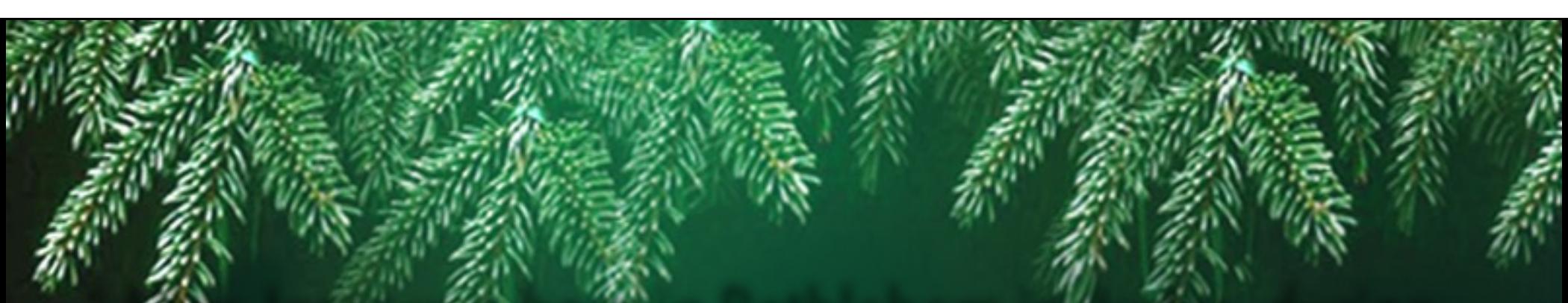


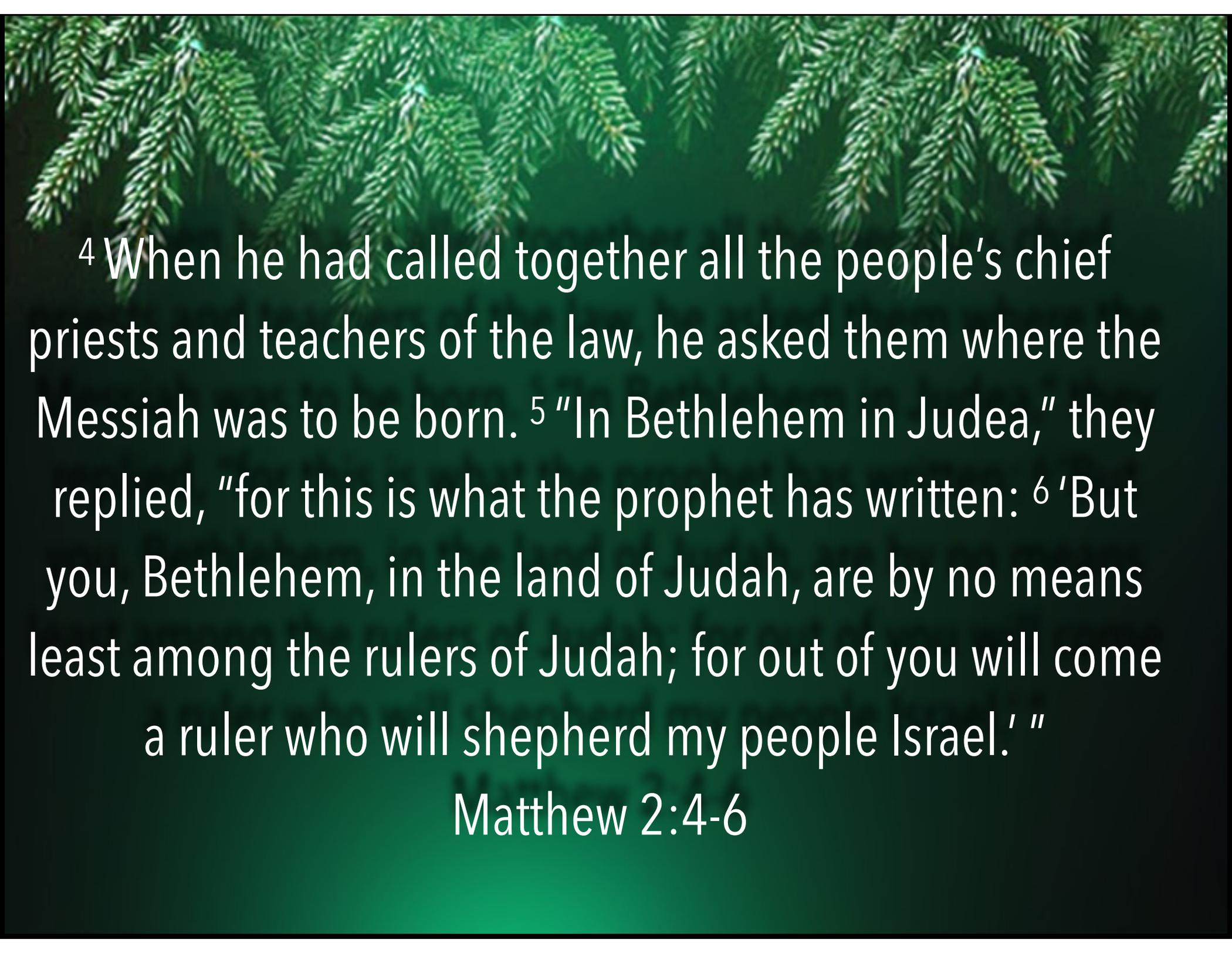
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Messiah  
*Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*





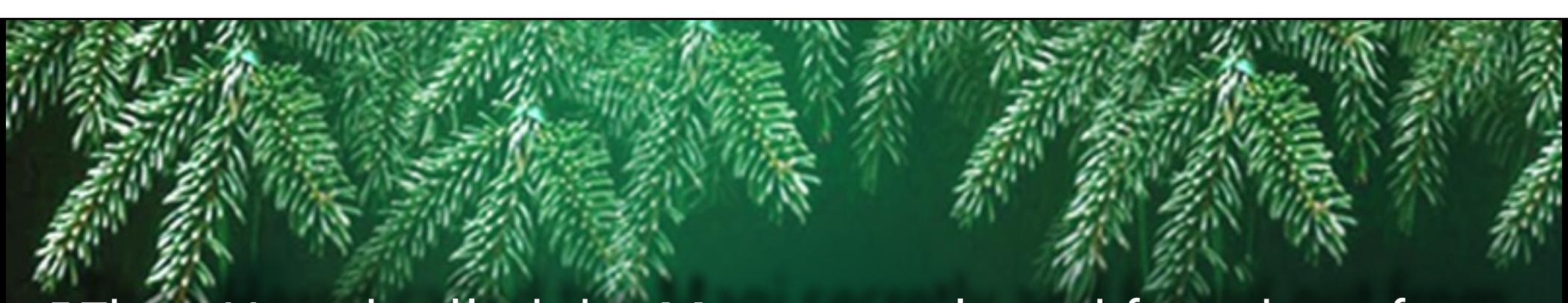
<sup>1</sup> After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem <sup>2</sup> and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:1-3

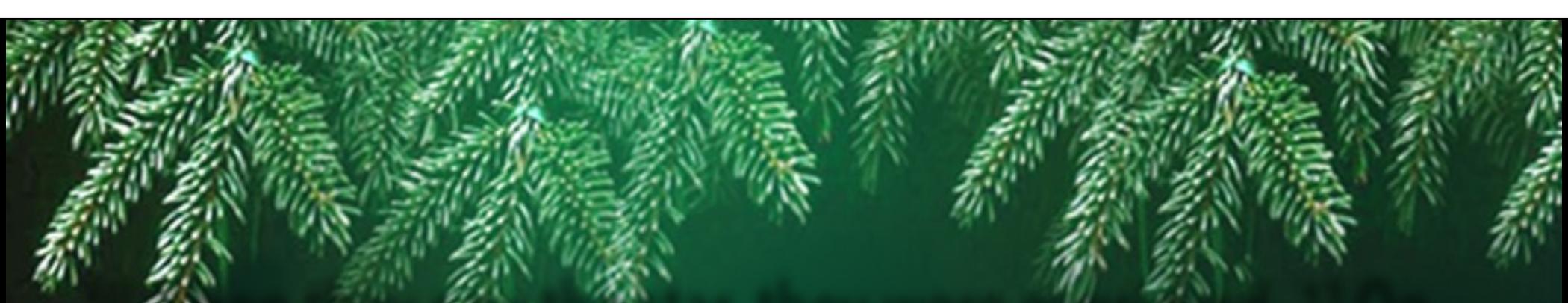
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Matthew 2:4-6

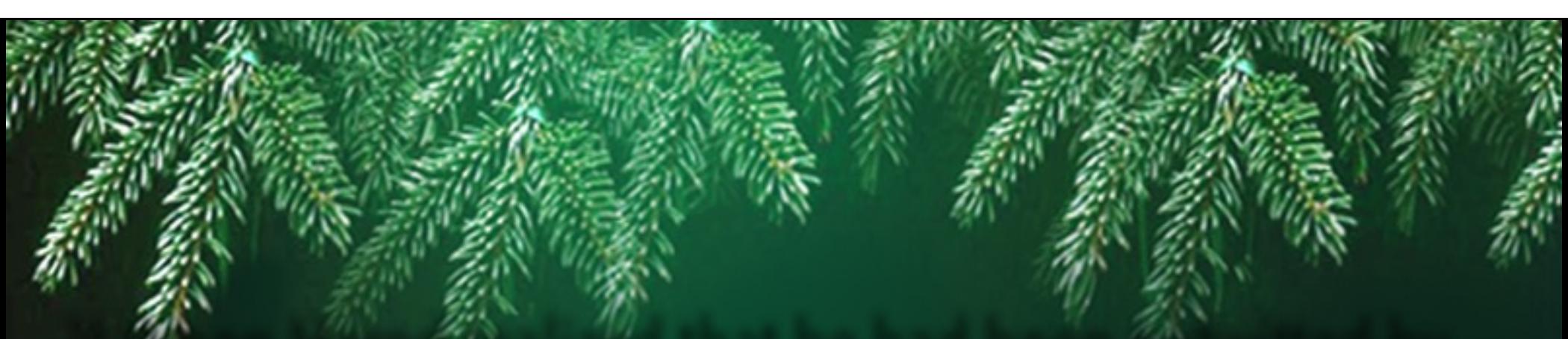


<sup>7</sup> Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." <sup>9</sup> After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. Matthew 2:7-9



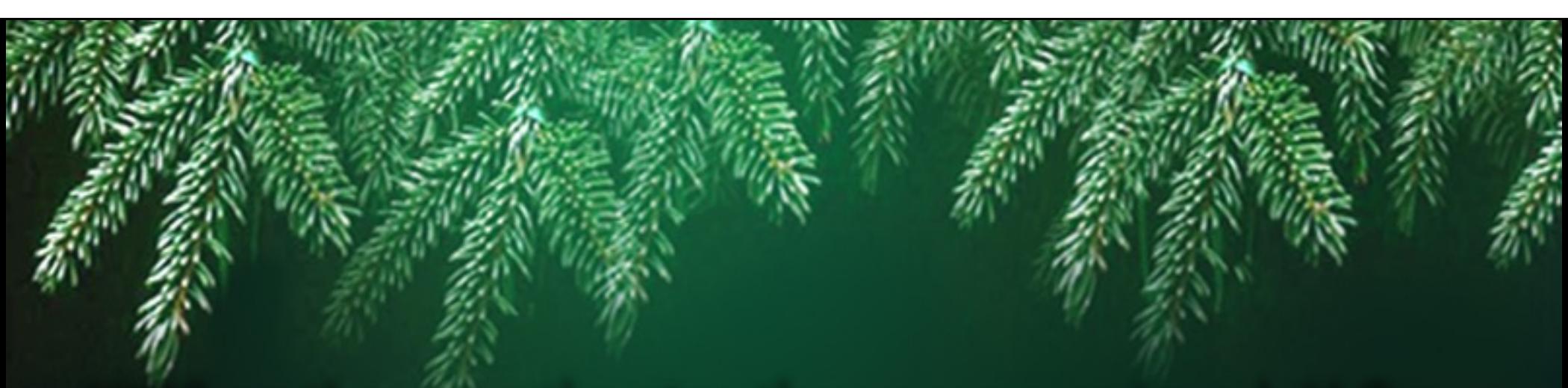
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Matthew 2:10-12



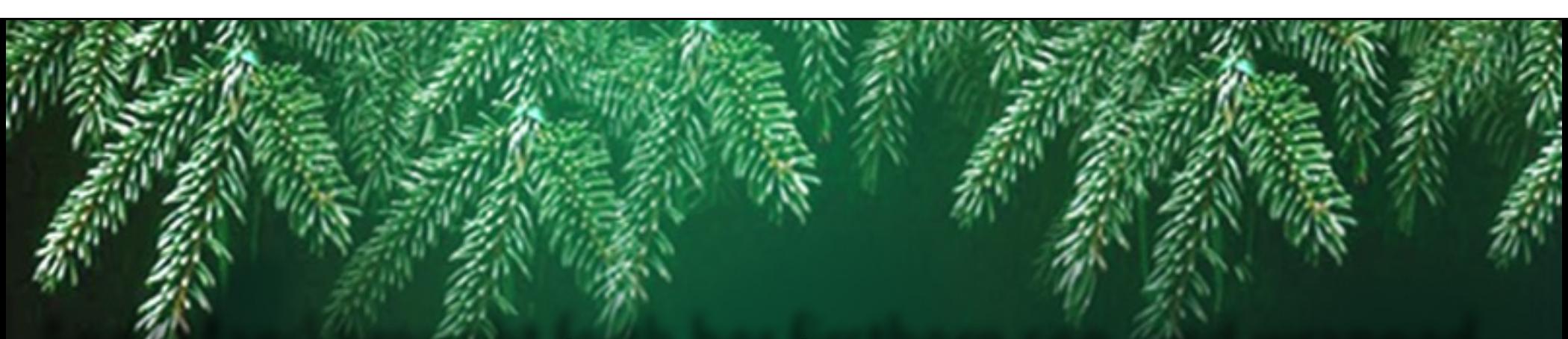
<sup>16</sup> When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. Matthew 2:16





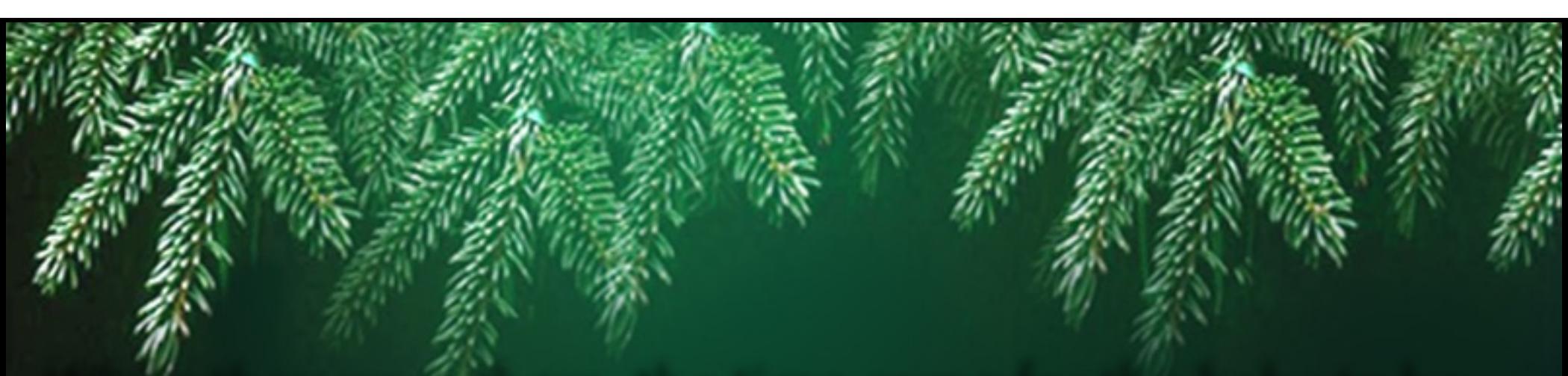
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Matthew 2:10,11



And (Mary) brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped  
him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger;  
because there was no room for them in the **inn**.

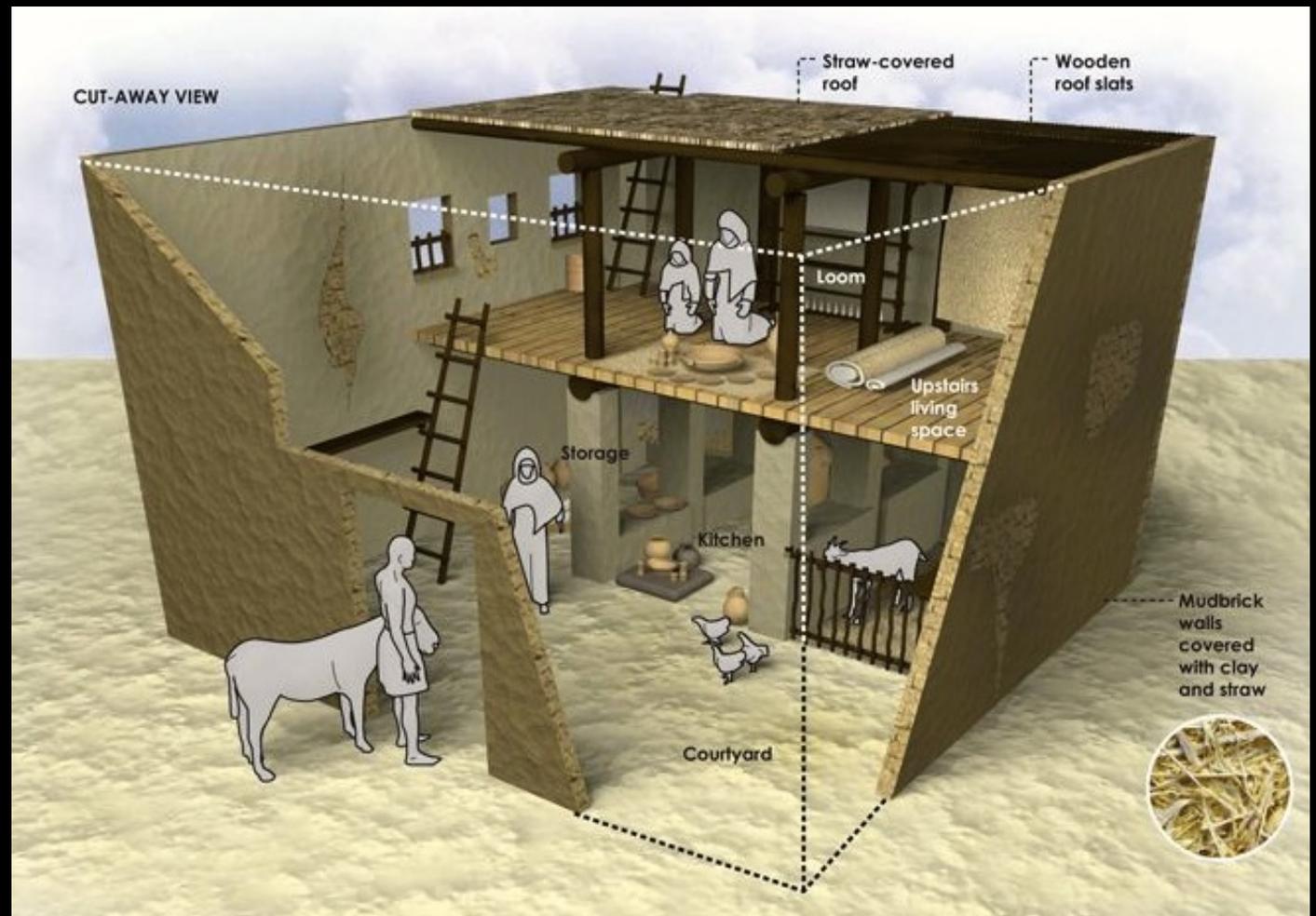
Luke 2:7



While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Luke 2:6, 7

**Kataluma (Gr.)** – “the spare or upper room in a private house or in a village, where travelers received hospitality and where no payment was expected”



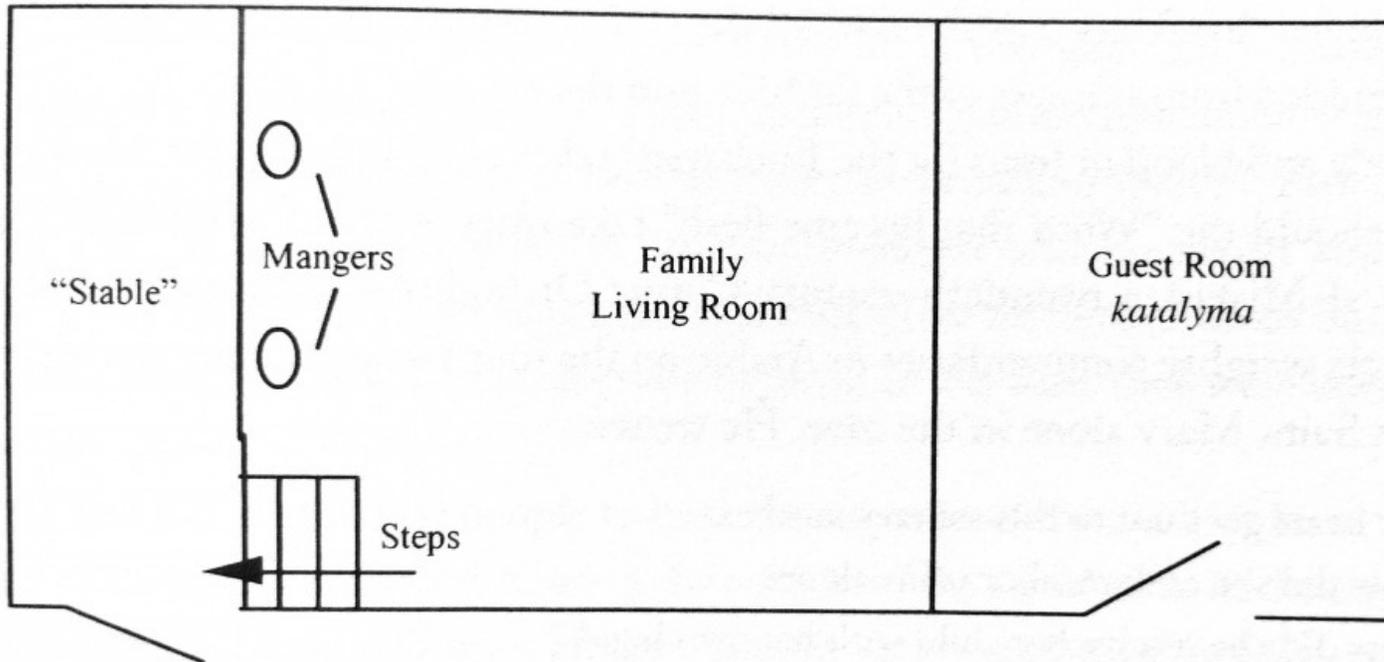
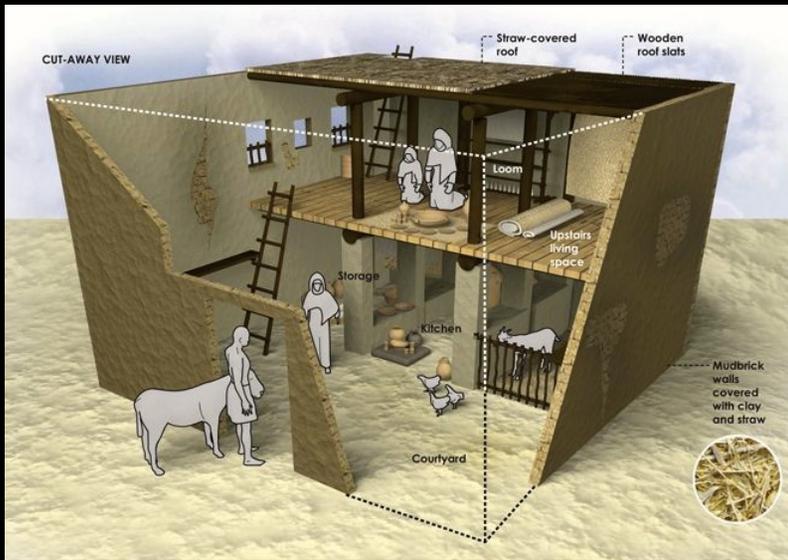
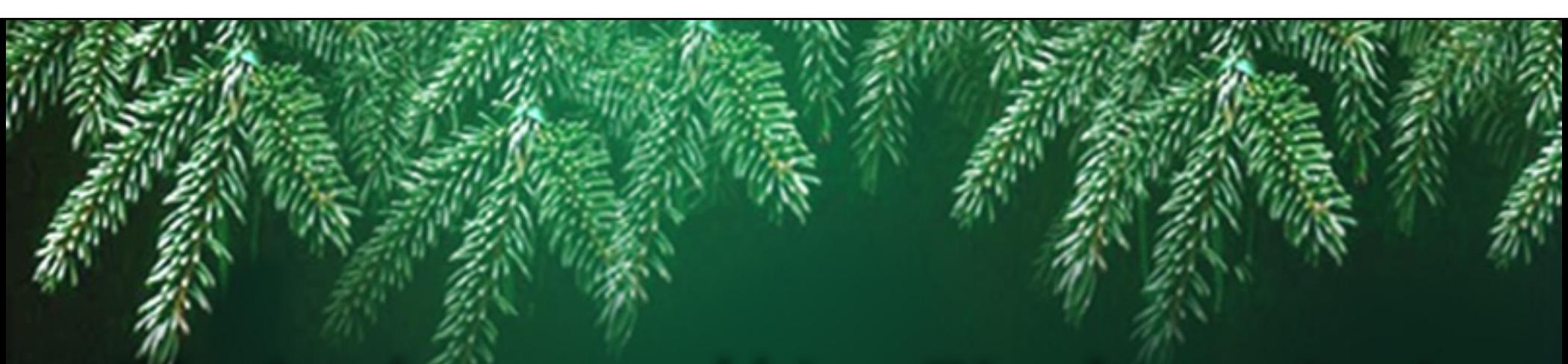
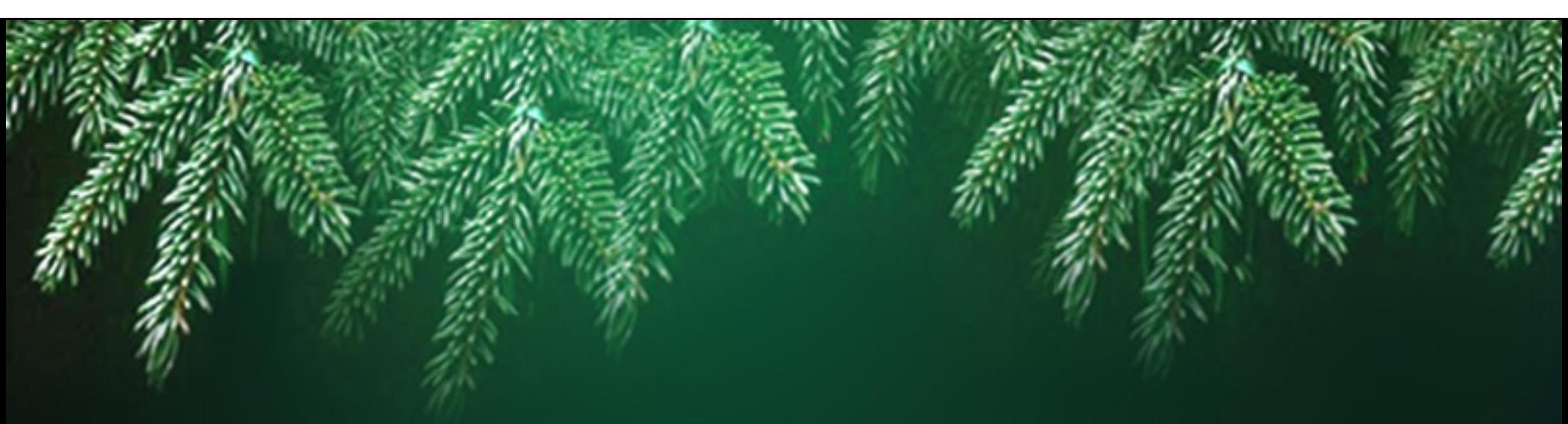


Figure 1.3. Typical village home in Palestine with attached guest room



<sup>1</sup>The Lord answered him, *"You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the manger (stall) and lead it out to give it water? Luke 13:15*



<sup>11</sup> On coming to the **house**, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matthew 2:11





"then the king (Nebuchadnezzar) placed Daniel in a high position and lavished many gifts on him. He made him ruler over the entire province of Babylon and placed him in charge of all its wise men (or, magi)."

Daniel 2:48

*Merry Christmas*



Daniel 9:21...while I was still in prayer,  
Gabriel, the man I had seen in the earlier vision,  
came to me in swift flight about the time of the  
evening sacrifice.

*Merry Christmas*



"A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place. 25 Now listen and understand! Seven sets of seven plus sixty-two sets of seven will pass from the time the command is given to rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One comes. Daniel 9:24,25

Both the ancient Hebrews to whom Daniel was writing and the ancient Babylonians to whom he was subservient (the Book of Daniel having been written in Babylon during the latter half of the 6th century BC) used a 360-day year.



483 years x 360 days = 173,880 days.

Equivalent of 476 years and 25 days,  
using our modern Gregorian  
calendar's 365-day year.





I was cupbearer to the king. In the month of  
Nisan in the twentieth year of King  
Artaxerxes, when wine was brought for him, I  
took the wine and gave it to the king.

Nehemiah 1:10; and chapter 2:1

*Merry Christmas*



"If it pleases the king and if your servant has found favor in his sight, let him send me to the city in Judah where my ancestors are buried so that I can rebuild it." Nehemiah 2:5

*Merry Christmas*

A close-up photograph of vibrant green pine branches with sharp needles, positioned at the top of the image against a dark background.

It pleased the king to send me;

Nehemiah 2:6

*Merry Christmas*

Adjusting for leap years and dropping a leap year every 128 years they've calculated that the day of the prophecy would be fulfilled would correspond to a converted date from Hebrew to Gregorian calendar of April 6, 32 AD.



The New Testament records that Jesus  
public ministry began in the  
15<sup>th</sup> year of Tiberius Caesar.  
(Luke 3:1)



Tiberius reign began in **14 AD**. That puts us at **29 AD** you add in the three years Jesus ministered publicly before his death that bumps you to **32 AD**.



The Royal Observatory in Greenwich,  
England—the keepers of the clock,  
confirm that the Sunday before  
Passover in the year 32 AD would be

April 6<sup>th</sup>.



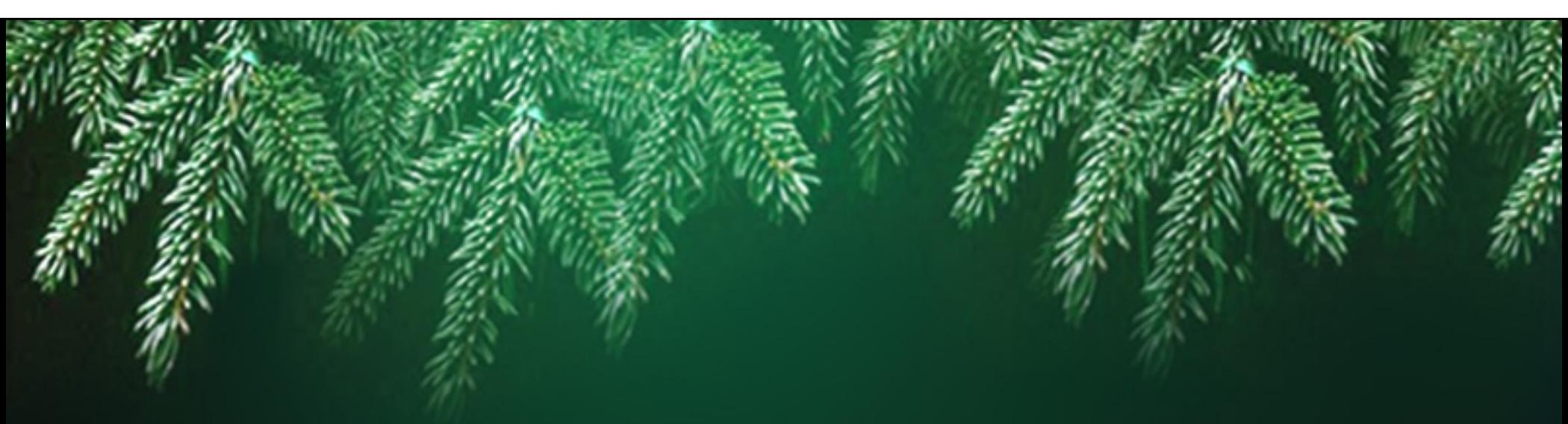
Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, 2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? **We have seen his star** as it arose, and we have come to worship him." Matthew 2:1,2





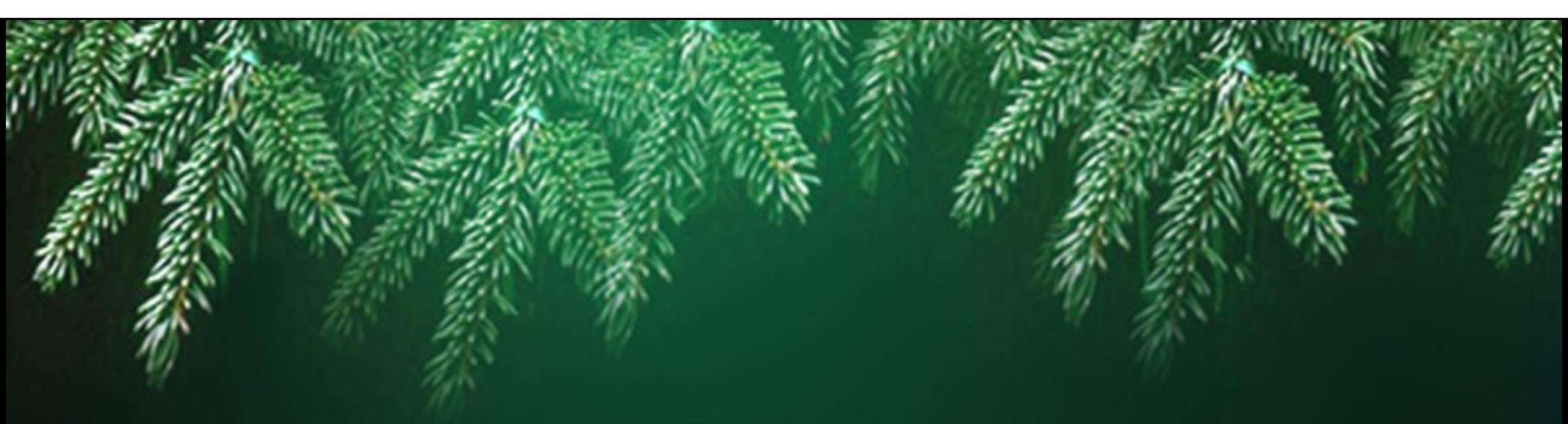
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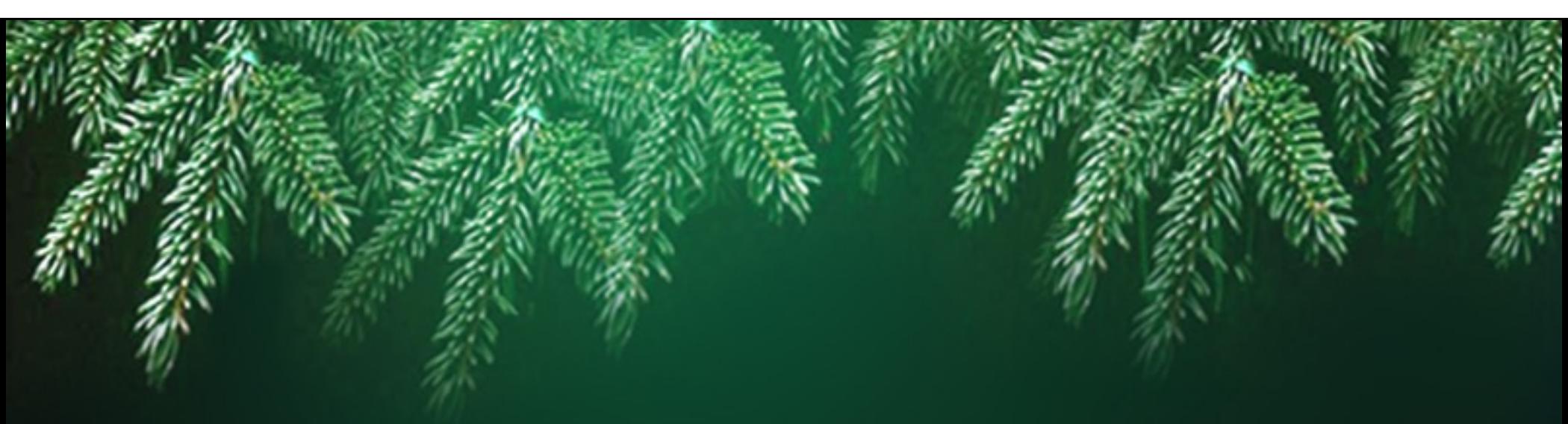
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Matthew 2:3



**So why does Matthew include this story?**





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"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the  
intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.

Isaiah 29:14

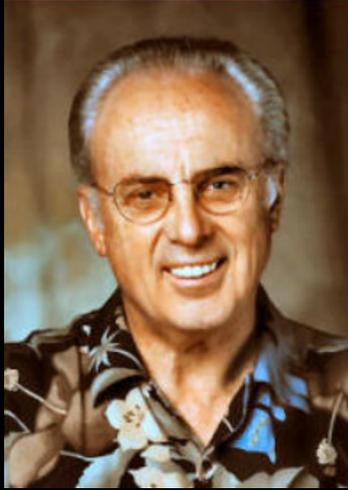
*Merry Christmas*



“Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him...”

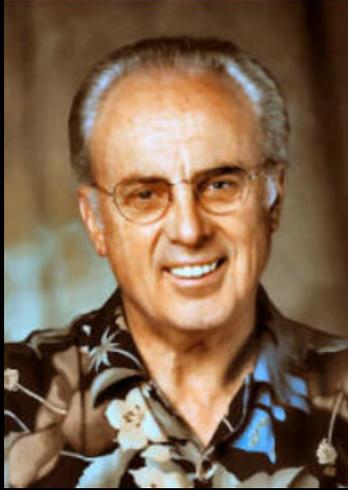
1 Corinthians 1:20,21

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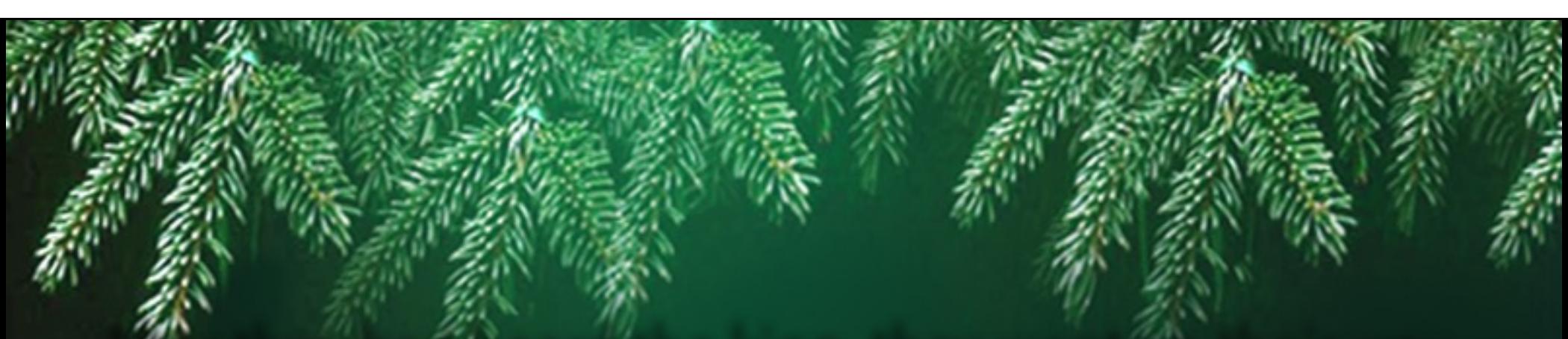
## John MacArthur Author/Pastor

"We are more educated than our forefathers but we are not more moral. We have more means to help one another but we are not less selfish. We have not changed, except in finding more ways to express and excuse our human nature. Throughout history human wisdom has never basically changed and has never solved the problems of mankind. Human wisdom sees the immediate cause but it does not see the root, which is always sin.



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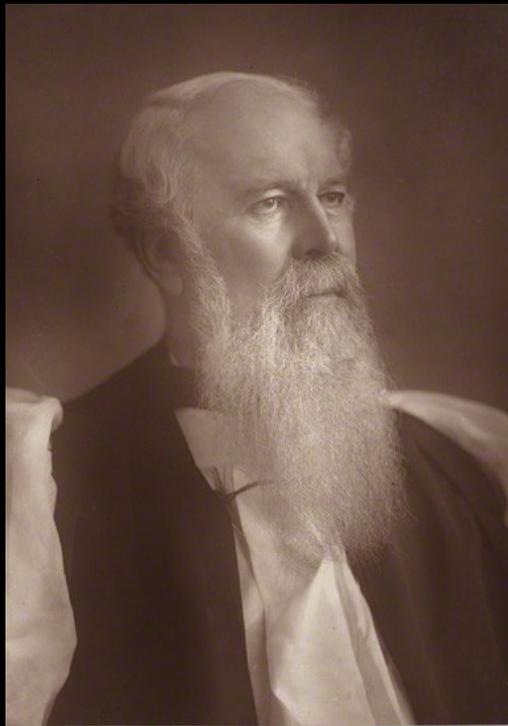
"It may see the selfishness that causes injustice but it has no way to remove the unselfishness. It may see that hatred causes misery and pain but it has no cure for hatred. It sees plainly that man does not get along with man, but it does not see that the real cause is that man does not get along with God. As long as it looks on God's wisdom as foolishness, it's own wisdom will be foolish."



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Matthew 2:9-11



J.C. Ryle  
19th century Anglican  
Bishop Liverpool

"They heard no wise words out of his mouth. They saw nothing but a newborn infant on the lap of a poor woman, but they worshiped. No greater faith than this can be found in the whole volume of the Bible."



“Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? ”

1 Corinthians 1:20

*Merry Christmas*



"But we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles,<sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

1 Corinthians 1:23,24

*Merry Christmas*



## What is God's Wisdom?

Is it God is so righteous and holy  
that He has to punish sin?



What is God's Wisdom?

Or is God is so loving and merciful  
that He is going to accept you no  
matter what?



What is God's Wisdom?

God's wisdom is both.



*Merry Christmas*



