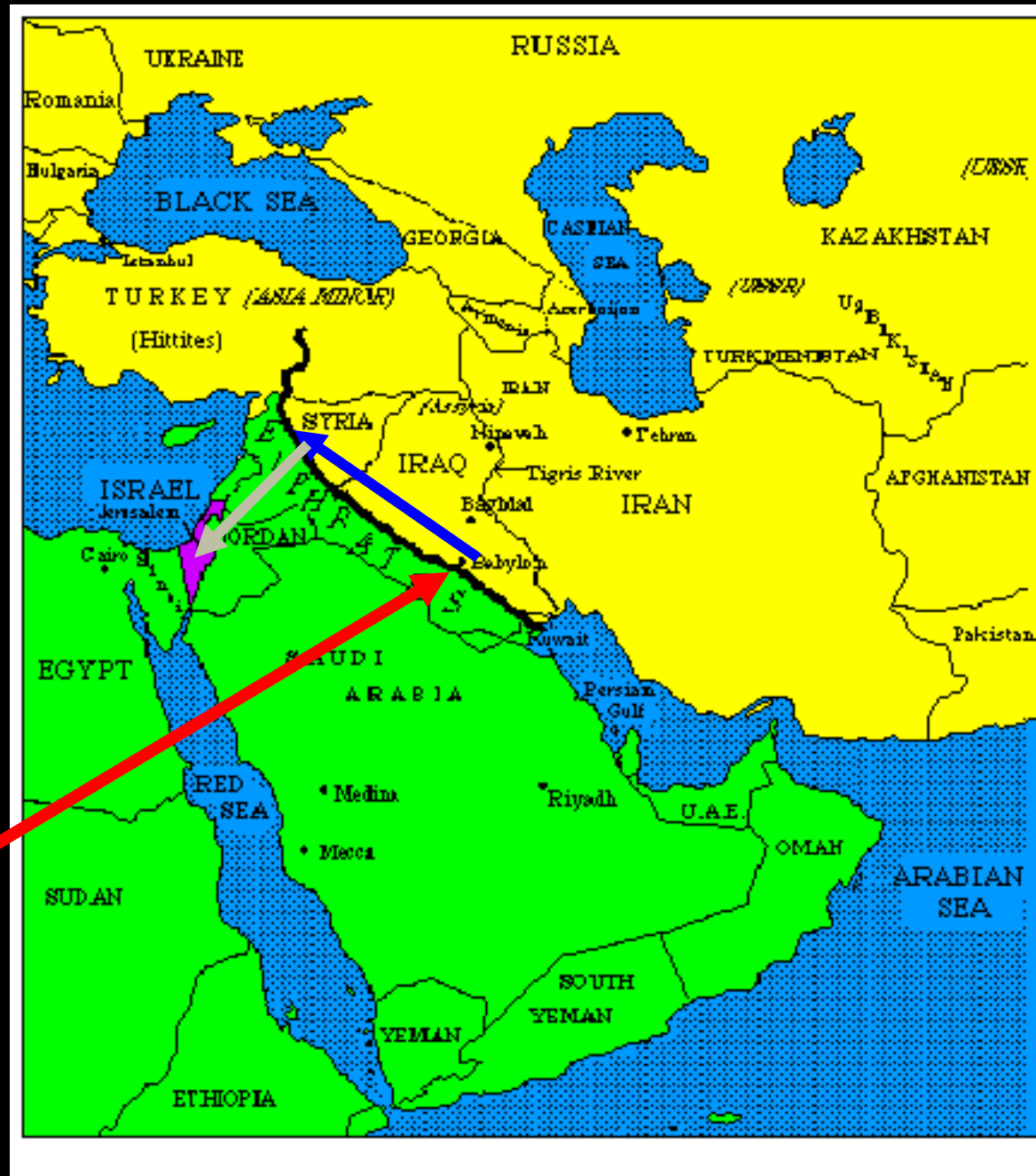


**Matt 2:1-12**



**FINDING MY WAY  
TO THE MANGER**

Start  
point



- **WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THE MAGI.**

- A. **ADVISORS TO KINGS.** GEN 41:8, DANIEL 2:27, 4:6, 5:7; ISAIAH 47:13
- B. **EDUCATED:** MEDICINE, SCIENCE, STARS.
- C. **SPIRITUAL ADVISORS** (PRIESTS?) TO PEOPLES OF NON-ABRAHAMIC FAITH. DANIEL 5:7-8. **STARS WERE THEIR "HOLY BOOK"**

# 1. GOD'S INVITATION TO THE "MANGER" IS ALL-INCLUSIVE.

- A. THE **LEAST LIKELY** TO COME WERE THE ONES WHO DID.
- B. **THEY CAME FREELY.** NO ONE IS COMPELLED. (JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS REJECTED THE INVITATION).
- C. EVEN "**ENEMIES**" GOT AN INVITATION - JESUS SAID, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE..."

- AFTER THIS I LOOKED, AND BEHOLD, A GREAT MULTITUDE THAT NO ONE COULD NUMBER, FROM EVERY NATION, **FROM ALL TRIBES AND PEOPLES AND LANGUAGES**, STANDING BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB, CLOTHED IN WHITE ROBES, WITH PALM BRANCHES IN THEIR HANDS, <sup>10</sup> AND CRYING OUT WITH A LOUD VOICE, "SALVATION BELONGS TO OUR GOD WHO SITS ON THE THRONE, AND TO THE LAMB!" (REV. 7:9-10 ESV)

2. THE INVITATION IS ALL-INCLUSIVE; BUT THE  
*LANGUAGE IS "ME-SPECIFIC."*

AFTER LISTENING TO THE KING, THEY WENT ON THEIR WAY. AND BEHOLD, THE STAR THAT THEY HAD SEEN WHEN IT ROSE **WENT BEFORE THEM UNTIL IT CAME TO REST OVER THE PLACE WHERE THE CHILD WAS.**<sup>10</sup> **WHEN THEY SAW** THE STAR, THEY REJOICED EXCEEDINGLY WITH GREAT JOY. (MATT. 2:9-10 ESV)

3. IT IS IN THE **JOURNEY**, THE **SEARCH**, THAT  
HEARTS ARE CHANGED.

A. **OCCUPATIONAL** INTEREST — ASTRONOMERS;

- BEGAN BY SIMPLY FOLLOWING A STAR.
- WHEN DID THE JOURNEY CHANGE THEIR HEARTS?

B. **WORSHIP**. V 2:2, 2:8 (HEROD), 2:11.

# APPLICATION

1. WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU THROUGH THE STEPS TAKEN BY THE MAGI? WHAT HAS HE REVEALED THAT YOU MUST TAKE ACTION UPON?
  - BOW IN PRAYER BEFORE HIM AND COMMIT TO A STEP OF OBEDIENCE TODAY.