Treasure Hunt

- What point do the Jewish sages make by their modifications of Micah 5:2?
- What warning should we take from their actions?
- What brings people "great joy" in the gospels?
- Do the gifts of the wise men fulfill the promise of Isaiah
 60 that Gentiles will bring gifts to Zion? (Be careful...)
- What practical lesson should we learn from the pattern of "manifold fulfillment"?
- How does God protect his son, and how does that encourage us?
- What OT villain does Matthew have in mind when he describes King Herod?

"That it might be fulfilled...

| 1:18-25 | 2:1-12 | 2:13-15 | 2:16-18 | 2:19-23 | | |
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| Announcement to Joseph | Wise men to Bethlehem | Flight into Egypt | Slaughter of the Innocents | Return to Nazareth | | |
| 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. | 5 for thus it is written by the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. | 15 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. | 17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 18 In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. | 23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene. | | |
| lsa 7:14 | Mic 5:2 (MT 1) | Hos 11:1 | Jer 31:15 | ??? | | |
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Micah 5:2 in Matt 2:6

| Micah 5:2 | Samuel | Matt 2:6 |
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| But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah , | 1 Sam 17:12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah , whose name was Jesse; | And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda , |
| <i>though</i> thou be little among the thousands of Judah, | | art not the least among the princes of Juda: |
| <i>yet</i> out of thee shall he come forth unto me <i>that is</i> to be ruler αρχων in Israel; | | for out of thee shall come a Governor ηγουμενος , |
| whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. | 2 Sam 5:2 Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: | |
| | and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed ποιμαινω my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain ηγουμενος over Israel. | a Governor ηγουμενος , that shall rule ποιμαινω my people Israel. |

"Great Joy" in the Gospels

Shepherds in the fields: Luk 2:10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of **great joy**, which shall be to all [the] people.

Wise men: Matt 2:10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Women at the tomb: Mat 28:8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and **great joy**; and did run to bring his disciples word.

Disciples at the ascension: Luk 24:51-52 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**:

The Gifts of the Wise Men

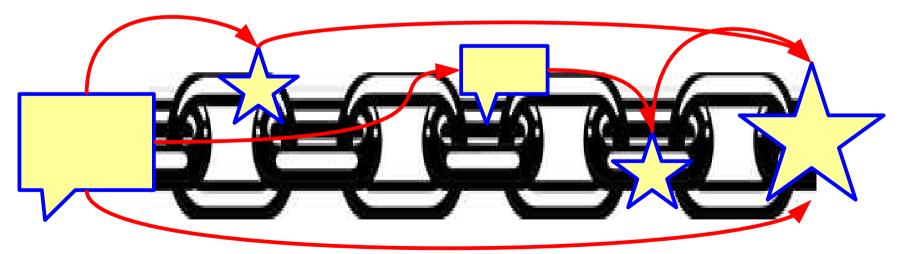
| Gold | The Lord Jesus is the tabernacle of God among his people. | → His Deity |
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| Frankincense | The Lord Jesus offers perfect worship to his Father. | → His Humanity |
| Myrrh | The Lord Jesus woos us as his bride by his sufferings for us. | → Our Redeemer |

Manifold Fulfillment*

An initial prophecy may be **repeated** down through history,

- sometimes in words and
- sometimes in events that
 - foreshadow or
 - partially realize the promise,

until the time of the actual fulfillment.



*The term is due to Willis Judson Beecher, *The Prophets and the Promise*. Thomas Y. Crowell, 1905. The definition is my own, based on his discussion.

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Israel and the Gentiles

Psa 2:8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that **bless thee**, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

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Psa 72:10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him. ... 15 ... and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba:

Mat 2:1 there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, ... 11 ... they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.



Rev 21:24... the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

Josh 9 the Gibeonites

1Ki 10:1 ... the queen of Sheba ... 2 ... came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: ... 15 Beside that he had .. of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country

Isaiah 23, 45, **60**, 61 60:6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from **Sheba** shall come: they shall bring gold and incense;

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Kings who Kill Babies

Matt 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

Exo 1:15-16 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: 16 And he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools; if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him: but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live.

Targum Jonathan to Exo 1:15 And Pharoh ... had seen in his dream, and, behold, all the land of Egypt was placed in one scale of a balance, and a lamb ... was in the other scale; and the scale with the lamb in it overweighed. Forthwith he sent and called all the magicians of Egypt, and imparted to them his dream. ... Jannis and Jambres, the chief of the magicians, opened their mouth and answered Pharoh, "A certain child is about to be born in the congregation of Israel, by whose hand will be destruction to all the land of Egypt." Therefore did Pharoh, king of Egypt, give counsel to the Jewish midwives,... 16 "When you attend Jewish women, and see them bear, if it be a male child, you shall kill him; but if a daughter, you may let her live."

Ant 2:210 ... Amram, one of the nobler sort of the Hebrews, was afraid for his whole nation, lest it should fail, by the want of young men to be brought up hereafter, and was very uneasy at it, his wife being then with child, and he knew not what to do. 211 Hereupon he betook himself to prayer to God, ... 212 Accordingly God had mercy on him, He stood by him in his sleep, and exhorted him not to despair ... [God said,] 215 "...That child, out of dread of whose nativity the Egyptians have doomed the Israelite children to destruction, shall be this child of yours, and shall be concealed from those who watch to kill him: 216 and when he is brought up ..., he shall deliver the Hebrew nation from the distress they are under from the Egyptians. ...

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Our Lord and Moses

| | Exodus | Matthew |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Jealous king | Pharaoh | Herod |
| The rival | Moses | Baby |
| Source of information about rival | Dream (Targum, Josephus) | Wise men |
| Interpretation of the information | Magicians (Jannes & Jambres) (Targum, Josephus) | Chief Priests and Scribes |
| King's response | Kill all the male children | Kill all the children |
| Notification of (adoptive) father in a dream | Amram (Josephus) | Joseph |
| Deliverance of the rival | Adoption by Pharaoh's daughter | Adoption & protection by son of David |