see this special thing that has happened. Again, wondering around looking for a small tiny baby. But then they are led to that inn. They go in and ask the inn keeper if he has seen a new born baby. I am sure at first the answer was no. But, then he said we are full at the inn, but a young couple came in asking for a room. I told them there are no rooms left, but I told them they could find comfort in the stable in the back of the inn. And at that moment they went out the back door and into the stable, and there they saw Mary, Joseph, and the Babe that they were diligently looking for. The babe of Bethlehem, The King of the Jews. They fell down on their knees to worship him and presented him with gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

What about you on this night? Have you seen his star? Are you willing to follow it? Are you seeking that babe? The babe that changed the World forever? My friends, there is Hope. Hope that we can find that everlasting peace. We can find the overflowing Joy on this Christmas Eve night. I remind you that star isn't just a random star in the sky. It is a divine sign. A divine sign pointing to the King. Jesus, the actual Bright Morning Star. He is the fulfillment of that sign, the source of all true light. He illuminates our path, revealing God's truth and offering salvation where there is only spiritual gloom. There is promise of a new day. That promise is hope and future. So what star is this? It's a star that signifies the approaching dawn and that babe ushers in God's new creation. And for us, He is the guarantee that darkness doesn't win. There is a brighter, eternal day of peace. It is my hope that you will look to Him for Guidance: In life's

darkest moments. I hope that you will focus your eyes on Jesus, that constant Morning Star, to navigate through the trials and temptations. I hope that you will embrace the new beginnings in your life and let the promise of his presence bring you hope and healing. I can reassure you that personal darkness that you may be going through, will turn brighter and your darkness will be overcome with his light.

So, will you go out tonight as you leave this place and look for that star? The bright morning star? Will you follow it? Will you let it lead you to the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love that you have been longing for? I promise you if you seek, you will find, and if you knock, the door will be open. The babe has come, and he is waiting for you to find him. A-men