

Chap. II

The Gentils come vnto Christ with their offerings. And that so openly, that the ieWes can not pretend ignorance. 3 The IeWes With Herode conspire against him. 13 He therevpon fleeth from them into Aegypt. 16 They afterWard, seing their subteltie preuailed not, imagined to oppresse him by open persecution. 19 But they at length dyed, and he returneth to the land of Israel:al according to the Scriptures.

I WHEN I E S V S therefore vvas * borne in Bethlehem of Iuda in the dayes of Herod the King, behold,there came Sages from the East to Hierusalem, **2** saying, vvhere is he that is borne King of the Ievves? For vve haue seene his “starre in the East, and “are come to adore him. **3** And Herod the King hearing this,vvas troubled,&al Hierusalem vvith him. **4** And assembling together al the high Priestes & the Scribes of the people,he”inquired of them vvwhere Christ should be borne. **5** But they sayd to him,In Bethlehe of Iuda. For so it is vvritten by the Prophet: **6** *And thou Bethlehem the land of Iuda, are not the least among the Princes of Iuda: for out of thee shal come forth the Capitaine that shal rule my people Israel.* **7** Then Herod secretly calling the Sages, learned diligently of them the time of the starre which appeared to them: **8** and sending them into Bethlehem, sayd, Goe, and inquire diligently of the childe : and when you shal finde him, make reporte to me,that I also may come and adore him.

9 Who hauing heard the king, went their way: and behold the starre which they had seen in the East, went before them, vntil it came & stode ouer,where the childe was. **10** And seing the starre, they reioyced vvith exceding great ioy. **11** And entring into the house, they found the childe vvith M A R I E his mother, & falling dovvne”adored him:and opening their “treasures, they offered to him *” giftes:gold,frankincense,& myrrhe. **12** And hauing receiued an ansver in sleepe that they should not returne to Herod,they vvent backe an other vvay into their countrey. -I

13 And after they vvere departed, behold an Angel of our Lord appeared in sleepe to Ioseph, saying: Arise,& take the childe & his mother, & flee into Aegypt : and be there vntil I shal tel the. For it vvil come to passe that Herod vvil seeke the childe to destroy him. **14** Who arose, & tooke the childe and his mother by night, and

retyred into Aegypt: and he vvas there vntil the death of Herod: **15** that it might be fulfilled vvhich vvas spoken of our Lord by the Prophet, saying, *Out of Aegypt haue I called my sonne.*

16 Then Herod perceauing that he vvas deluded by the Sages, was exceding angrie : and sending “murdered al the men children that vvere in Bethlehem, & in al the borders therof, from tvvo yere old & vnder, according to the time vvhich he had diligently sought out of the Sages. **17** Then was fulfilled that vvhich vvas spoken by Ieremie the Prophet saying, **18** *A voice in Rama vvas heard, crying out & much vvayling: Rachel bevvayling her children, & vvould not be comforted, because they are not.* -I

19 But vvhen Herod vvas dead, behold an Angel of our Lord appeared in sleepe to Ioseph in Aegypt, **20** saying, Arise, and take the childe & his mother, & goe into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the childe. **21** Who arose, & took the childe & his mother, and came into the land of Israel. **22** But hearing that Archelaus reigned in Ievvrie for Herod his father, he feared to goe thither: and being vvarned in sleepe retyred into the quarters of Galilee. **23** And coming he dvvelt in a citie called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled vvhich vvas sayd by the Prophetes: That he shal be called a Nazarite.