



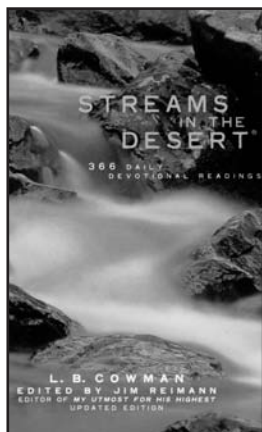
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Characters of Christmas: Herod & Magi

Matthew 2:1-12

- Who were the Magi? Fortune tellers or Wise men? Daniel 2:2, Acts 13:6
 - Understand...journey...worship
- Herod the Great...at the wrong things
 - Inherited position
 - Valiant military performance
 - Paranoid & Ruthless
- Jesus was born King of the Jews to shepherd the people
Micah 5:2
- Wise to God or Great in control?
 - Following God's direction leads to worship and freedom.
Fearing God's direction leads to anger and control.
 - Wise men give their gifts to Christ. Psalm 68:29, Psalm 72:10
Fearful men destroy life to stay in control.
 - Wise worship brings life application. "They went home a different route." Matthew 2:12

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