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So, my thought on how the Magi sought after the Baby Jesus when Christ Jesus was born, is due to the Great Prophet Daniel, who in **Daniel 2:48** was made **Rab (Chief, Ruler over the Governors -- Those that ruled over the Magi.)** As such, it follows that the Great Prophet Daniel had taught them about the sign of the new King of the Jews--the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and when He would be born; thus, they were searching the stars -- to see when the Jewish Messiah (Christ) would appear so **THEY** could go worship Him.

Daniel 2:48; Daniel 2:1-49

Note: The Lord Jesus Christ was more than likely born sometime in August-October, Leviticus 19:9-10; Leviticus 23:22, when the wheat had been completely harvested, **there was a two week period where the poor people could come in and glean the fields.** God instructed the Jewish people not to cut the corners of their fields, but to leave some for the poor, the alien and the widows. *Only after the last day allowed for gleaning would the shepherds be allowed into the fields* with their sheep to eat the stubble and whatever else remained. The time of year that they would have first been allowed **into the fields** would have been approximately *the first to the middle of August*. They would have stayed **in the fields** allowing their sheep **(to both eat and fertilize) the fields** until late September to mid October departing in time for the owners to prepare their fields for next year's crop. **This was the time frame when shepherds would stay with their flocks,** Luke 2, **thus, the time frame the shepherds were at Bethlehem (when the shepherds were watching their flocks by night -- in the fields** verse 8, and the shepherds were the first to witness the baby Jesus lying in a manger). **My best calculations,** from the time **the Magi (Wise men, i.e. – the King Makers from the east)** arrived after following the star, Matthew 2, was they arrived some time in middle to late November -- **NOT IN BETHLEHEM, BUT in Nazareth** (verse 11) Why? The Magi did not find

the baby Jesus in a manger, as did the shepherds, **but at his house! The Magi entered into Joseph and Mary's house,** "And when they were come into the house , . . ." Where was Joseph and Mary's house? Nazareth, Luke 2:1-7.

According God's Law taught us in the Old Testament, a Jewish woman who had given birth was required to wait 40 days and then provide sacrifices at the Temple. So, the mother had to wait at least forty days then she was to bring a sacrifice to the Lord, Leviticus 12:1-8. **She was required under God's Law to take to the Priest two animals for sacrifice.** She had one of two options. **1.)** A one-year-old lamb **2.)** or either a pair of turtledoves or a pair of pigeons. If she was poor, and could not afford the lamb, again God's Law allowed her to offer either two turtledoves or two pigeons.

Dr. Luke indicates that for **Jesus' 'Presentation at the Temple,' (the Temple was in Jerusalem,)** they would have to first wait 40 days. **(Note:** They were still in Bethlehem, Luke 2:21-39.) After the completion of those forty days they presented Christ Jesus at the Temple, **and we know that Mary and Joseph were poor enough to take that second option, offering two turtledoves or two pigeons.** So, if the Magi had already come to the manger to worship the new born King of the Jews -- the Lord Jesus Christ -- Joseph and Mary would have had gold for buying a lamb, Matthew 2:7-12 (option 1 above). Joseph and Mary did not yet have that gift of gold from the Magi, and they were poor enough for option **#2 above**; *simply because the Magi had not yet come*. In fact, King Herod goes on to suggest it could have been up to two years after Christ Jesus' birth that the Magi had arrived. How do we know this? Herod inquired diligently of the Magi the time of the Lord Jesus Christ's birth, Matthew 2:16. After his inquiry of when Christ Jesus was born, King Herod orders that all the baby boys in Bethlehem -- not just newborns, but all those two years old and younger -- be murdered. This suggests Herod thought the Christ child, whom the Magi sought, could already be up to two years old. Up to two years old by the time the Magi would arrive at the location that the star indicated the new born King of the Jews was located. We see this was Nazareth; as this was his home.

The Romans, i.e: the Roman Catholic 'church' (or their predecessors) probably came up with the concept to link Jesus' birth with the winter solstice. It is simply tradition now. I personally don't have a problem worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ at any time of year, including Christmas, even if it is not stated specifically in Holy Scripture on an exact date. As long as it doesn't contradict Holy Scripture. I am against the false **"Christmas season"** as offered by the secular world. It is like fingernails on a chalk board to me now.

Further Note: Remember that the Magi did NOT know the exact day the Messiah would come and would announce Himself as King. They did not know the date of His birth; however, they knew **His shining, His star**, would appear for them to announce that He, the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Messiah was born. **Now, it is interesting, that this shining, this light, this Glory of the Lord, did not appear to everyone. Just to believers. To the Shepherds, and also the Magi.** Else, others like Herod would have known exactly where to find and kill the baby Jesus, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, the Almighty God, our Wonderful Counselor.

Isaiah 9:1-8

1Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

6For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

8The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel.

Matthew 4:15-17

15The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

16The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

17From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Praise and Glory always to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen!

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Merry Christmas! God bless,

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