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3 Christmas Story

4 Matthew's Theme...Messiah-King...David

- Bethlehem Star Story...Only Found In Matthew...research!
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- 1Sam 16:4 And Shemu'ēl did what יהוה said, and went to Běyth Leḥem...¹³ And Shemu'ēl took the horn of oil and anointed (Messchiac) him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of יהוה came upon Dawiḏ from that day and onwards
- From The East (?)...Babylon-magi?...Daniel??

5 A Star Prophecy...Baalim

- Num 22:2 And Balaq son of Tsippor saw all that Yisra'el had done to the Amorites. 3 And Mo'ab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Mo'ab was in dread because of the children of Yisra'el... 5 and he sent messengers to Bil'am (Prophet-Soothsayer-Gentile) son of Be'or at Pethor,
- Balaq: King of Moab...east of the dead sea, Gentile...Fearing Israel
- Bil'am: Gentile soothsayer, hired to Curse, But Blesses!
- Num 24:15 And he took up his proverb and said, "The saying of Bil'am, son of Be'or, and the saying of the man whose eyes are opened, 16 the saying of him who hears the words of El, and knows the knowledge of the Most High, who sees the vision of the Almighty, who falls down, with eyes opened wide: 17 I see Him, (King Of Israel-Messiah) but not now; I observe Him, but not near. A Star shall come out of Ya'aqob, and a Sceptre (King) shall rise out of Yisra'el, and shall smite the corners of Mo'ab, and shall destroy all the sons of Sheth. 18 "And Edom shall be a possession; and Se'ir shall be a possession – enemies – and Yisra'el is doing mightily. 19 "And out of Ya'aqob One shall rule and destroy the remnant from Ar."

6 Herod The Great...Evil

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- Herod the Great: Edomite, Not Jewish!...His rule included...Moab
- Magi: Gentile Soothsayers...Star of the King of the Jews (Israel).

7 Jews Had No Idea

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- Mic 5: 1.1 Now you are raided, O daughter of raiders, a siege has been laid against us. They strike the Judge of Yisra'ël with a rod on the cheek.. 2" But you, Běyth Lehem Ephrathah, you who are little among the clans of Yehuḏah, out of you shall come forth to Me the One to become Ruler in Yisra'ël.(Baalim) And His comings forth are of old, from everlasting.(eternal!) "3Therefore He (Elohim) shall give them (Judah-Israel) up, until the time that she who is in labour has given birth, and the remnant of His brothers return to the children of Yisra'ël.4And He shall stand and shepherd in the strength of יהוה, in the excellency of the Name of יהוה His Elohim. And they shall dwell, for at that time He shall be great, to the ends of the earth.

8 Bethlehem Star

- Not Babylonian Astrologists...Greco Roman (Not a 1st Century Jewish Belief).
- Star in the east...Astronomical Term...Rising 2:9bAnd see, the star which they had seen in the East, went before them until it came and stood over where the Child was
- Seen in the east .ἐν τῇ ἀνατολῇ (en tē anatolē) "at its rising," particularly a heliacal rising
- Went before them:προῆγεν (proēgen) "went before" planetary progression/retrograde-related motion (Jupiter)
- Came and stood:ἐστάθη ἐπάνω (estathē epanō) "stood over"
- Jupiter becoming stationary
- .1. Ptolemy — explicit Ad 150: Judaea → Aries, "the inhabitants of Coelê Syria, Idumaea, and Judaea are more closely familiar to Aries and Mars", So there is no ambiguity about Ptolemy's testimony. For him: Judaea → Aries (ram) → Mars
- Vettius Valens 2nd c. AD, Manilius early 1st c. AD, Firmicus Maternus 4th c. AD
- Star: ἀστήρ — astēr (star-Planet)
- Michael R. Molnar, The Star of Bethlehem: The Legacy of the Magi. Originally published by Rutgers University Press in 1999; a later Rutgers edition appeared in 2013.

9 Greco-Roman Astrology...Aires-Ram=Judea

- They Knew Where Bethlehem Was! Jupiter in Retrograde.... A sign For The Gentiles!

10 Story Is In The Sky!

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11 Matthew

Hebrew Root

Study #4 Star Of Bethlehem

Ch2:1-12