Wise men Guided by the Star.

Only a few people understood the importance of the message announced by the angels on the fields of Bethlehem. Some poor shepherds were the privileged ones. Some Jewish wise men, too, versed in the prophecies of old, were favored with a sign from God, so that they could understand the glad tidings and perceive that the « Star of Jacob » had arisen. (Matthew 2: 1-12.) — « For unto you (mankind) is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. » Ah! the meaning of that word Savior! It means Life-giver! The right to live had been lost — all are dying. The life-giver came to provide life everlasting for the dying race. Thank God for a Life-giver, a Great One, « able to save unto the uttermost! » (Hebrews 7: 26.) — The « Peace on Earth, good-will to men » prophecy has not yet been fulfilled, but it is nearing. The birth of the Babe was one step toward it; the death on the cross was another; the glorious resurrection and ascension of Christ again to the Spirit plane were other steps. The selection of the Church as Messiah’s Bride is another, nearly completed. The Messianic Kingdom will complete the blessed prophecy. (Isaiah 9: 6, 7; Zechariah 9: 10.)

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