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Matthew 2:1-2 The Message

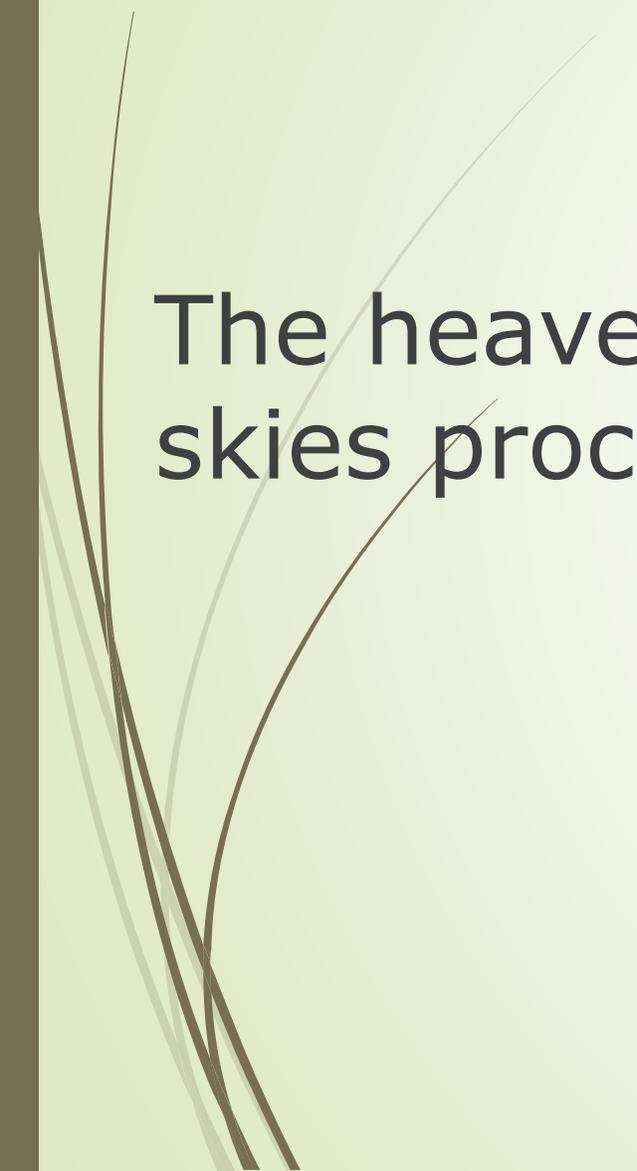
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem village, Judah territory – this was during Herod’s kingship – a band of scholars arrived in Jerusalem from the East.

They asked around, “Where can we find and pay homage to the newborn King of the Jews? We observed a star in the eastern sky that signaled his birth. We’re on pilgrimage to worship him.”



Psalm 19:1 NIV

The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of his hands.





Matthew 2:3-6 The Message

When word of their inquiry got to Herod, he was terrified – and not Herod alone, but most of Jerusalem as well. Herod lost no time. He gathered all the high priests and religion scholars in the city together and asked, “Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?”



Matthew 2:3-6 The Message

They told him, "Bethlehem, Judah territory.
The prophet Micah wrote it plainly:
It's you, Bethlehem, in Judah's land, no longer
bringing up the rear.

From you will come the leader, who will
shepherd-rule my people, Israel."



Matthew 2:9-10 The Message

Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!



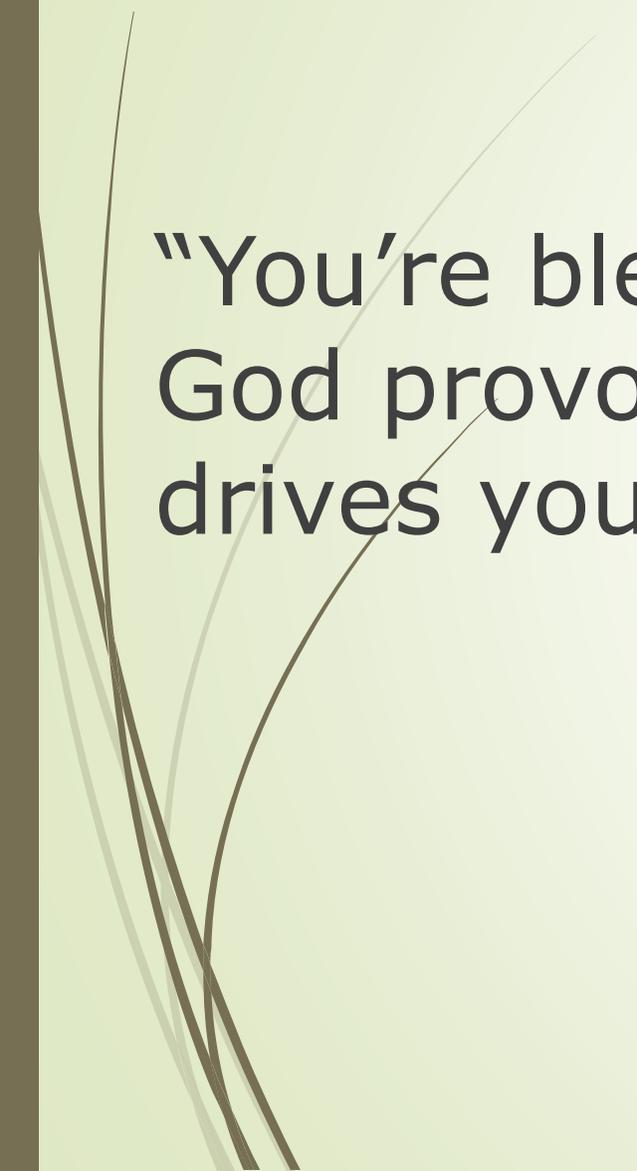
Matthew 2:11 The Message

They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.



Matthew 5:10 NIV

“You’re blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper in to God’s kingdom.”



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