

"FOR OR AGAINST THE NEWBORN KING"

Matthew 2:1-12

Main Idea: Reaction to the newborn King is passionate, both for and against.

The shocking visit of the wise men (1-2)

Their identity (1)

Their knowledge of the circumstances (2a)

Their eagerness to worship (2b)

The significance of their participation

The sharp reaction of King Herod (3-8)

His unusual identity

His political disturbance (3)

His theological investigation (4-6)

His deceptive diplomacy (7-8)

The culmination of the wise men's search (9-12)

Taking Herod at his word (9a)

Divine guidance (9b)

Abundant joy (10)

Exuberant worship (11a)

Royal gifts (11b)

Divine warning (12)