

## ***Personal Application and Conversations***

1. Do you put a star or angel on the top of your Christmas tree?  
Why?
  
2. List ten things that amaze you about God's power in creation.
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  - 2)
  - 3)
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  - 9)
  - 10)
  
3. Without the scientific data why do you believe that God came as a baby to redeem His children?
  
4. Describe the difference between science and faith.
  
5. Do you think it was science or faith that caused the Magi to follow the star? Why?



# ***An Astonishing Star***

Matthew 2:1-2

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**N**ow after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him.”

Matthew was writing to his Hebrew brothers and sisters to answer their questions about Jesus of Nazareth who claimed to be their Messiah.

### LOOKING FOR HIS STAR

How did the Magi know to look for the star of the King of the Jews?

### AN ASTROLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

- Jupiter & Saturn aligned \_\_\_\_ BC
- Jupiter & the moon aligned \_\_\_\_ BC
- Jupiter & Regulus aligned in \_\_\_\_ BC
- Jupiter in Hebrew **צֶדֶק** Tsedeq, in Eng. \_\_\_\_\_
- Regulus, star of \_\_\_\_\_

### ASTROLOGICAL DATA

- Sept. 11, 3 BC – beginning of the Jewish New Year
- Jupiter & Regulus were close to alignment
- The sun was in the constellation of Virgo
- The new moon was at her feet

Compare the above with Revelation 12:1-5

- Jupiter & Regulus nearing alignment
- Prior ...
  - Aug. 12 Alignment of Jupiter & Venus
  - Aug. 31 Alignment of Venus & Mercury
- Over an \_\_\_\_\_ month period Jupiter & Regulus aligned two more times

### DID THEY MISS THE MARK?

- The celestial display did not lead to the house
- The “star” that reappeared and rested over the home was with Israel as they wandered in the desert –

the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord