

What Did Christmas Mean to...



# The Wise Men?

There was a general expectation in the East at the time of Jesus' birth that a great king would be born in Judaea who would rule the world. This expectation was recorded by ancient historians (Tacitus, Suetonius, Josephus). Perhaps the wise men heard about the Jewish Messiah from the Jews in Babylonian captivity and may have known the Scripture ... Numbers 24:17. Imagine the excitement when they saw that star!

(Jeremiah 29:13) "And ye shall **seek me**, and **find me**, when ye shall search for me with all your heart."

Let's consider two snapshots of these wise men:

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## 1. Being a \_\_\_\_\_

Problem: Romans 3:9-18

Solution: John 12:32; 16:7-11

### *Five characteristics of the wise men:*

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2
- (2) Overcame \_\_\_\_\_ v. 3
- (3) Asked \_\_\_\_\_ v. 2
- (4) Listened to the \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4-6
- (5) Did Whatever It \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1

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## 2. Becoming a \_\_\_\_\_

Something happens to seekers – they...

- (1) Recognize \_\_\_\_\_ v. 10-11
- (2) Begin to \_\_\_\_\_ v. 11
- (3) Give to Him at Great \_\_\_\_\_ v. 11



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It's more than a cliché.... **Wise men still seek Him!**