

not willing to disgrace her - thought she was deranged?  
angel's message (cp 1:20, 2:13, 19 and "warned in dream" 2:12, 22)  
son of David  
don't be afraid to take her  
conceived by Holy Spirit  
call name Jesus (Yeshua - He [God] saves)  
fulfillment of Isa 7:14, 9:6-7, 8:10  
Joseph is obedient (see also 2:14, 21, 23)  
takes her as wife  
no sexual relations until after birth

### Wise Men (ch 2)

Magoi - same word (in singular) for Simon Magus and for "magician"; otherwise negative connotation in NT; can mean "scholar," but with star and its meaning, probably closer to astrologer here

Herod - background: jealousy involved in killing favorite wife, and two sons (so far); also concern re/ security of his throne and his dynasty

Gifts - hymn "We Three Kings" emphasizes symbolism:  
gold for king  
incense for God-  
myrrh for burial  
practically, prob financed flight to Egypt

Flight to Egypt  
reasons for this direction  
out of Herod's territory  
different direction than Wise Men  
fulfillments below

### Fulfillments:

birth - Isa 7:14 - two fulfilments? don't know whether partly fulfilled by Isaiah's wife

out of Egypt - Hos 11:1 - looks like typological fulfillment, based on parallelism between Israel and Messiah (cp servant passages in Isa 40-55 and Jesus' own meditation on "Israel in wilderness" passages during his temptation)

death of children - Jer 31:15 - children killed in connection with Babylonian conquest? but deliverance to come? similar situation here, in heart of salvation history

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