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Advent

Week 1: Hope

Week 2: Love

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Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)

**For to us a child is born,
to us a Son is given,
and the government will be on His
shoulders.**

**And He will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

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Matthew 2:1-23 (NIV)

2 After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² 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.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.

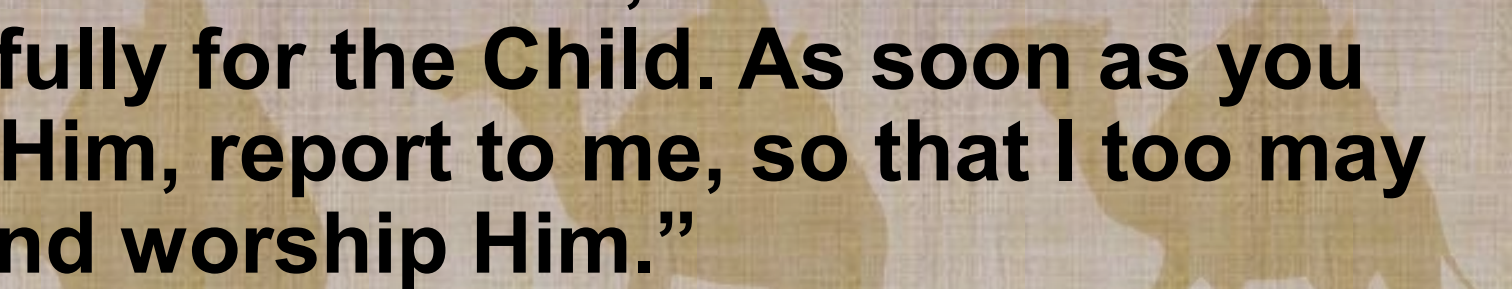
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⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

**⁶ "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 shepherd my people Israel."**

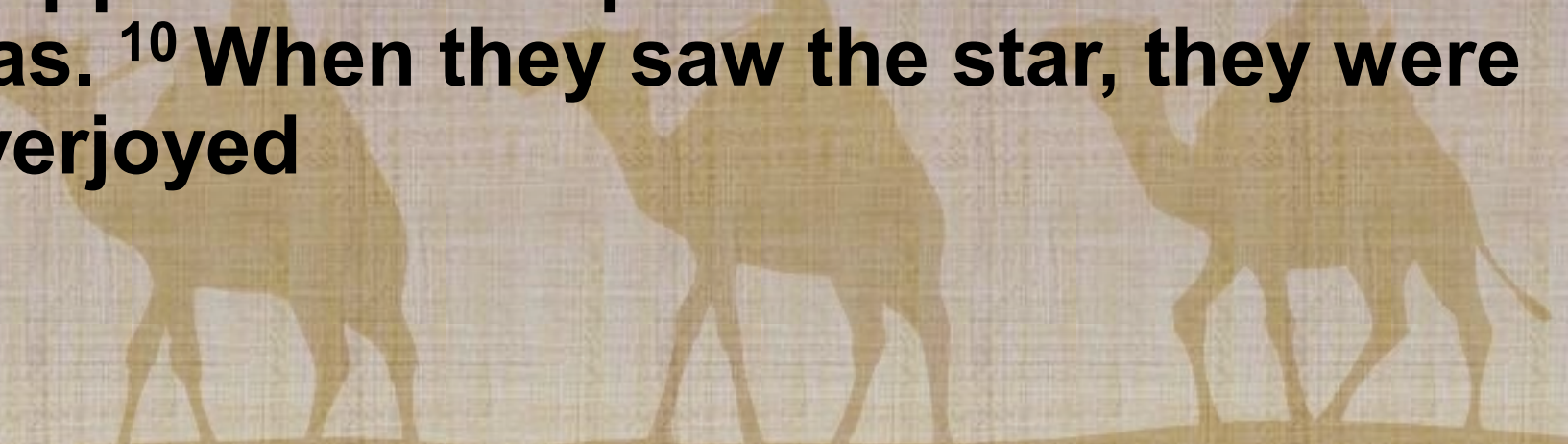
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⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the Child. As soon as you find Him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship Him.”

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⁹ 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. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed


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¹¹ 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, frankincense and myrrh.¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

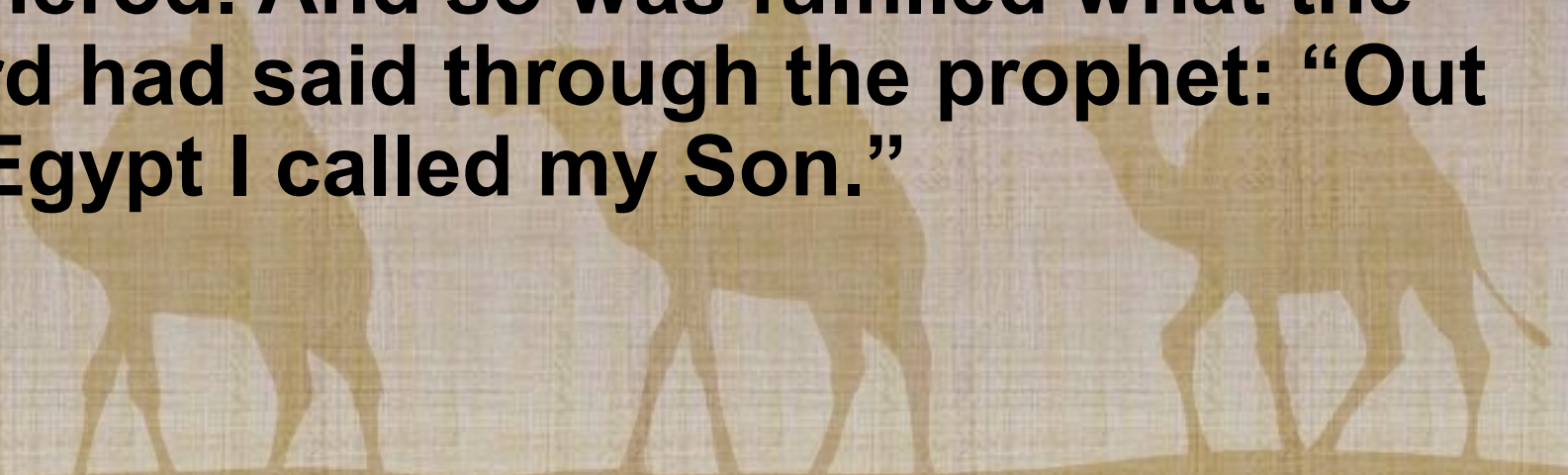
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¹³ When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the Child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him.”

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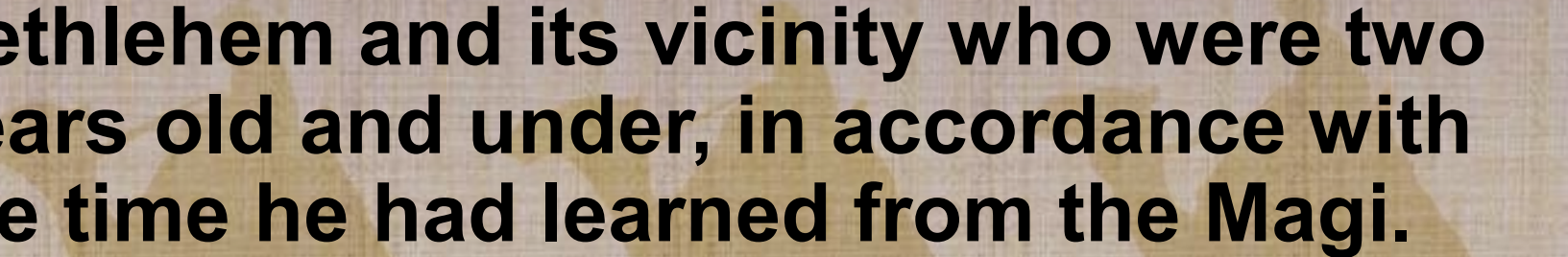
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¹⁴ So he got up, took the Child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵ where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my Son.”



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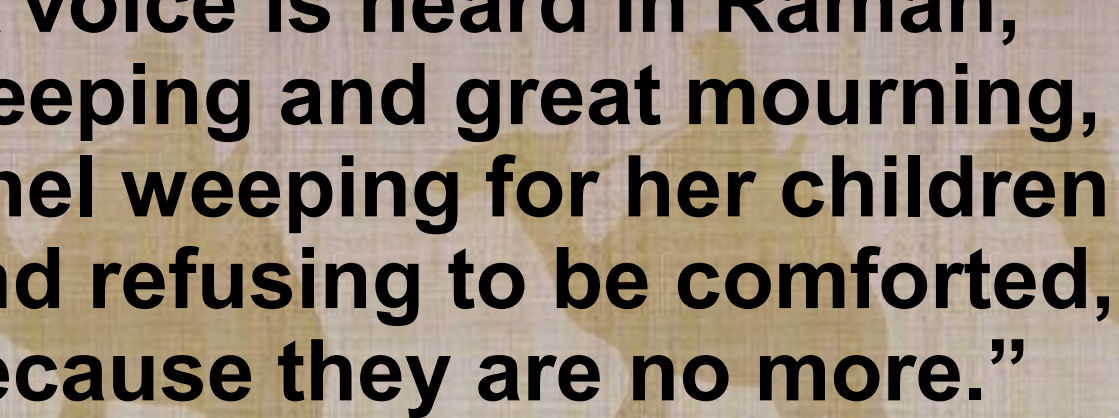
¹⁶ When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

A faint, stylized illustration of three camels walking from left to right across a desert landscape. The camels are depicted in a simple, almost silhouette-like manner with light brown and tan colors. They are walking on a flat, light-colored ground. The background is a pale, hazy sky with a few small, faint stars visible. The overall tone is warm and golden, matching the background of the text.

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. ¹⁷ Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

**¹⁸ “A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children
and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”**

A faint, golden silhouette of a person riding a camel is visible in the background, moving from left to right. The scene is set against a warm, golden-yellow background that suggests a sunset or sunrise. The camel and rider are positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image, with the rider's head and shoulders visible above the camel's hump. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and evocative, complementing the biblical text.

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¹⁹ After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰ and said, “Get up, take the Child and His mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the Child’s life are dead.”

²¹ So he got up, took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel.

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²² But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³ and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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Genesis 3:15 prophesied that He would be born from the seed of a woman

Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that He would be born of a virgin

Psalms 2:7 prophesied that He would be the Son of God

Genesis 22:18 prophesied that He would be the seed of Abraham

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Genesis 21:12 prophesied that He would be the son of Isaac

Numbers 24:17 prophesied He would be the son of Jacob

Genesis 49:10 prophesied that He would be of the tribe of Judah

Isaiah 11:1 prophesied that He would be the family of Jesse

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Micah 5:2 prophesied that He would be born in Bethlehem

Psalms 72:10 prophesied that He would be presented gifts

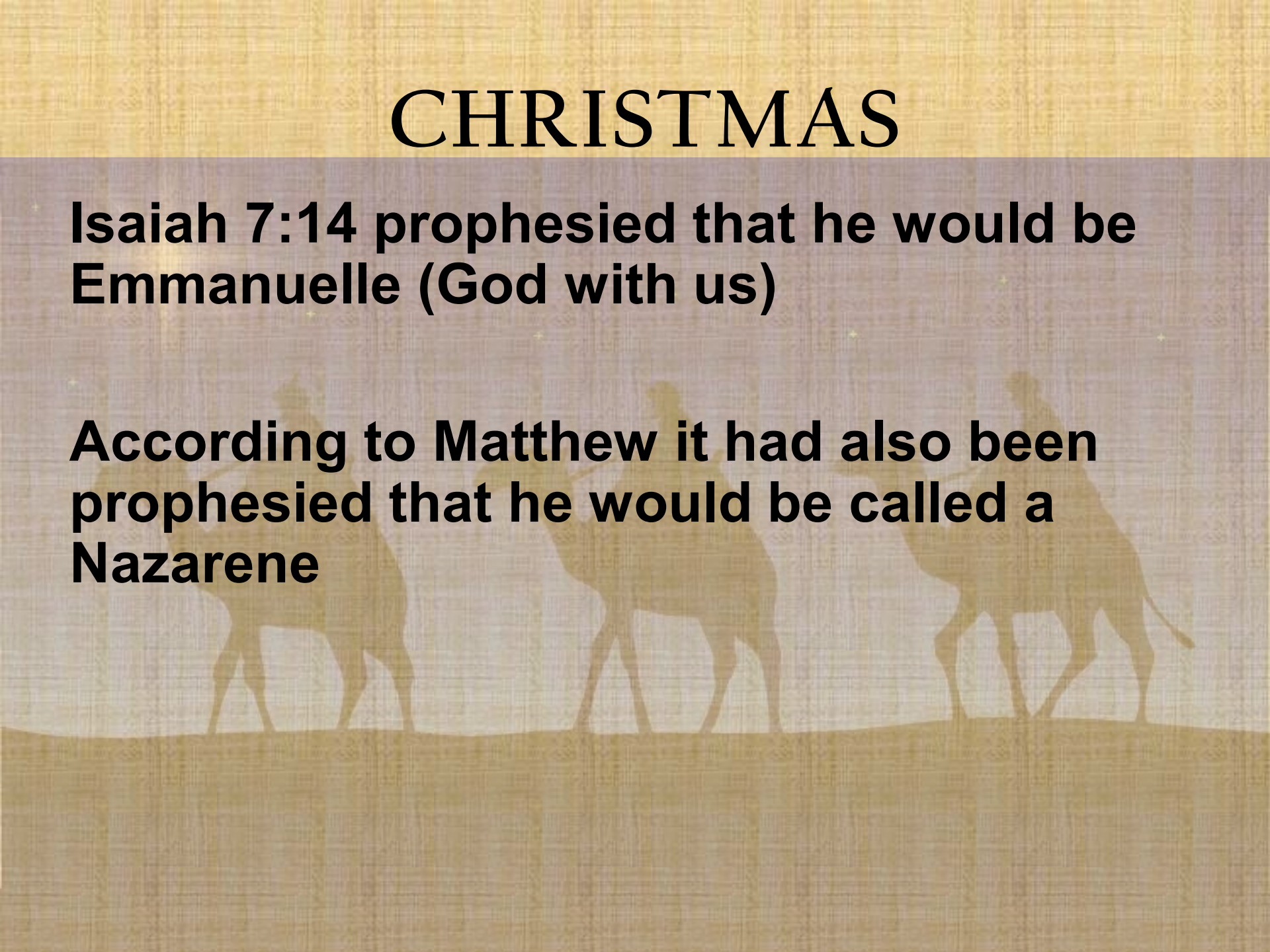
Jeremiah 31:15 prophesied that the children would be killed

Isaiah 9:6 prophesied that He is pre-existent

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Isaiah 7:14 prophesied that he would be Emmanuelle (God with us)

According to Matthew it had also been prophesied that he would be called a Nazarene

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Matthew 2:1-23 (NIV)

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Daniel 2:47-48 (NIV)

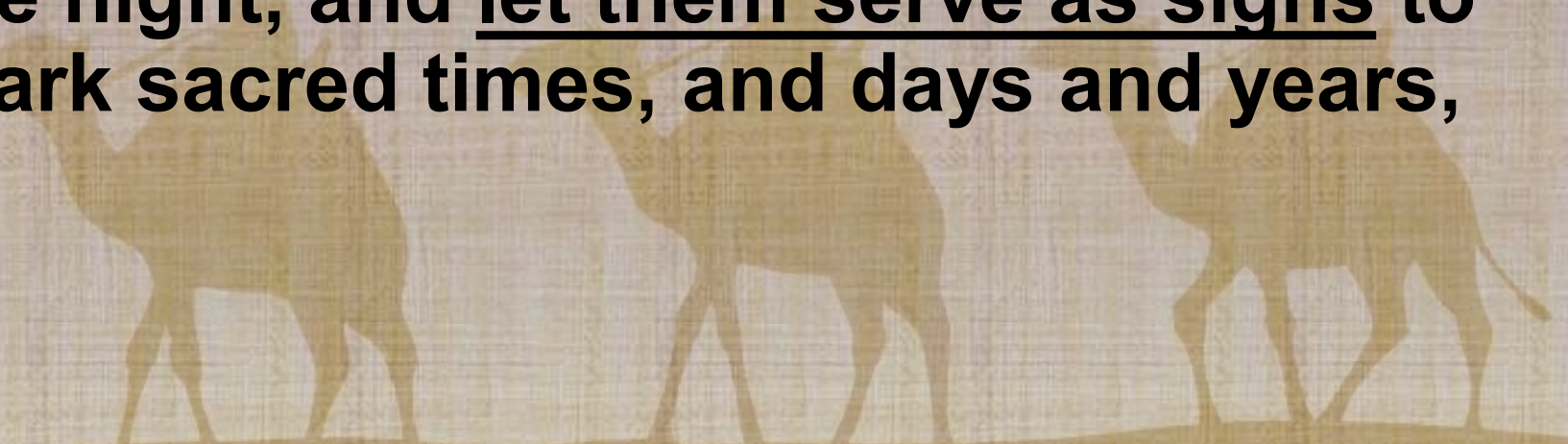
47 The king said to Daniel, “Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery.”

48 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.

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Genesis 1:14 (NIV)

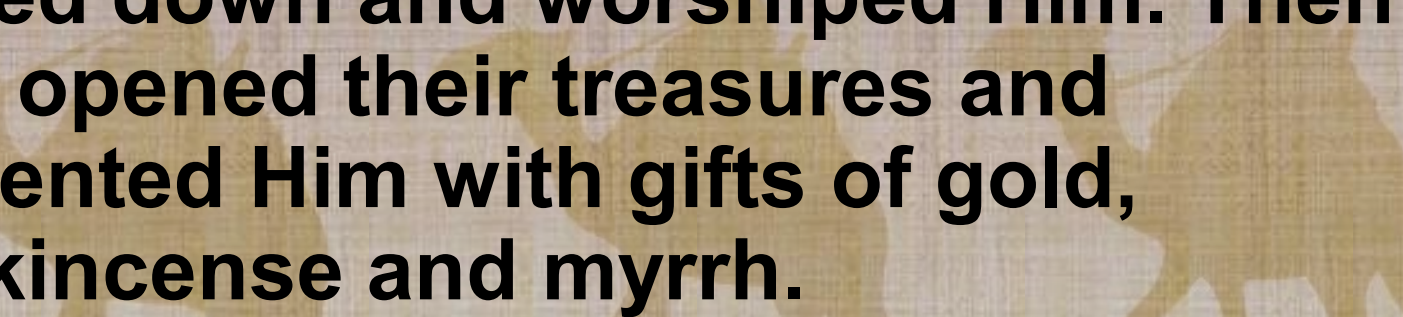
And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years,

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Matthew 2:11

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, frankincense and myrrh.

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When you give the gift of Jesus

You give:

The gift of hope

The gift of love

The gift of joy

The gift of peace



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When you receive the gift of Jesus

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Merry Christmas

