



<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> “A voice is heard in Ramah,  
weeping and great mourning,  
Rachel weeping for her children  
and refusing to be comforted,  
because they are no more.”

Matthew 2:16-18

<sup>22</sup> When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Luke 2 v22

The word *magi* is the plural of the Latin *magus* (a member of a priestly caste of ancient Persia and/or a sorcerer/magician)

Isaiah 60 v3: 'Nations will come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn'

Psalms 68 v29: 'Because of your temple at Jerusalem, kings will bring you gifts'

Psalms 72 v11: 'All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him'

Melchior - a Persian scholar

Caspar - an Indian scholar

Balthazar - a Babylonian scholar

# GOLD

## Frankincense & Myrrh







I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near.  
A star will come out of Jacob; a sceptre will rise out  
of Israel.

Numbers 24 v17

When Herod had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.

Matthew 2 v4-5

They saw his star in the east and have come to  
worship him (v2)

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his  
mother Mary and they bowed down and  
worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures  
and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense  
and of myrrh (v11)



*When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord” ), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”*

*Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in  
peace, according to thy word:  
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all  
people;  
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of  
thy people Israel.*

*Luke 2 v22-32*

*With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.*

*Isaiah 12 v3*

