The Gospel of Matthew
Matthew 2

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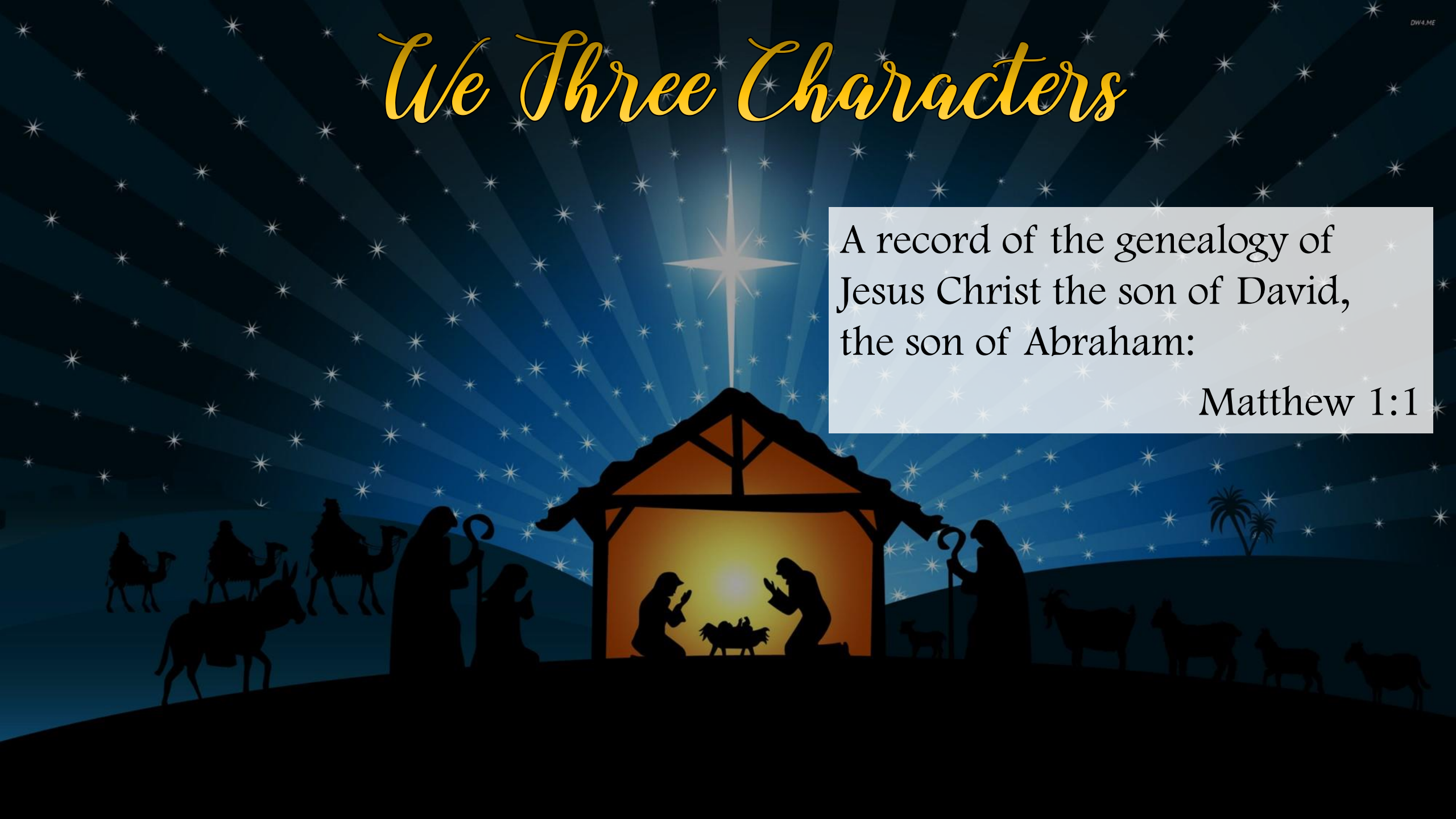

A record of the genealogy of
Jesus Christ the son of David,
the son of Abraham:

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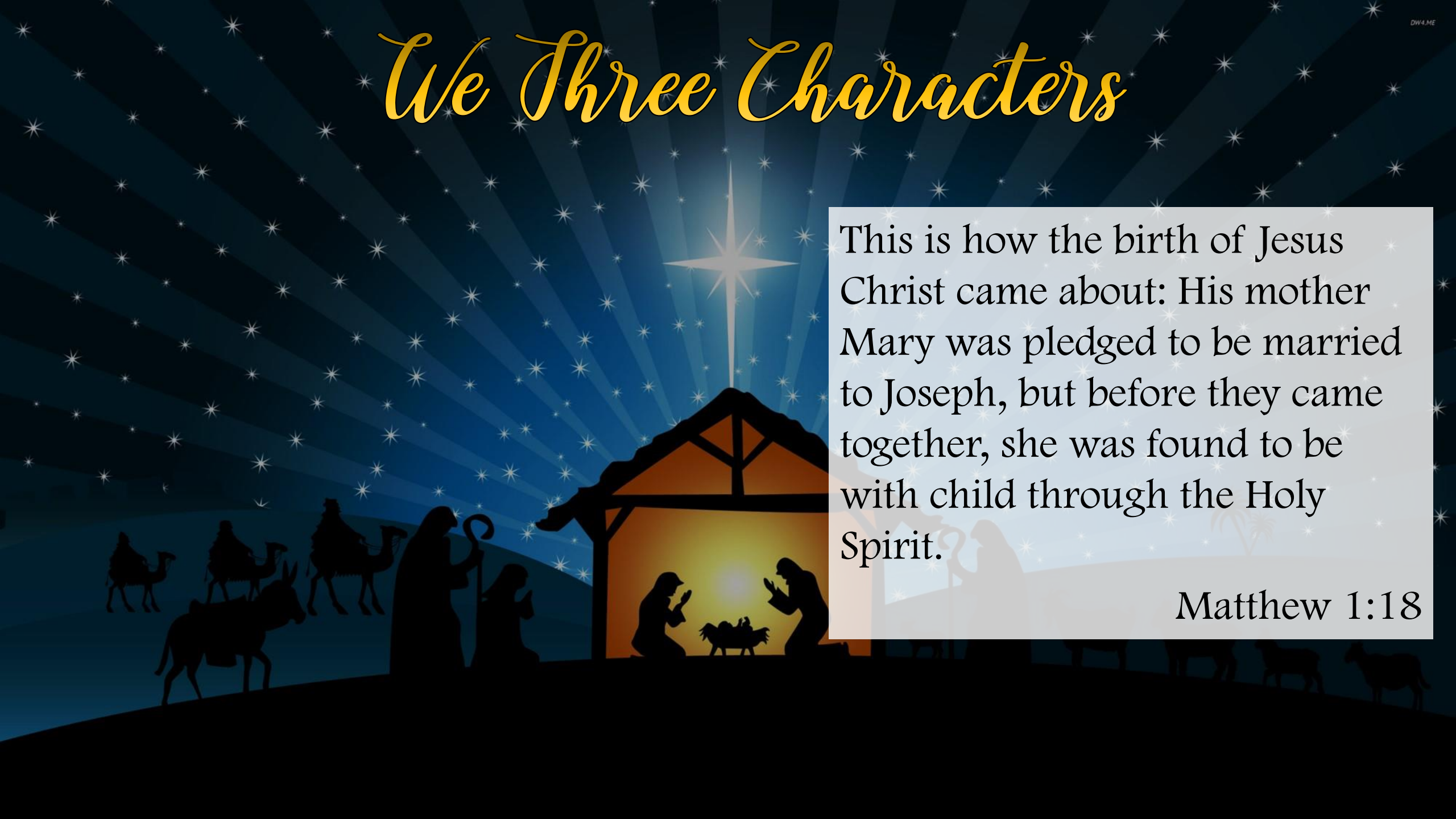

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18

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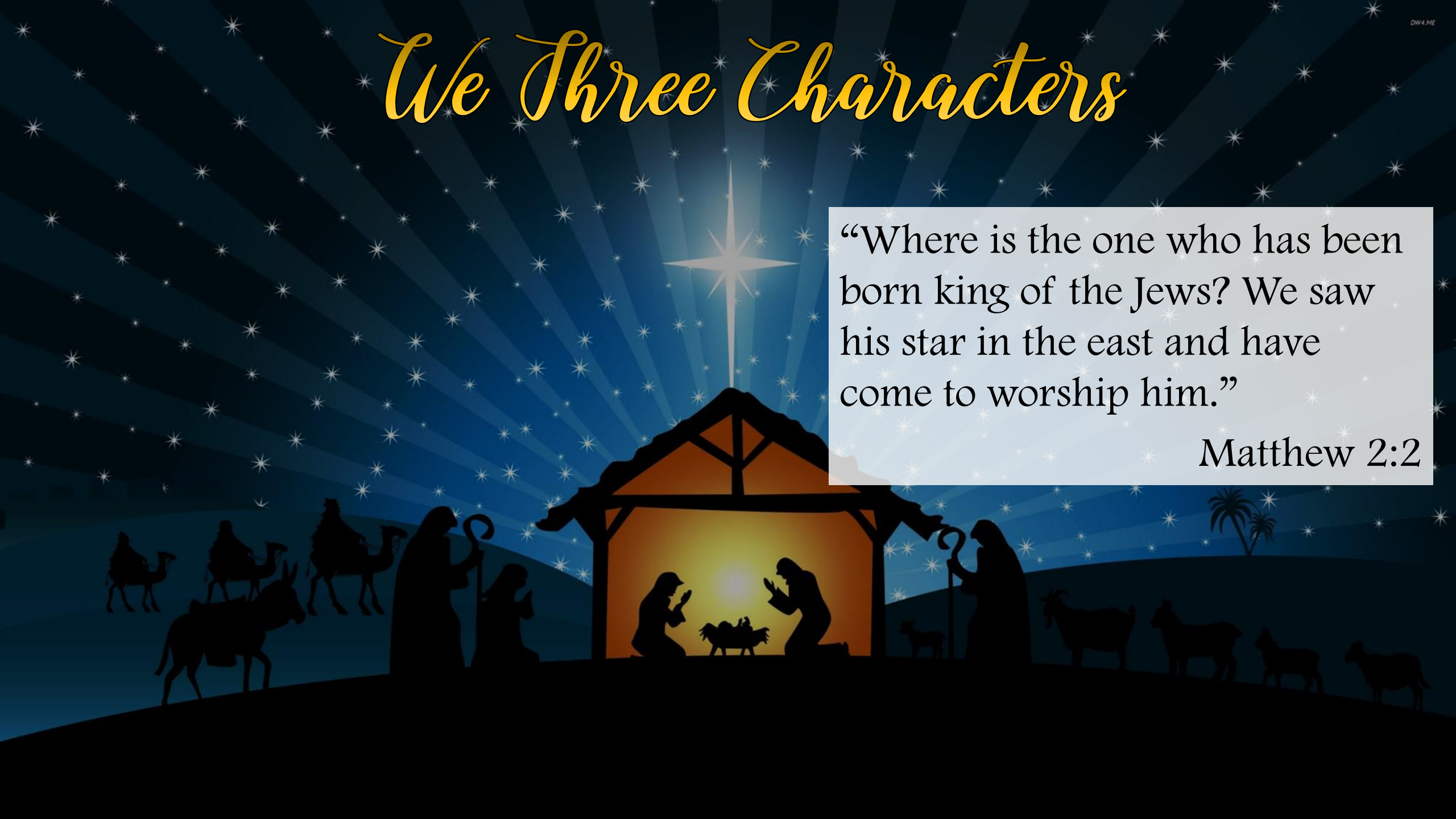

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Matthew 2:2

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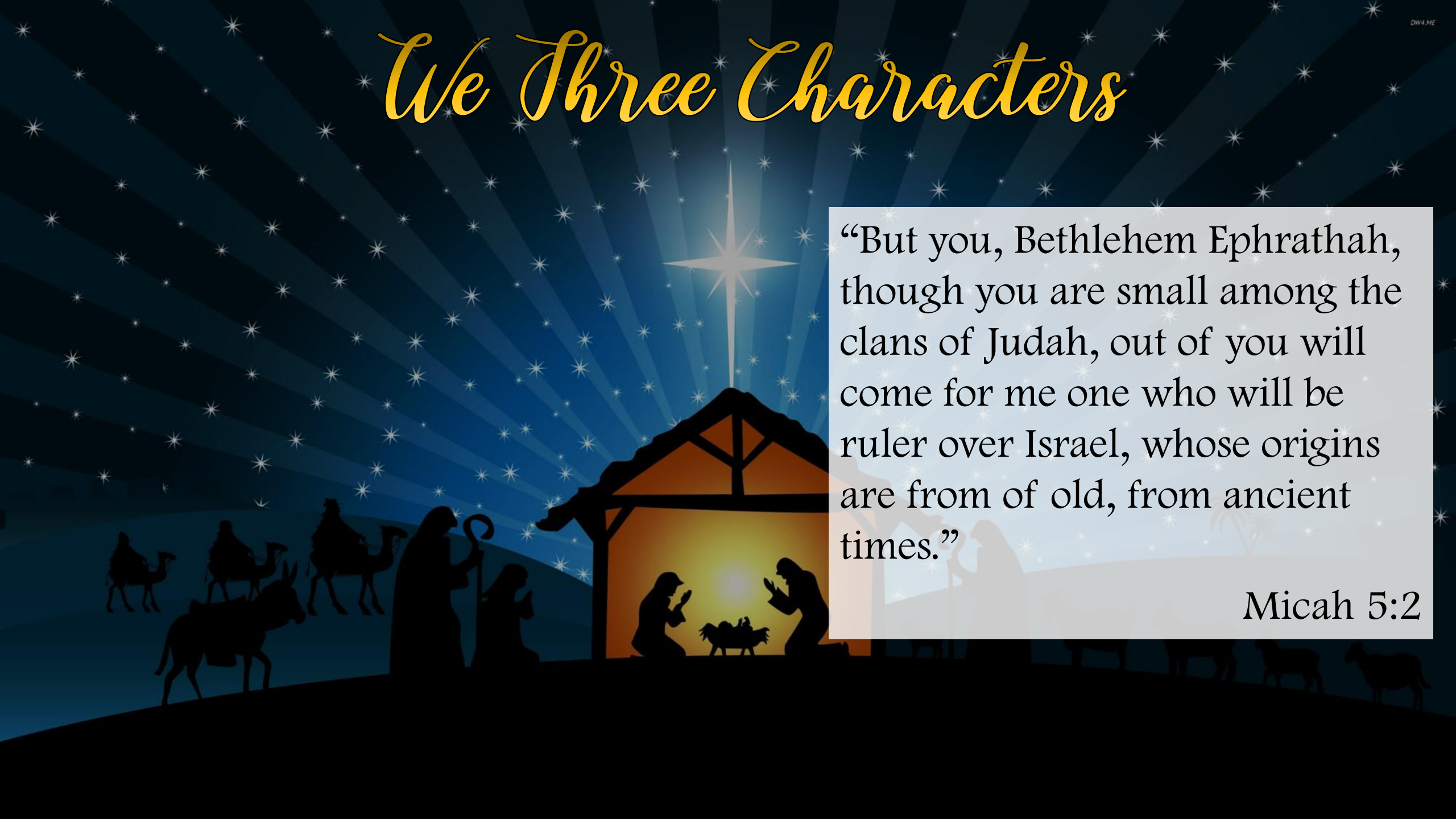

"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

Micah 5:2

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Then the king 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.

Daniel 2:48

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"I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel."

Numbers 24:17

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"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."
When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

Matthew 2:2-3

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When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born.

Matthew 2:4

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"In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written: " 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:5–6

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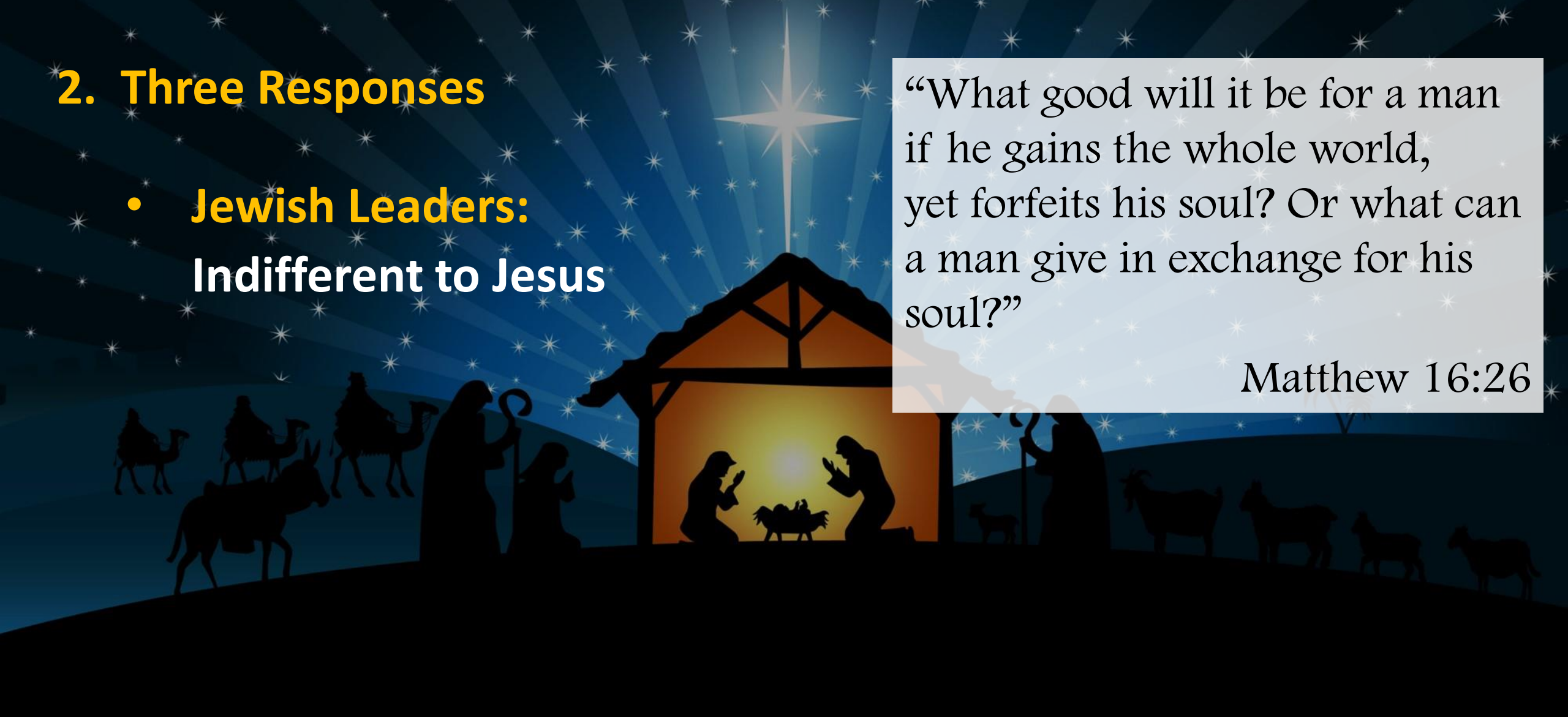

"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26

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Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Serve the LORD with fear and
rejoice with trembling.
Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and
you be destroyed in your way,
for his wrath can flare up in a
moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in
him.

Psalm 2:10–12

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"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

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When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

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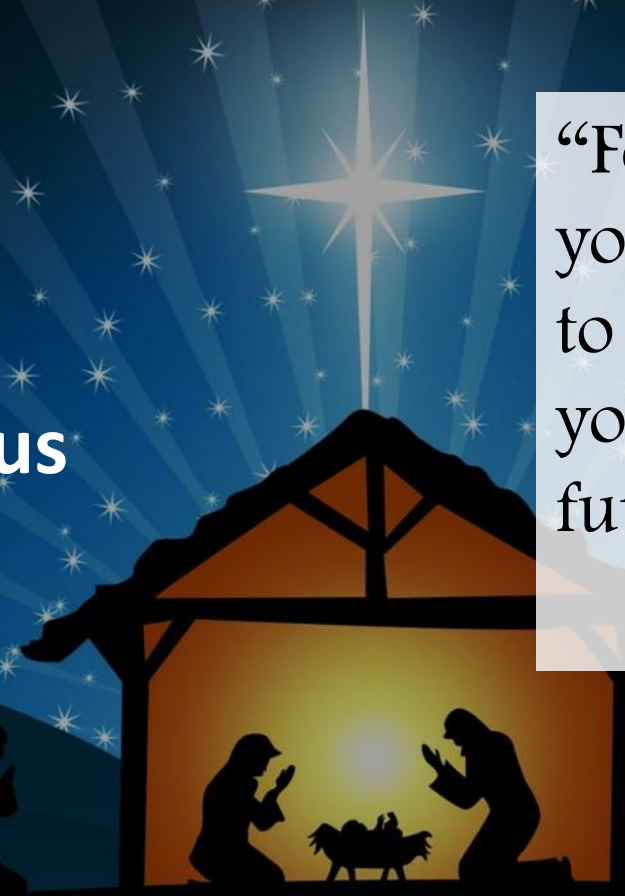

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

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"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

Jeremiah 29:12-13

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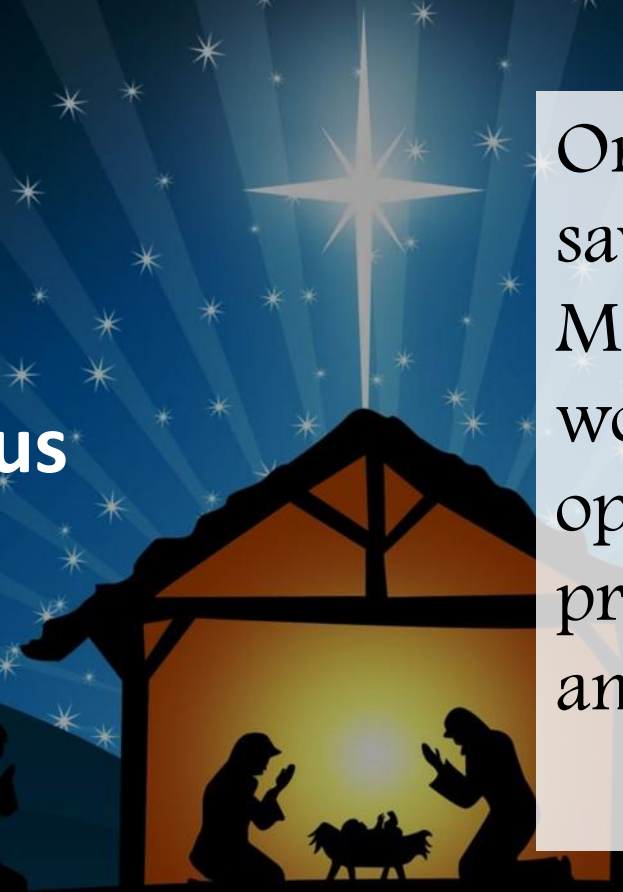

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

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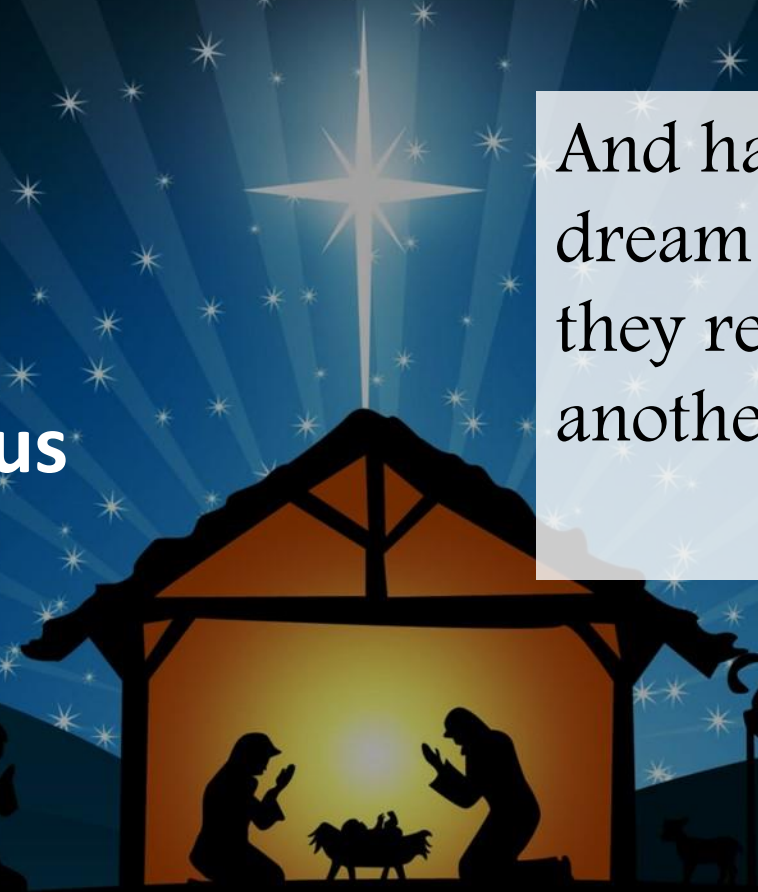

> And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.
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> Matthew 2:12