

MATTHEW 2.1-3.11

1. In chapter 2, **Herod** is one of the primary figures. How would you describe his character based on what you can read in chapter 2?
2. When Herod learned that the king of the Jews had been born, what was his reaction (2:3)? What was the reaction of the wise men when they found the king of the Jews (vv. 9, 10)?
3. In verse 7, what information did Herod ascertain from the wise men? Later on, what do we learn was the reason that he wanted this information?
4. Read 2:20. What Old Testament character was told something strikingly similar (Ex. 4:18-20)?
5. In what city was Jesus born? When Herod threatened Jesus' life, where did Jesus' family flee to? When they moved back to Israel after Herod's death, what city did they live in?
6. In chapter 2, Matthew emphasizes how the events that surrounded Jesus' birth **fulfilled** Old Testament prophecy. Write down each verse in your reading that speaks of prophecy being fulfilled.
7. The message that John preached was that people needed to **repent**. According to 3:2, why did he preach repentance?

8. According to verse 3, what was John's role or purpose?

9. Who wore similar **clothing** to John the Baptist (2 Kings 1:8)?

10. What two things were the people doing in response to John's message (v. 6)?

11. Why did the Pharisees and Sadducees think they didn't need to repent?

12. For those that didn't repent, **judgment** was coming. What imagery does John use to describe judgment in verse 10? What imagery does he use to describe judgment in verse 12?