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## Great Expectations

As the young nobleman stood outside his tent, the star-spangled expanse hung over his head like the curtains of a vast canopy. The grandeur of the starry heavens was remarkably breathtaking on this particular evening. How could anyone who stood each evening to contemplate the myriads of stars clustered to form the great spectacle of the night sky not stand in awe of God's glory?

Gazing heavenward always filled his thoughts with overwhelming ideas of God and eternity and flooded his mind with unanswered questions.

Who was this God who had created such majestic beauty and displayed such power in His creation? What would it be like to meet such a God or talk to Him? He had heard that some of the ancients had done such a thing and lived to tell about it.

This noble thinker belonged to a priestly tribe - the Magi - who lived in the East in the land of Media-Persia. His tribe were great teachers of kings and rulers, instructing them in Divine wisdom. The religion they held had suffered very little corruption down through the ages and was among the noblest of the ancient world.

His people believed in the One True God, the Original Creator of heaven and earth, who was all-knowing, "Supreme in goodness, unrivaled in splendor and dwelling in eternal light." The oldest monotheistic tribe in existence, they were a Nomadic tribe, a pastoral people who lived outside the city walls and trusted themselves to God's care for protection against

their enemies. They believed that by revelation God had given His law to men and that everyone was obligated to obey it.

To the Magi, history was a conflict between good and evil, light and darkness, God verses the Devil, and all people had to decide which side of the conflict they were on. It was the hereditary privilege of his caste to provide his country with priests and religious instructors.<sup>1</sup> He and those of his lineage spent much of the day pouring over ancient star maps and astronomical records, believing that God's story and mystery were recorded there. Then at night they studied the heavens in hope, that there, some of the answers to the great questions of life would be found.

Five hundred years had passed since the Hebrew prophet Daniel, who had been captive in Babylon, was the "Rab Mag," or the "Chief of the Magi," and had told the Magi about the coming Savior.<sup>2</sup> "Messiah the Prince," Daniel had called him. He was to be the Divine Son of the Eternal Lawgiver. By Him the spirit of evil and the powers of hell would be destroyed, and the dead would be raised up to life again. This Divine Prince would establish a kingdom of everlasting life and happiness over all the earth. He would save people from their sins and reveal the true God.<sup>3</sup>

Daniel had given a prophecy concerning a new star that would one day appear in the heavens in the constellation of *Coma* when the one of whom it foretold would be born. This star would signify the birth of a "mysterious child," born King of the Jews, "whom they were to adore." Daniel's interpretive and spiritual powers were highly respected among the wise men of the Magian caste; without doubt Daniel had been a proven prophet of Almighty God. His prophecies and teaching had been carefully handed down and preserved among the Magi for centuries.<sup>4</sup>

## **The Primeval Promise**

Recently this young nobleman and his friends had been discussing Daniel's prophecy and pouring over the most ancient star maps. After all these centuries, his tribe still eagerly clung to the hope of the sure

fulfillment of the birth of the coming Messiah. It was a primeval promise which their forefathers believed to be confirmed in what they considered to be the inspired lore of the skies. They did not want to miss the signs noted in the inherited prophecies of their caste, nor the birth of the great virgin-born son of the Eternal Sovereign King.

Daniel had told his people that it would be 473 years after the command by King Darius “to restore and rebuild Jerusalem” that the One called “Messiah the Prince” would be anointed “to finish the transgression, make an end of sin, make atonement for iniquity, and bring in everlasting righteousness.” (Dan.9:24-26) Daniel had written his prophecies for them in a book that they cherished among their most sacred writings. After those years had passed from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem, they were to look for the sign.

He and his friends had made the calculations. It had been 447 years since Daniel gave that prophecy. Surely the Prince would be born soon in order to fulfill the time frame of the prophecy when he was grown. The time for the fulfillment of all that Daniel had spoken was at hand. They were certain of that. What a marvelous day to be alive! Their hearts were thrilled at the thought that they might have the great privilege to be the first to behold “His star.”<sup>5</sup>

## **Keeping Watch over the Heavens**

The young Magian was well trained in the sacred study of Astronomy. He believed that his training would not fail him now. As his eyes searched the night sky, the constellation *Virgo* was just appearing on the eastern horizon in all its celestial beauty. It was one of the twelve signs of the Zodiac, and according to the ancients, the first intended to be read. He knew *Virgo*'s image by heart from the ancient star maps that, according to their tradition, were antediluvian and had come down to them from the Patriarchs - Adam, Seth, and Enoch.

Noah brought these maps through the flood and all the ancient nations had them in their possession.<sup>6</sup> The pictures superimposed over the heavens on these maps were all the same images. True, the star names were different in different languages, but the meaning of their names were all identical - a testimony that the maps had all come from the same source. In these most ancient star maps *Virgo* appears as a young woman, a virgin. In the Hebrew language and in Syriac she is called *Bethulah, the maiden*. In the Arabic language, she is called *Adarah, the pure virgin*. The Greeks call her *Parthenos, the maid of virgin pureness*.

*Virgo's* sign was very unique because although she represents a virgin everything about her suggests motherhood. In her hand is an ear of wheat, signifying she is the carrier of the best of seed. The brightest star in the wheat is called in Arabic *Al Zimach*, meaning *the branch*. In her other arm she carries a branch. The names of the stars in this arm mean in Chaldean and Arabic *the glorious, the beautiful, the son who shall come down and have dominion*.

In all the star maps the figure of *Virgo* lies prostrate, as though she has fallen and cannot stand upright. And what is so unique is that everything about her points to the ancient promise of antediluvian days and the prophecies that Noah had brought with him through the flood.

These were prophecies given to the first parents of the human race by God Himself when they were cast out of the garden for their disobedience. God had promised that that the woman would be given Divine Seed. The serpent would bruise His heel, but He would crush the serpent's head.

As the young Magian gazed at the splendor of the heavens and meditated on the meaning of this sign of the virgin, another aspect of the constellation began to captivate his attention. Just above *Virgo* was one of her deacons, the constellation *Coma*. The twelve signs of the zodiac in these ancient star maps each have three smaller constellations called *deacons* associated with their sign. The stars and images of each of these





*Virgo - From the Ancient Star-maps, Illustration from 1893 Edition, E.W.Bullinger, "Witness in the Stars," (London: St. Paul's Churchyard).*

## *Three*

### The Inner Circle

Let's look for a moment at the others who did know that the time for the birth of the Messiah was at hand. Let's examine just what it was that qualified them as a candidate. Why did God reveal to them the arrival of the most important event in human history, and the most cherished event of His heart.

If you were living during the time of the Messiah's advent, would you have been among those who recognized that the time for Messiah's birth was at hand? Would you have been preparing to welcome Him whose goings forth had been from eternity? Would you have been ready to greet the "Desired of all Nations?"

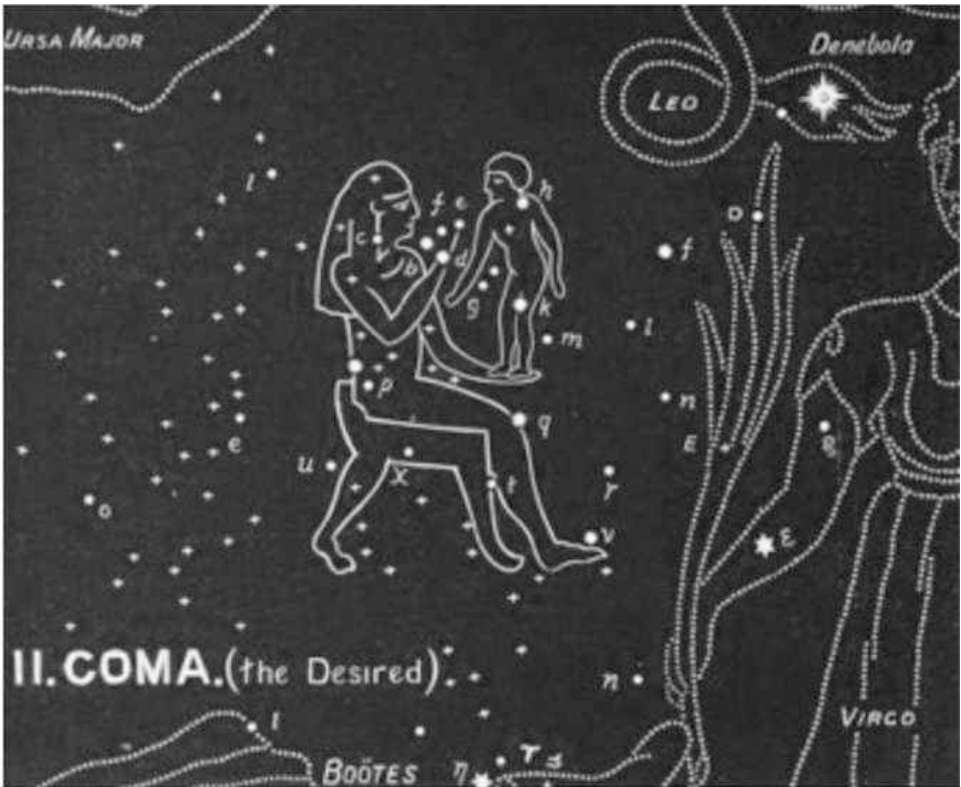
#### **Zacharias and Elisabeth**

The first person who received the message of Jesus' coming was Zacharias. The Bible tells us that Zacharias was righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. Zacharias' wife was advanced in years, and

deacons, when thoughtfully studied, explain the larger constellation of the sign.

For some reason tonight this young nobleman could not take his eyes off this beautiful constellation. As he contemplated these things, he gazed in wonder and longed for the day when He of whom it foretold would be born. As he gazed heavenward the primeval meanings flooded his mind.

He had studied the figures of the star maps so many times that his mind automatically superimposed the figure of *Coma* over the star clusters in the constellation. He knew that the star maps in Caldean, Egyptian, and Persian, all depicted the constellation of *Coma* as a young woman with a



*Coma - Illustration from 1893 Edition, E.W.Bullinger, "Witness in the Stars," (London: St. Paul's Churchyard). Transcribed by Signor Bossi in 1820 A.D. from the ancient Temple of Dederah in Egypt, 2300 B.C.)*

child in her arms. Her Persian name signified that she was a pure virgin and is the same woman of the constellation *Virgo*. The child is an infant boy having a Hebrew name meaning *the Desired, the yearned for, or the longed for*. The Greeks call the baby boy is called *Ihesu* which in Greek is *Christos* or *Christ*. In ancient Egyptian, he is called *Shes-nu* or the *Desired Son*.<sup>7</sup>

Daniel's instructions, passed down by oral tradition among the Magi, were that they were to watch this constellation. When the birth of the Child it foretold was accomplished, a new star would appear in the Child's head to mark His birth.<sup>8</sup> They were to follow that star to the land of Jacob to worship the Divine Son there.

As the young nobleman contemplated these things, it seemed as if an audible voice interrupted his thoughts and gave him an understanding

beyond anything he had been taught. Tonight, as he gazed at the starry orbs that made up the constellation, he hoped that this might be the night of nights when the star would appear.

Lost in thought, the cool night air summoned him back to reality. It was just then that he began to notice something very unusual. From out of the darkness, a star which he hadn't noticed even a minute before appeared, and within minutes, it seemed to grow from obscurity to such a dazzling radiance that it became brighter than any other star in the heavens.

Could this be it? He rubbed his eyes and looked away for a moment, then turned his eyes back to *Coma*. The new star was unmistakable. Yes, there it was, marking the infant's head! Its brilliance was undeniable. Even the untrained eye would certainly be arrested by its brightness and beauty.

Suddenly, the reality of what it all meant broke upon his mind with the force of a giant breaker crashing upon the rocks in the midst of a storm. Everything within him began to leap up with unspeakable joy. The signs are full and complete. Surely this is it! The Messiah has been born! The year of God's redemption has come!

Quickly he ran to the place where his other friends were keeping their watch. As he walked up the great hill to greet them his quick pace broke into a run. At the summit, he found his companions jumping up and down and pointing with joy into the night sky.

Over and over again, they shouted, and their shouts echoed across the hills, “His Star! We have seen His Star!” They looked at each other in the starlight and simultaneously said to each other, “Come! Let us go to the land of Jacob and worship the One who has been born King of the Jews!”



**The Wise Men by Dore**

## 2

# The Quest

The next morning the Persian Magi loaded their camels with everything they would need for their long journey.

“How long will you be gone?” asked their family.

“Until we find this heaven-born Child of the Most High God and fall down before Him and worship Him as Messiah and King!” they answered

Quickly they turned their camels toward the land of Jacob. By night they followed the star over endless miles of rough terrain and desert, and



**Journey of the Magi - *James Tissot***

by day they rested. After a two year journey they arrived in Jerusalem, the capital of Judea, and went directly to Herod's palace expecting to find the infant King there. With excitement that could not be contained, they began to inquire of Herod's court, "Where is the baby who was born to be the King of the Jews? We have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him!"

The Magi with their ornamental robes, vast train of camels, servants, and supplies caused no small stir, and everyone in Jerusalem was wondering who these strange visitors from the East might be. The news that they brought disturbed the religious and political leaders.

King Herod was so disturbed that he called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of the law of God and asked them where the Messiah was to be born according to the Hebrew scriptures.

"According to the prophet Micah, Messiah is to be born in Bethlehem of Judea," they answered.<sup>9</sup>

Perceiving that his throne was threatened, Herod secretly planned to do away with this newborn Jewish Prince. Calling a secret meeting of the Magi, Herod inquired as to the exact time that they first saw the star. Then he sent them to Bethlehem to search for this child saying, "When you find him, come tell me so I, too, can go and worship him."

### **The Messianic Promise**

Although the coming of the Messiah had been prophesied for thousands of years, it is surprising how few knew that the long-foretold event was at hand. The Messianic prophecies were all wrapped up in the whole purpose of God's call unto Abraham and the nation of Israel. Moses and all the major and minor Hebrew prophets told of the Messiah's coming.

In addition to this, the Jewish leaders held among their sacred writings certain prophecies that Daniel had given in Babylon that indicated the exact time the Messiah would come. Like the Magi, they were aware

that Daniel had foretold that a period of 473 years would pass from the time of King Darius' decree for the Jews to return from Babylon to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the anointing of Messiah, the Prince. Biblical scholars agree that Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit for ministry in 27 AD - the exact period of 473 years. Jesus was 30 years old when He was anointed for ministry. Although AD is suppose to be dated from Jesus' birth, because of a three year discrepancy in the Gregorian calendar, starting the Christian way of time keeping - AD and BC - this caused the AD to begin when Jesus was the age of three.

Anyone who could add and knew a little history could have discovered the generation that was to expect the Promised One. The fact that the religious leaders were aware that the time for the Messiah to appear was at hand is evident from the way the Pharisees continually quizzed John the Baptist and Jesus about who they were.

Although the traditional number of Magi is traditionally three, maybe because of the three gifts that they brought or the three figures that appear in nativity scenes, there is nothing in church history that confirms this. Old Syrian records tell there were twelve. It has been estimated that here could have been as many as 500 people in their train. That their arrival would include a great number of people had already been foretold in the prophecies of Isaiah, "Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. From Sheba they will bring gold and incense for the worship of the Lord." <sup>10</sup> You can image the consternation of Herod and the Jewish leaders when they encountered such a caravan.

The Magi had such a full conviction that the birth of the Redeemer had occurred that they undertook a long and strenuous two year journey to find Him. And here is a curious thing. The priests and teachers of the Law were so insensitive to Messiah's advent that, not only were they not expecting Him, but when these Gentile noblemen came from the East announcing His birth, they were unmoved and unbelieving. They didn't even bother to journey a few miles to Bethlehem to check out the Magi's



story. Yet, Herod, the wicked Roman ruler, was so convinced of the truth of the Magi's report that he sent a company of soldiers to Bethlehem to slaughter all the children from two years old and under to remove the perceived threat to his throne.



**The Magi in the House of Herod by Tissot**

The other reason the Jewish leaders did not go to Bethlehem could have been precisely because of what Daniel had prophesied would happen when Messiah the Prince would come to Jerusalem.

Daniel foretold, Messiah the Prince would “finish the transgression, make an end of sins, make reconciliation for iniquity, bring in everlasting righteousness, and anoint the most Holy. . . Then the city of Jerusalem and the sanctuary - the temple - would be destroyed.” ( Dan. 9: 24,26)

Perhaps, the Jewish leaders were so worried about the temple and the city being destroyed, that they cast their lot with Herod to have any child who might grow up to be the Messiah destroyed.

The Pharisees revealed their motive when Jesus appeared preaching in Jerusalem and they plotted to kill him,

Here is the reason they did not rejoice in the King of Glory. After He raised Jesus from the dead, the Pharisees said about Jesus, "If we let him go on like this, all men will believe in him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.( John 11:48) The bible tells us that Pilate knew that it was because of envy that they delivered Him up." ( Matt. 27:18) Selfish ambition caused them to exalt themselves above God.

The religious leaders were afraid that if Jesus was the Messiah, the rest of Daniel’s prophecy would also be fulfilled. It was - the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD.

The Pharisees rejection of Jesus for them was tragic beyond the telling.

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While he was in the temple, an angel of the Lord appeared to him saying, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John ... It is he who will go as a Forerunner before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers back to the children, and

