

And He Shall Be Called...

Եւ Անոր Անունը Պիտի կոչուի . . .

You will find in your bulletin the **53 names and titles of Jesus**.

It was a great experience to find all this names and titles, to read them, and listen to the recording that Kevin and I did over and over again. (Below you will find all the names and titles in English and Armenian).

I cannot explore all 53 names and titles with you this morning. I would like to see the story from the perspective of the Wise Man or the Magi.

The Wise Men or the Magi

-They may be three (because of the three gifts) or more

-They came from the East. That could be Assyria, Babylon, Syria... the East.

-They dealt with astronomy or astrology (the two went together in the ancient world). Yet, those Wise Men, studied the stars until an unusual star brought them all the way to Jerusalem, from the East heading to the West. God put the star for those Wise Men to come towards the West (Palestine- Israel).

-With their calculations, they arrived to Jerusalem and not to Bethlehem. I assume that they thought a king would be born in the royal house. The question was, "Which palace?" Of course, Herod's palace.

You know the story where Herod is curious about this news. If you ask me, he was troubled with this news. The Word of God says not only him, but all Jerusalem was upside down wondering who this new king was. He investigated this new king's birth using the **chief priest and scribes**. (He used the main sources). How strange and ironic it is that the Wise Men from the East (the odars) were informed (divine revelation) about the new king worthy of worship! "The palace people," the local people did not see the sign. And furthermore, the irony continues when the chief priest and scribes **confirm** what these Wise Men were seeking:

“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.” (Matthew 2:6; Micah 5:2)

Herod (pretending that he was interested in worshiping this new king) secretly asks the wise men to go find him and come back with the news. Again, how ironic, that the people that read the Pentateuch, the Wisdom Literature like the Psalms, and the Prophecies could not see the birth of the KING, the Messiah. The “odars” the foreigners, the pagans, the astrologists, wanted to meet this new king.

With their calculations they arrived to Jerusalem, close enough, but not the exact place.

-The second part of the story, they were escorted with God’s GPS, the Star, this time literally taking them to Bethlehem, to the house. They arrived and worship Jesus.

Application one:

You may be in the church, you may know all about the Christmas, you may even know the songs and sing them, but it does not mean you know Jesus Christ, the King of kings.

The Wise Men came with gifts and worshiped Jesus:

The first gift is GOLD.

What kind of a gift is that? Will the Baby like it or use it? Gold is a royal gift, a gift appropriate for kings. Let us go over our list and find if there are any royal titles. Yes, we find three such titles:

Jesus is called “King of the Jews,” “King of Kings” and “Prince of Peace.”

That day, when the Wise Men looked for the baby, they proclaimed him as king. In fact, the great King Herod was terrified of this “new baby king.” He butchered infant children thinking he would eliminate this newborn king.

From that day, till Palm Sunday, no one recognized Jesus as king. On Palm Sunday, when he was riding on a donkey, they shouted, **“Blessed is the king who comes**

in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (Luke 19:38)

A king that rides on a donkey and not a horse is a king who, according to the prophecies of the OT, is coming to **bring peace**. (Prince of Peace)

-Another "king", Pilate, was confused about the identity of Jesus and kept asking, "Who are you? Are you the king of the Jews?" (John 18:33)

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, **"You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."**(John 18:37)

Jesus answers wisely and gives the reason why this king was born.

"I came into the world to **testify to the truth**."

Without his truth there is no real peace. Without knowing and experiencing His truth in our lives, there is no Christmas, and there is no Easter.

The Second gift is FRANKINCENSE

Is this an appropriate gift for a baby? Is incense any good for a baby?

Frankincense is a gift symbolizes that Jesus is **the "High Priest."** According the Old Testament the priest is the one **who mediates between God and humanity**. He brings the offerings of the people to God. He is the only one who can enter the Holy of Holies in the temple to offer the prayers of his people.

Therefore, I will take two names from the list: **"Mediator"** and **"High Priest."**

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus (1 Tim2:5).

We do not have different roads to God. We have only one mediator between God and us, and that is **Christ Jesus our Lord**. All other earthly priests offered lambs or doves as a sacrifice for the sins of the people. Yet this Priest offered Himself to save us from sin and death.

“Such a high priest meets our need-one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.” (Heb 7:26)

The Third gift is MYRRH

This is a most unusual gift that one can offer to a newborn baby. A gift that **symbolizes...death**. Can you imagine giving a newborn baby a gift card from a mortuary, or a funeral home? Myrrh was used to embalm dead bodies. մեղեմը կը գնուեցը This gift symbolizes that Jesus will die for our sins to give us salvation. Here are the names: **Savior, Man of Sorrows, Lamb of God, Redeemer and the name Jesus (yashouh, savior).**

The 1st and 2nd chapters of Matthew and Luke record the event relating to the birth of Jesus. I am not sure anyone will preach from Matthew 2:16-18 verses. It is the story that I don't want to read. It is the story of the massacre of the innocent children of Bethlehem. It was an order given by King Herod the lunatic.

Jesus was born in a world of violence. As if Jesus were born today. **He was also killed in the most vicious way, hanging on the cross for hours.** (Was born in a violent world, died in violent world.) His third gift, **MYRRH** was given to his parents, for him, for us, for the entire world **to proclaim** that this little child is not an ordinary child. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, he is a Man of Sorrows, he is the Lamb of God who paid the penalty of sin.

I will repeat what Jesus said when he faced the earthly king Pilate:

“...for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”(John 18:37)

What is our response to this King, Mediator, and Savior?

Which name or title speaks to you this morning?

Amen

His Name Shall be called

Աճոր Աճուճը Պիտի Կոչուի

1. Wonderful Counselor
2. Almighty One
3. Everlasting Father
4. Prince of Peace
5. Cornerstone
6. Word
7. Living Water
8. Bread of Life
9. Good Shepherd
10. I Am
11. Prophet
12. Immanuel
13. Lamb of God
14. Author and Perfecter of our Faith
 Կատարողը
15. Holy One
16. Son of God
17. Head of the Church
18. Light of the World
19. Messiah
20. Son of Man
21. Rising Sun
22. Man of Sorrows
23. Logos
24. Anchor
25. Lion of Judah
26. Way, Truth and Life
27. Bright Morning Star
28. King of the Jews
29. Mediator
30. Door
31. Amen
32. Lord
33. Judge
34. Only Begotten Son
35. Rock
36. Rabbi
37. Carpenter
38. True Vine
39. Resurrection and Life
40. Image of the Invisible God
41. Bridegroom
42. Branch
43. Teacher
44. Intercessor

Սքանչելի Խորհրդակից
 Ամենակալ
 Յախտենականութեան Հայր
 Խաղաղութեան Իշխան
 Անկիւնաքար
 Խօսք
 Կենաց Ջուր
 Կենաց Հաց
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 Էմմանուէլ
 Աստուծոյ Գառը
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 Ատաղձագործ
 Ճշմարիտ Որթ
 Յարութիւնը եւ Կեանքը
 Անտեսանելի Աստուծոյ Պատկերը
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 Ուսուցիչ
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45. Shepherd and Overseer of Souls
46. Servant
47. Redeemer
48. High Priest
49. Faithful and true Witness
50. Alpha and Omega
51. King of Kings
52. Lord of Lords
53. Jesus Christ

- Հոգիներու Հովիւ եւ Տեսուչ
- Ծառայ
- Ազատարար
- Քահանայապետ
- Հաւատարիմ ու Ճշմարիտ Վկայ
- Ալֆա եւ Օմէղա
- Թագաւոր Թագաւորաց
- Տէր Տէրանց
- Յիսուս Քրիստոս