

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD VIDEO

### CHAPTER TWO SERMON TWO-**FOUR GIFTS FIT FOR OUR KING**

#### With Christmas Fast approaching, when all believers celebrate the birth of Jesus, what GIFT can you offer Jesus?

You may not have Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh but each of us have a *GREATER* GIFT....The Wise Men had it, AND so do you.....**Our Faith**, that leads us to be obedience to King Jesus! 😊

**Heb. 11:6** *And without faith it is impossible to please Him (GOD), for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

**LAST WEEK** I MADE THE SUGGESTION, THAT THE MAGI FROM THE EAST WHO CAME TO WORSHIP THE CHRIST CHILD JESUS, HAD FOREHAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS, BEFORE MAKING THE 7-800 MILE JOURNEY TO “WORSHIP” HIM, SOMETIME “AFTER” HE WAS BORN....

**NOW LET’S LOOK TOGETHER AT SOME KEY PROPHECIES DANIEL, THE KING OF THE MAGI, WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO during the Babylonian Captivity before Jesus birth, EACH FORETOLD IN OT HEBREW SCRIPTURES**

#### **CHART: What Daniel Likely Had Access To “HISTORICALLY”**

Category	Example Books	Likely Available to Daniel?	Evidence
The Law	Genesis–Deuteronomy	☑ Yes	Daniel 9:11–13
History	Joshua–Kings	☑ Partially	Exile references match his era
Prophets	Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel	☑ Yes (Jeremiah certain)	Daniel 9:2 plus oral tradition
Wisdom	Psalms, Job, Proverbs	⊖ Probable	Used in worship/oral tradition

**THIS KING TO COME WOULD BE THE KING OF KINGS, GOD IN THE FLESH**

**Isaiah 7:14**

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (God with us)*

**Jeremiah 23:5–6**

*"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. **This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord** (YHWH) Our Righteous Savior."*

**THIS GOD-KING WOULD DIE AN UNUSUAL DEATH**

**Isaiah 53:7**

*"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; **he was led like a lamb to the slaughter**, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."*

**Isaiah 53:9**

*"He was assigned **a grave** with the wicked, and with the rich **in his death**, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth."*

**Isaiah 53:5**

*But He was **pierced through for our transgressions**, He was **crushed for our iniquities**; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And **by His scourging** we are healed.*

**THIS KING TO COME WILL BE "GOD IN THE FLESH" AND DECENDANT OF DAVID AND HIS REIGN WILL BE "ETERNAL", THUS HE WILL NOT BE A NORMAL KING**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

*For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God, Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> **There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.** The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.*

**THIS KING WOULD BE HONORED WITH SPECIAL GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE.....AND Because of additional prophecies, Myrhh!**

**Isaiah 60:1–6**

*“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you...**Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising...**They shall bring **gold and incense**, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.”*

**THE “GENERAL” LOCATION OF “THIS” KING WAS FORETOLD**

**Psalm 68:29–32**

*“Because of your temple at **Jerusalem** kings shall bear gifts to you... Nobles shall come from Egypt; Cush shall hasten to stretch out her hands to God.”*

**Psalm 72:10–15**

***Psa. 72:10** Let the kings of Tarshish and of the islands bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba offer gifts.<sup>11</sup> And let all kings bow down before him, **All nations** serve him.....<sup>15</sup> and may the gold of Sheba be given to him; And let them pray for him continually; Let them bless him all day long.*

**The Apostle Paul** gives us an additional FUTURE fulfillment of this same prophecy!!!!!! ☺

**PHIL. 2:5-11** *Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who, although **He existed in the form of God**, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but **emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men.** <sup>8</sup> Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup> **For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,** <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of **Jesus** every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## CHART: Tracking Magi from Daniel to Jesus

Noteworthy Events	Approx. Date	What Happened
Daniel becomes chief of the Magi	~600 BC	Introduces Hebrew prophecy to Babylonian wise men
Book of Daniel preserved	500–300 BC	Magi study his visions of kingdoms and the Messiah King to come
Persian/Parthian Magi continue tradition	300–100 BC	Expectation of a Divine King grows
Star appears; Magi travel west	~5 BC	Magi come to worship the newborn King—Jesus

**So, Daniel sowed the seed, and centuries later, the Magi harvested it.**

**Daniel's "FAITH" and prophecies** bridged the cultures of Babylon and Bethlehem, so that when the Christ Child was born, even the Gentile (Magi, wise men) were ready to bow down and WORSHIP Jesus.

## MONSTER POINT:

- 1. IF DANIEL COULD INTERPRET A MAN'S DREAMS, (King Nebacanezzer) HE CERTAINLY HAD THE ABILITY TO ACCURATELY INTERPRET GOD'S WORD IN THE HEBREW OLD TESTAMENT THAT HE HAD ACCESS TO...**
- 2. AND IF YOU DOUBT THAT DANIEL "KNEW" THAT GOD WAS SENDING THE KING OF KINGS IN "Daniel's" FUTURE, (WHICH IS OUR PAST)...AND THAT THE KING TO COME WOULD BE THE FROM THE "FATHER" ...A KING WHO'S REIGN WOULD BE EVERLASTING ETERNAL, "NOT" SOME RUN OF THE MILL "HUMAN" KING**

**THEN READ THE WORDS OF DANIEL HIMSELF!!!!!!! 😊**

**Daniel 7:13–14**

*"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was **one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven.** He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He (The Son of Man) was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; **all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him.***

*His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed."*

**DANIEL, AS MASTER OF THE MAGI COULD NOT HAVE HELPED HIMSELF BUT TO INSTRUCT HIS CAPTORS IN BABALONIA, OF THE SAVIOR TO COME FOR ISRAEL,** BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY ONE WHO WOULD BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD....**ALL NATIONS AND ALL PEOPLE BOTH JEW AND GENTILE.....**  
**NO WONDER THE MAGI FELL TO THEIR FACE WHEN THEY FIRST LAID EYES ON THE CHRIST CHILD JESUS!**

**THIS LEADS US BACK TO MATTHEW'S GENEALOGY OF JESUS "FROM" ABRAHAM (CHAPTER 1)**

**AND OUR REFERENCE PROPHECY FROM Genesis 12:3**

*"In you (ABRAHAM) all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR MESSIAH AND THE "Blessing" OF THE WORLD, through the PROMISE that He personally made to Abraham, before His birth**

- The Magi's worship of Jesus is the first visible sign of this Abrahamic promise being fulfilled by Jesus Himself — Gentiles/NATIONS ALSO recognizing the Jewish Messiah.
- The prophesied King to Come would be YHWH or the Son of YHWH, the very one who made the covenant promise to Abraham AND the primary reason Matthew traced the genealogy of Jesus specifically back to Abraham, NOT Eber his father, NOT Noah and NOT Adam but directly to Abraham himself 😊

**AS PROMISED LAST WEEK,**

**LET'S LOOK AT "THE GIFTS FIT FOR KING JESUS" and Let Me Ask YOU...**

**Can I go Heart to Heart with YOU? 😊**

**The Angels** Worshipped Jesus first from Heaven to Earth

**The Jewish Shepherds** worshipped Jesus as they left their pastures

**And Magi** worshipped Jesus as they left their homes in the East

**How are YOU worshipping Jesus? Are you honoring Jesus w/FAITH?**

## Heart to Heart?

**You may Not have Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh, but you do have something more valuable than Gold...YOUR HEART...**

**Are you are willing to give it to Jesus today?**

**I can picture those Magi traveling across miles of desert** — not with a GPS, not in comfort, but with one goal: To find and worship the newborn king, Jesus.....Immanuel.....God with us.....The Lamb of God!

**AND the Magi didn't show up empty-handed.** They brought gifts. They brought their VERY BEST....Gifts fit for a King....

**But there was a FORTH GIFT, More valuable than the Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh...Do you know what it was?.....Their FAITH IN ACTION.**

**REMEMBER:** *(Heb. 11:6) Without Faith it is impossible to please God)*

**That's what I want for my life...**That everything I do and in everything I offer to Jesus, **Will Begin and End with FAITH!** — and this is what I believe God wants for you, too.

**So, let's talk about the Magi's gifts:** gold, frankincense, and myrrh and how our “Faith” enhances or surpasses these gifts ☺

**1. Gold,** was the gift for a king. It symbolized honor, value, and worth. When I think of gold, I think of what's most precious in my own life — my time, my energy, my focus, my resources it's not hard to find my own Gold, And I have to ask myself: **BY FAITH, Am I giving Jesus the best of me.....or what's left of me?**

**It's easy to give God what's convenient** — a few minutes before bed, a prayer on the run, a quick offering when it fits the budget. But gold costs something.

**AND FAITH IS CRYING OUT....Give Jesus Your Best, Not Your Leftovers**  
Jesus deserves more than our spare change — He deserves our hearts.  
**SO WHAT MIGHT OUR GOLD LOOK LIKE FOR EACH OF US?**

- Choosing to put God first in our schedule — starting our day with Jesus as the FIRST person you talk too.
- OR using our talents or finances to serve His Kingdom, and not just our own goals.
- Trusting God enough to let go of something we hold too tightly.

**HERE'S A GREAT QUESTION TO Ask ourselves:** “If Jesus is truly King, Is He more precious than GOLD over my calendar, my money, and each decision I need to make **BY FAITH?**”

**Here's a Challenge for you this week...** BY FAITH, give Jesus your “gold” — one act that says, “You come first, Lord.” It might be time in prayer, It might be a FAITH offering, or BY FAITH, walking in obedience to Him, even when it's hard.

**2. Frankincense,** was used in the temple for worship — its aroma rising like a prayer to God. It represents **devotion** and **relationship**.

**I have to ask even myself...** “Am I keeping Christ at the forefront of my **attention**...In other words, Is Jesus still Lord of my Life today...and do I need to work on making sure I am investing time with Him?

**Jesus has already made all the time I could possibly want to spend with Him** as He doesn't wear a watch!

**AND the things I worry about getting done BEFORE I carve out time for Him will all get done, when I put Him first!**

**When God is FIRST in our life and our priority relationship,** everything else, especially, *other* relationships ARE SUBJECT TO GOD'S ABILITY to multiply time if necessary 😊.....**THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE BLESSINGS OF WALKING BY FAITH WITH JESUS!!!!**

**AS I'M READING THIS....I think of how distracted our world is.** My phone buzzes, my mind races, my schedule's packed. AND TOO OFTEN, I give God what's left of my attention, not the first of it.

But Jesus doesn't just want our words — He wants our hearts. He wants to meet us in the quiet, to breathe peace into our chaos.



### **Your “frankincense” might be:**

- Setting aside moments just to be with Him — no agenda, no requests, just love.
- Turning your worries into worship instead of complaints.
- Living your day as an act of praise — at work, at home, even in traffic.

**HERE’S A GREAT QUESTION TO Ask ourselves:** “When was the last time I just sat still with God, not asking for anything — just enjoying His presence?”

**Here’s a Challenge for you this week...BY FAITH** Create a “fragrance moment” each day — 5 minutes of silence, prayer and worship AND let your heart rise to heaven like incense.

**3. Myrrh**, was used for burial. It pointed to Jesus’ suffering and death, a gift foreshadowing the cross.

That’s a heavy gift for a baby, isn’t it? But it reminds us that even from the beginning, Jesus came to bear our pain.

### **So what does myrrh mean for us today?**

**WELL, IT’S ANOTHER FAITH TEST...and here’s the question....(STILL HEART TO HEART?)**

**CAN YOU GIVE JESUS YOUR PAIN AND SURRENDER IT TO HIM?**

**No you can’t in your flesh, BUT BY FAITH through the power of the Holy Spirit you can!...The apostle Paul did 3X’s**

It might mean, giving Jesus the hard things — the hurt, the loss, the disappointment, the sin we’re ashamed of.

**Because He doesn’t just want your praise — He wants your pain, too.**  
**He can turn your myrrh into healing, your sorrow into beauty.**

### **Your “myrrh” might be:**

- BY FAITH, Surrendering that burden you’ve carried too long.
- BY FAITH, Letting God work in the parts of your life that feel dead/broken.
- BY FAITH, Saying, “Lord, I trust You — even when it hurts.”



**HERE'S A GREAT QUESTION TO Ask ourselves** "What pain or pride have I been holding back from Jesus?"

**Here's a Challenge for you this week**...Name your "myrrh" this week — write it down and pray, "*Lord, I give this to You. **BY FAITH**, I give it to You for Your glory in the same way Jesus gave Himself, His Pain and His Life to the Father on OUR behalf.*"

**"4" Gifts...**You may not have Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh...  
**BUT EACH OF US HAS OUR FAITH TO OFFER TO HIM!**

**AND if you have never trusted in Jesus by FAITH....let me encourage you to do that right now, today.....:)**

Simply say, "Jesus, by faith, I am trusting that you love me and gave yourself on a cross to pay for my sins and rose again from the dead, three days later AND by FAITH, I choose to believe this truth and that you are God in the Flesh, Immanuel...."

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**FINAL SONG...YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH!**