



**MATTHEW: THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

A Contrast of Kingdoms

Matthew 2:1-12



Additional Scripture References

- Matthew 6:33
- Revelation 17:14



*How do the disciples of Jesus live
under the reign of King Jesus as
citizens of his kingdom?*



Wise Men Seek after the Kingdom of God



The Kingdoms of this
World are in Conflict with
the Kingdom of God



“Whereas the pagan Magi act like God’s people (v. 11), the king of God’s people acts like a notorious pagan king of old (v. 16)

...When we side with the politically powerful to seek human help against common foes, we could actually find



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ourselves fighting God's agenda. Jesus came and served among the weakest, depending solely on God's vindication."



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“The heavenly Father chose to appoint the star and the Magi as our guides, to lead us to his Son...while he stripped him of all earthly splendor, for the purpose of informing us that his kingdom is spiritual.”



*John Calvin, Calvin's Commentaries,
Volume XVI*