The angelic herald of the birth of the Son of God

\* Mathew 2:2-12 \*

• For centuries, astronomers have looked to the historical record in search of evidence for what could explain the Star of Bethlehem. Scholars have been discussing potential causes since at least the 13th century. They reasoned that perhaps it was a supernova, a comet, a solar flare or an alignment of planets. I am going to prove to you that it was none of the above but instead it was an angel of God.

Celestial navigation works acceptably on the ocean because there are no obstacles to go around. When there are obstacles then the mariner can use those as position markers and proceed to the next marker with the help of a map. However, on land, the terrain itself is an obstacle.

And it is extremely important to remember during this discussion that the Wisemen didn't even know where they going! They just knew to follow the star, but to where they didn't even know! They set out on faith!

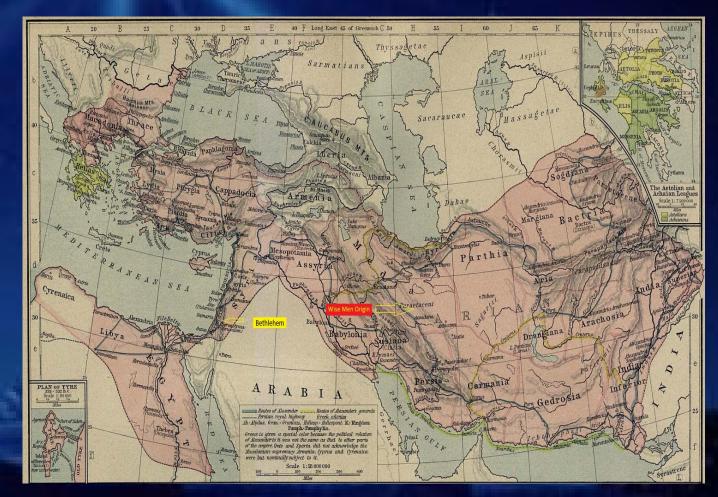
Celestial navigation on land is significantly more difficult than at sea due to the lack of a clear horizon, making it challenging to accurately measure the altitude of celestial bodies with a sextant (which had not even been invented yet at the time of Christ), which is crucial for determining your position; additionally, obstacles like trees, and mountains can obstruct your view of the stars, further hindering observation and calculation accuracy.

 Understand the difficulties that the wisemen would face 2000 years ago when they would not have had the advantage of a sextant, or even a decent transportation system but in many cases, had to travel cross country through the wilderness, forests, deserts, rivers, etc.

The wisemen would have encountered very rough terrain coming from the east. There are the Hamrin, Sinjar, and Korek, mountain ranges in Iraq and further to the east there are the Zagros, Qaflanti, and Talish mountains. There are several rivers as well as even the Caspian sea eastward. This background image is from the Iraqi region, and you can visualize how difficult it would be to traverse.

 Unlike a mariner who knew his destination (unless he was an explorer), the wise men did not. Can you imagine the difficulties in going somewhere using the stars or planets as a guide when even the destination is unknown? Going straight at a star is impossible on land in order to avoid dangerous or impossible terrain.

For the wisemen, crossing the terrain in the region using celestial navigation would be the equivalent of asking a hiker to use a compass to go to a city 400 miles away to the only Starbuck's in a town they had never heard of or been to and unable to ask any directions. It is unlikely they had even been in the region of the world that they were now going to.



### THE STAR OF BETHIRHEN

To make matters even worse, during their travel, celestial stars rotate as the night progresses. In photography with extended duration exposures this creates "star trails". A celestial object rotates in the night sky, changing the destination point. One hour it is in front of them, then straight above them, and then later in the night behind them. At the same time they also avoid overland obstacles.

Another huge problem with a celestial object being the star of Bethlehem is that celestial objects that are outside of the earth's atmosphere, would always be in front of them at early nighttime, even if they had passed the destination village entirely! They could have been lost to the point of thinking they had to cross the Mediterranean ocean to get where they needed to go.

So if the star of Bethlehem wasn't a celestial object what was it?

Angelic visitor photographed on the ground in Brazil

### THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Angels are called stars throughout the bible

• Revelation 1:20 (AKJV)

"The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The <u>seven stars are the</u> <u>angels of the seven churches</u>: and the seven candlesticks which you saw are the seven churches"

#### Revelation 9:1 (AKJV)

1, And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a <u>star</u> <u>fall from heaven to the earth</u>: and to <u>him</u> was given the key of the bottomless pit.

The "star" was given keys to the bottomless pit. It was not a celestial star but an angelic one. The next passage will also make more sense to you now that you know that angels are also called stars.

#### • Isaiah 14:12-13 (AKJV)

12, How are you fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how are you cut down to the ground, which did weaken the nations! 13, For you have said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will <u>exalt my throne above</u> <u>the stars of God</u>: I will sit also on the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

Satan was not saying he was going to exalt his throne over the celestial stars in heaven, he wanted to rule over his peers! BTW, Lucifer is a mistranslation of the Hebrew word הילל transliterated as Haye-lale, meaning light bearer. It is a title, not a name.

Spiritual entities give off light and humans who are in the presence of God take on this ability.

**Exodus 34:30 (AKJV)** "And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come near him."





Christ also did this when he was transfigured.

Mathew 17:1,2 (AKJV) 1, And after six days Jesus takes Peter, James, and John his brother, and brings them up into an high mountain apart, 2, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

Now lets revisit the passage about the star of Bethlehem in the book of Mathew

Mathew 2:9 (AKJV)

9, When they had heard the king, they departed; and, see, the star, which they saw in the east, <u>went before them</u>, <u>till it came and</u> <u>stood over where the young child was.</u>



- Notice the wording. It went before them until it came and stood over where the young child was.
- As an angel, standing over the building where Christ was, even if the wise men had passed the building, they could look behind them and see the angelic "star" over the building. They would never be lost.



The word "Angel" is a title; it is not what they are. The Hebrew word מלאך / Mal-awk means messenger. It is a title of what they are called to do, not who they are. The spiritual entities we call angels can shape shift depending on what they are to do. They can look like stars in the night sky or as humans when interacting with humanity. I know because I have seen them and even photographed them and as you can see from the image on the left, they self illuminate. They can be very dim and almost impossible to see, to very bright. They can perfectly hide in the night sky.

In fact, the VASCO citizenry project unwittingly stumbled across this fact when they were researching old photos taken by the US Navy from the 1950's and discovered over 800 "stars" that have gone missing. No super novae, no black hole... nothing but empty space. That is because they had taken images of these spiritual entities which were not there more than 30 minutes when they disappeared and went to another location. In the book of Daniel they are called "watchers". I have taken several photos of them myself. In my opinion they are secondary "witnesses" to the actions of men. https://vascoproject.org/vanishing-stars/

Image of a "watcher" I have taken in the night sky.

In the days ahead we will witness many sightings of spiritual entities. Some will call them UAP's and see them as balls of radiant light. Not all are angels (messengers of God). Some are fallen entities. Do not be afraid in the days ahead but know who you are in Christ and the authority in his name. Test the spirits according to 1 John 4:1-3 if you are confronted by one. Those that are fallen will lie and use what is coming as a pretext to trust them and may call themselves aliens from another star system.

However, not all are fallen obviously, and as a gem that some are not aware of, if we live to the day of the rapture, we will be picked up by angels.

Mathew 24:31 (and Mathew 13:41) (AKJV)

31, And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

We do not float up to the clouds to the Lord, we are given a ride.

# HAVE A BLESSED DAY! THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!

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