



THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Review by Pastor Peter Rahme

The Star of Bethlehem is a fascinating and meticulously researched documentary.

Produced by Stephen McEveety, of 'The Passion of the Christ', this unusual presentation is given by a layman, Rick Larson a law professor from Texas USA

He says: *"Historically, people have taken two positions on the Star. Either they believe the Star is true or they think it was made up by the early Church. I took a different approach. In*

my research and treated the Star as a mystery or puzzle, looking at the Bible and comparing the facts of Scripture with facts from science and history."

He begins the 63 minutes teaching documentary by sharing how he first came to be interested in the Star of Bethlehem and the major obstacles he had to overcome on the way.

Using state of the art 'Starry Night' software, Larson then walks his audience in his study/ studio and the viewer through biblical and historical clues by combining the scriptures (in depth study of Matthew's gospel), science (Johannes Kepler's map of the solar system) and history (Josephus's calendar) to show that THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM is:

1. A great gift from God not a myth made by man;
2. God's idea not the church's invention; and
3. Fact not fiction

The Star of Bethlehem can be ordered from Christian Worldview , PO Box 5296 Chullora NSW 2190; Tel (02) 9742 5716. CW has also included a supplementary H/C 114 page book – **Reflections on the Christmas Story**, by the popular Janette Oke. The total cost for the DVD/Book package is only \$35.00 –posted anywhere in Australia (Please make your cheque/money order payable to R.R.R).