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Matthew's account

Joseph and Angel

Magi

Escape to Egypt

They returned to live in Nazareth

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Luke's account

Birth of John the Baptist

Mary and Angel

Mary and Elizabeth

Census

Joseph already living in Nazareth

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Shepherds

No room at the inn

Simeon

Anna

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Both

Born of a virgin

Born in Bethlehem

Raised in Nazareth

He is the Messiah

He is to be called Jesus

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Matthew 2:1-18 (NIV)

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

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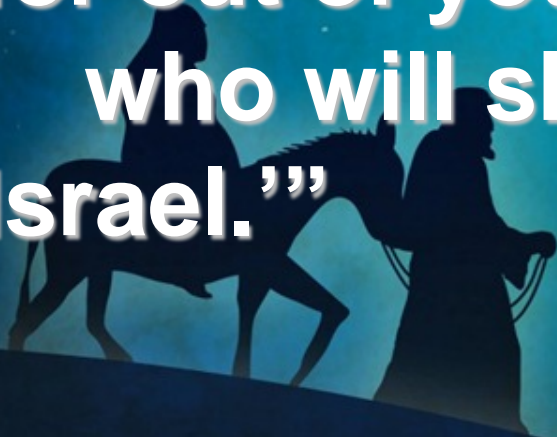
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4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

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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.
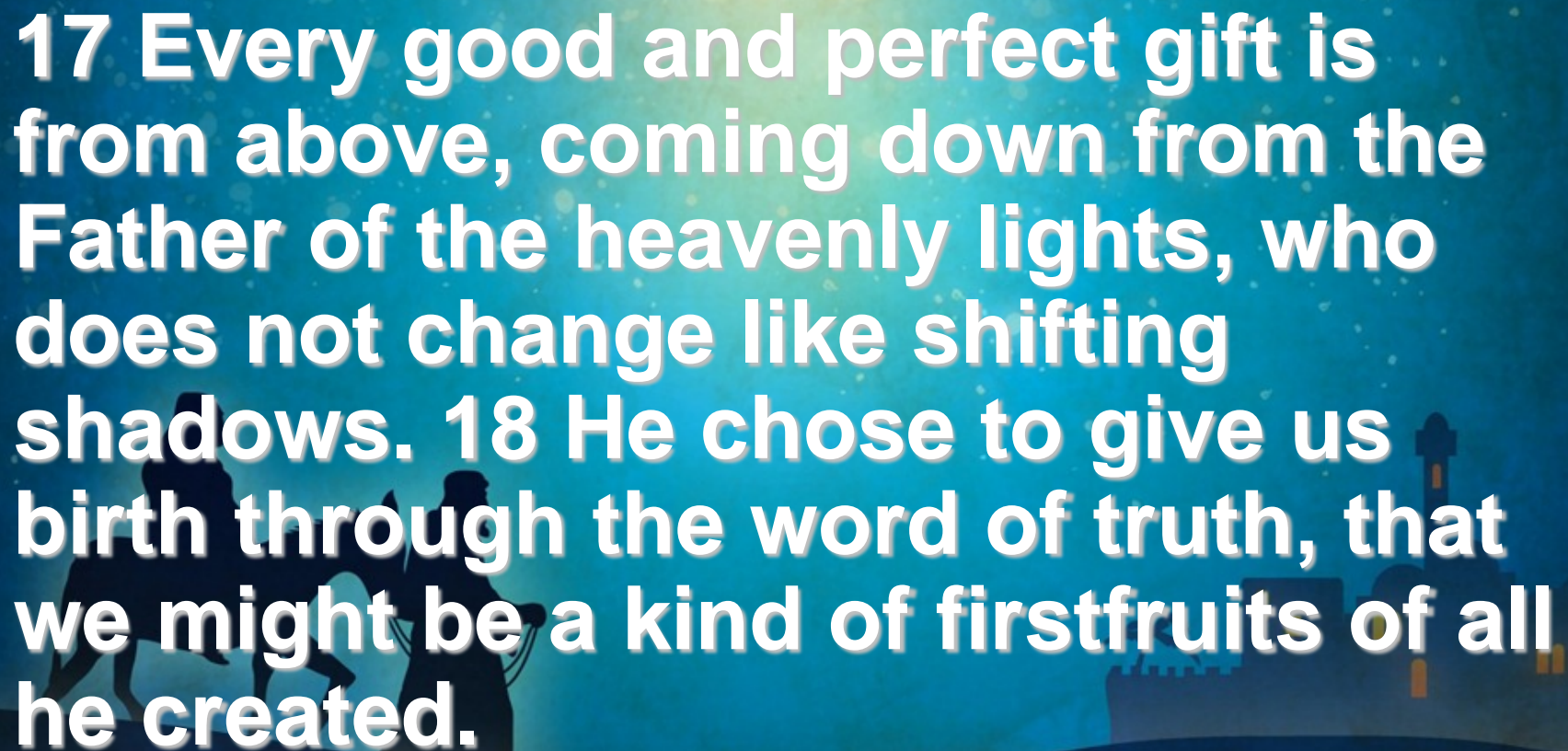
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10 When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. 11 On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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James 1:17-18 NIV

17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. 18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

21 God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

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John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God

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1 Peter 1:3-4 (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.