

# Epiphany





Aha!





**“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”**

**Matthew 2:2**



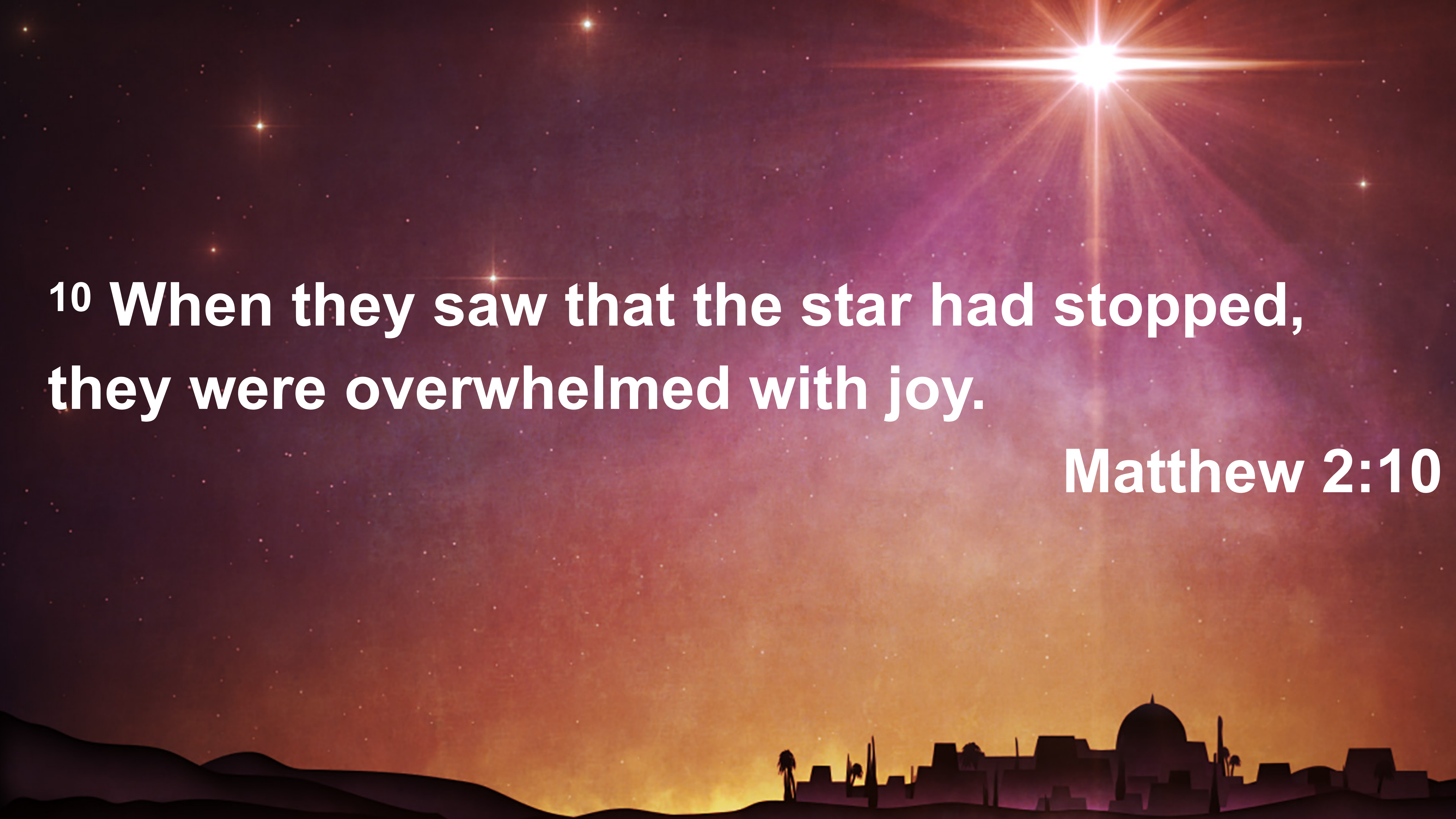


**“Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”**

**Matthew 2:8**



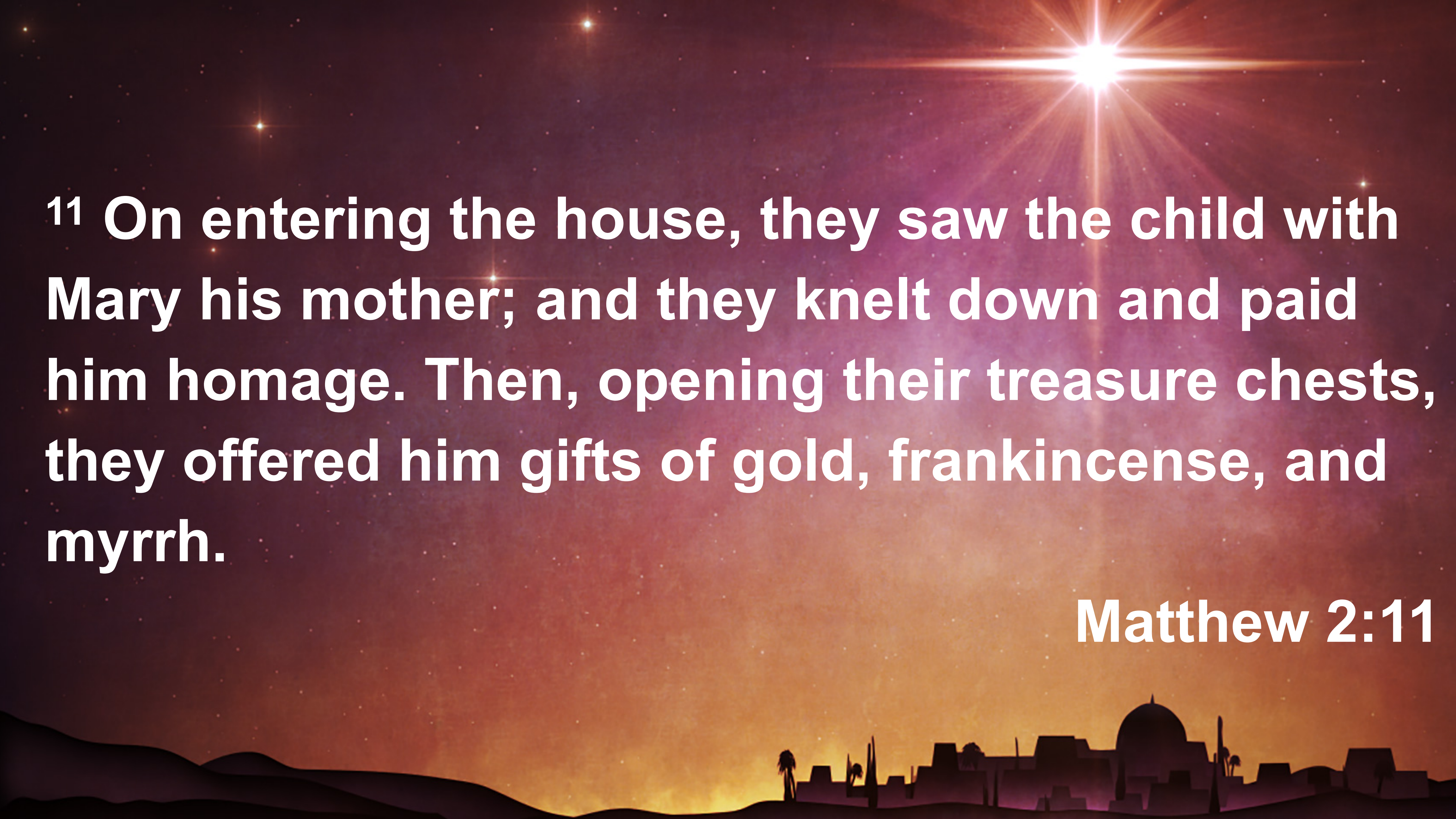


A night sky with a bright star in the upper right corner, emitting a starburst effect. The sky is filled with smaller stars and has a color gradient from dark purple at the top to orange and yellow near the horizon. At the bottom, there is a silhouette of a city or town with a prominent dome, palm trees, and cacti, set against a dark landscape.

**<sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped,  
they were overwhelmed with joy.**

**Matthew 2:10**

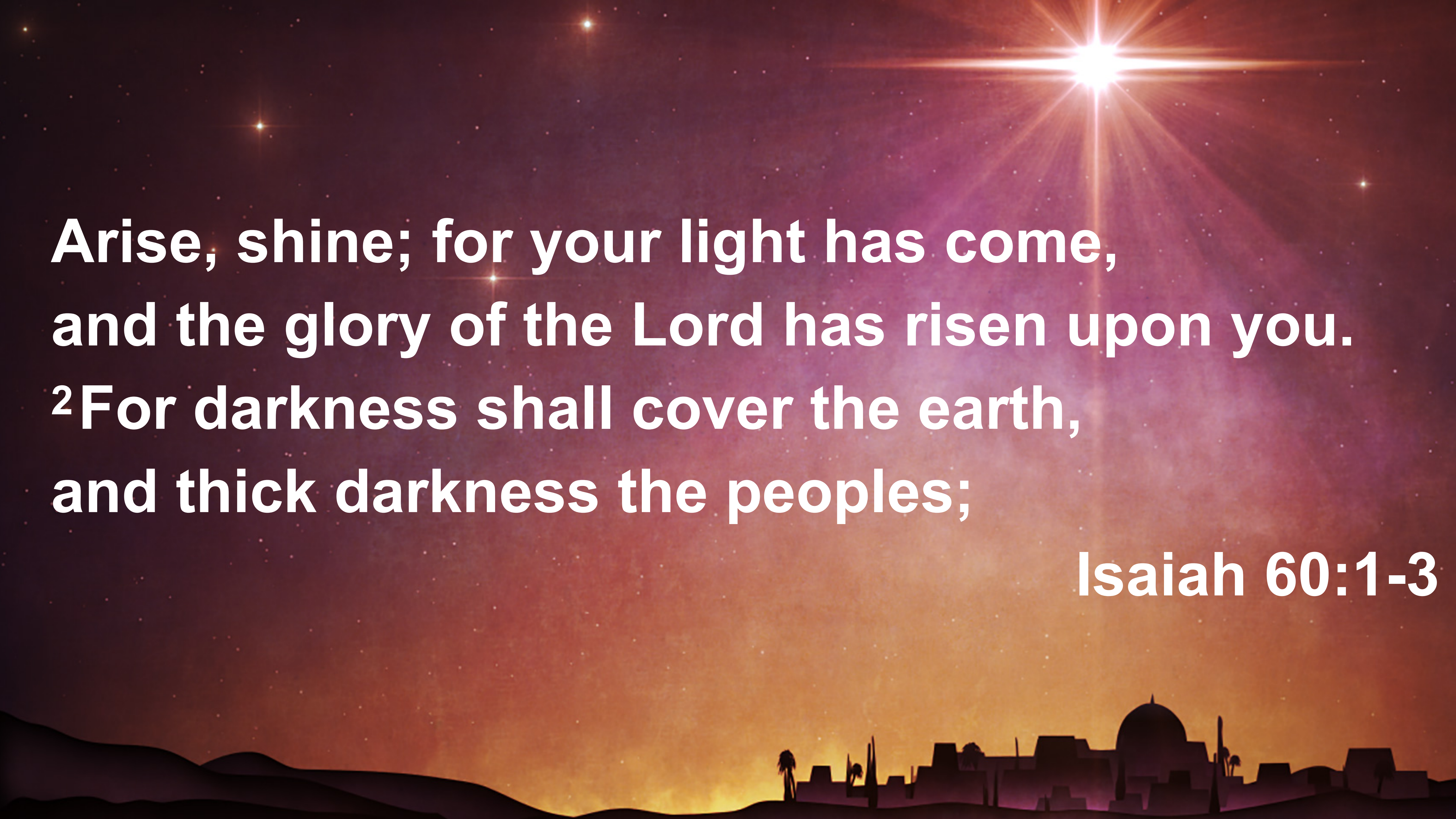




**11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.**

**Matthew 2:11**





**Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
2 For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;**

**Isaiah 60:1-3**

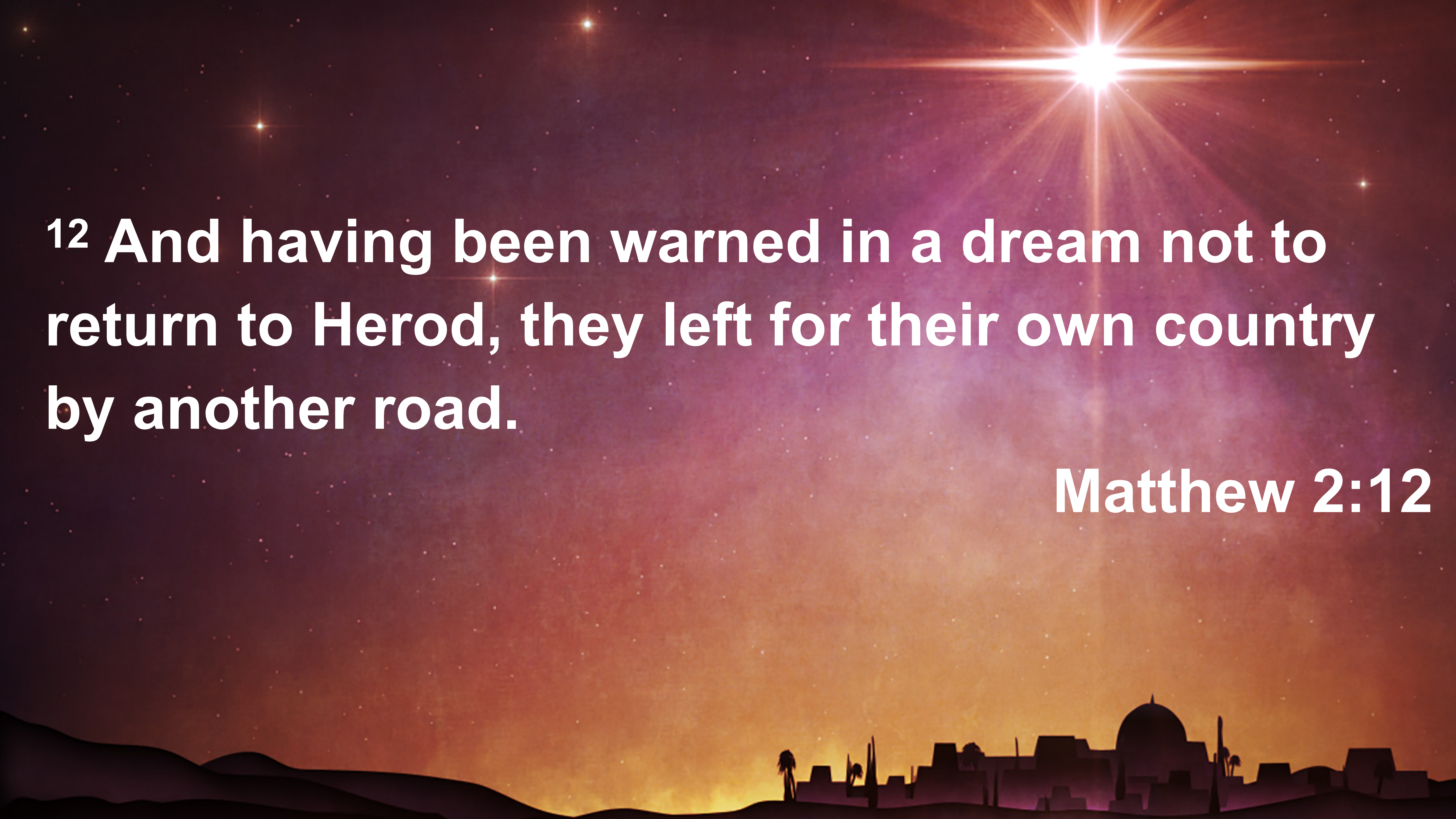


The background features a vibrant night sky with a color gradient from deep purple at the top to bright orange and yellow near the horizon. A prominent, multi-pointed starburst of light is located in the upper right quadrant. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark silhouette of a city skyline, including a large domed building and several palm trees, set against the glowing horizon.

**but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

**Isaiah 60:1-3**




A night sky with a bright starburst in the upper right and a silhouette of a city with a dome at the bottom.

**<sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.**

**Matthew 2:12**



The background of the image is a night sky with a gradient from dark purple at the top to a bright orange glow at the bottom. A prominent, bright starburst with multiple rays is located in the upper right quadrant. At the bottom of the image, there is a dark silhouette of a cityscape, including a large domed building and several palm trees. The overall scene is atmospheric and evocative of a biblical setting.

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

**Matthew 2:3**

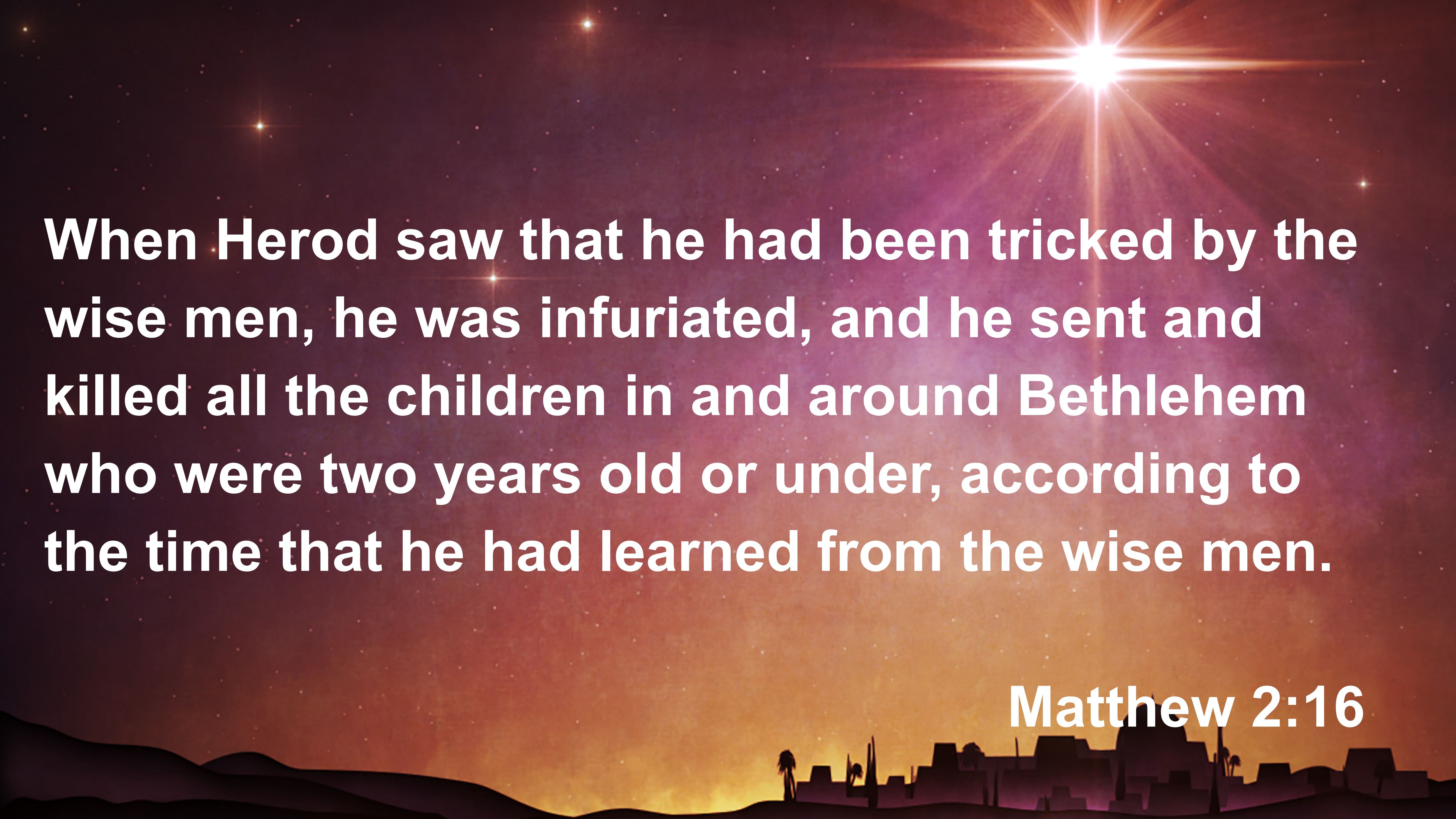


**“...when you have found him,  
bring me word so that I may also  
go and pay him homage.”**

**Matthew 2:8**





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**When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.**

**Matthew 2:16**



# Aha Moments

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1. **Before doing, Be first!**
2. **Stay and Ponder!**
3. **Be Stretched for the Lord!**







**What Can I Bring Him...**  
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# The Great Thanksgiving & Communion

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts

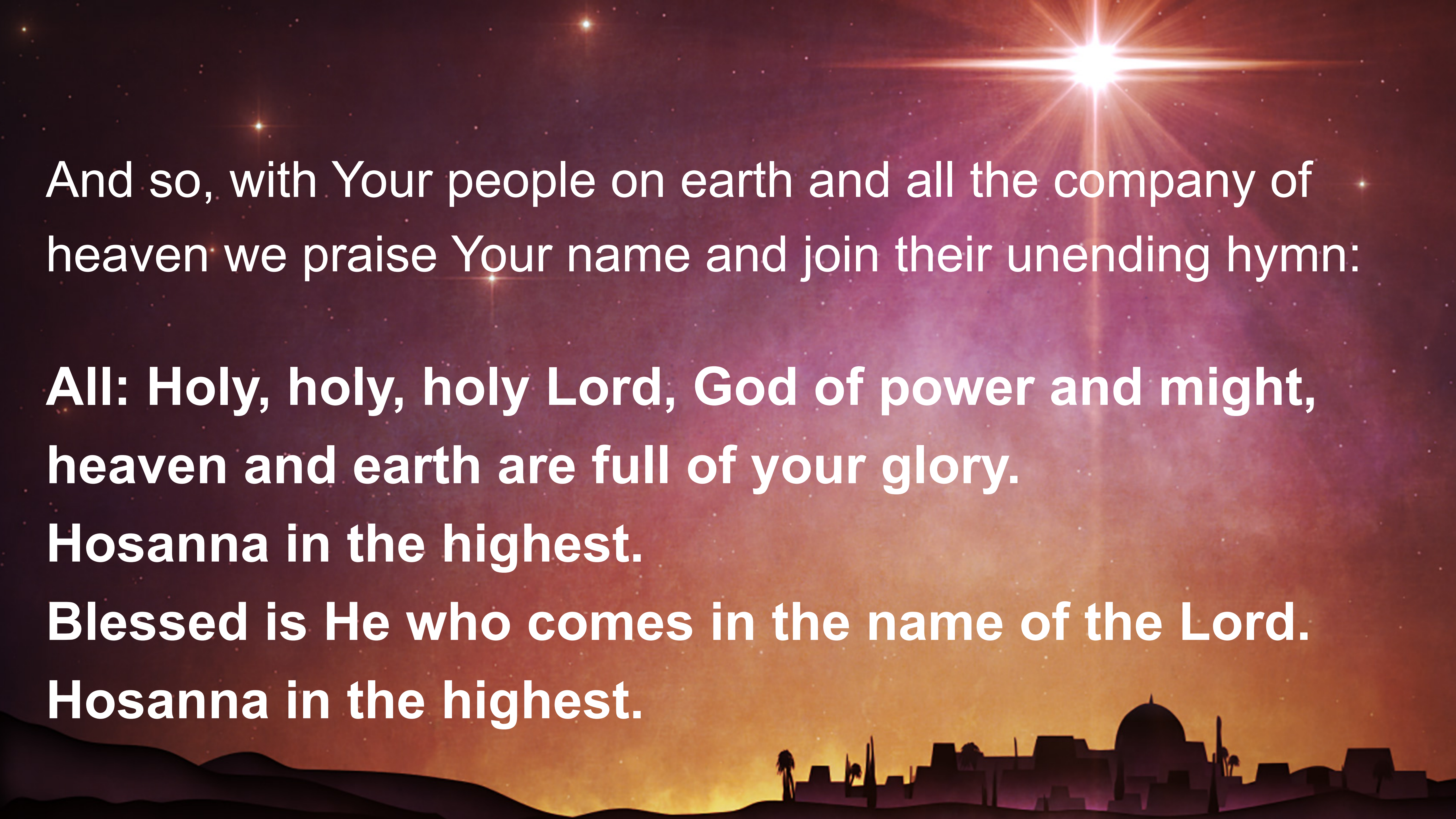
**All: We lift them up to the Lord**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**







And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

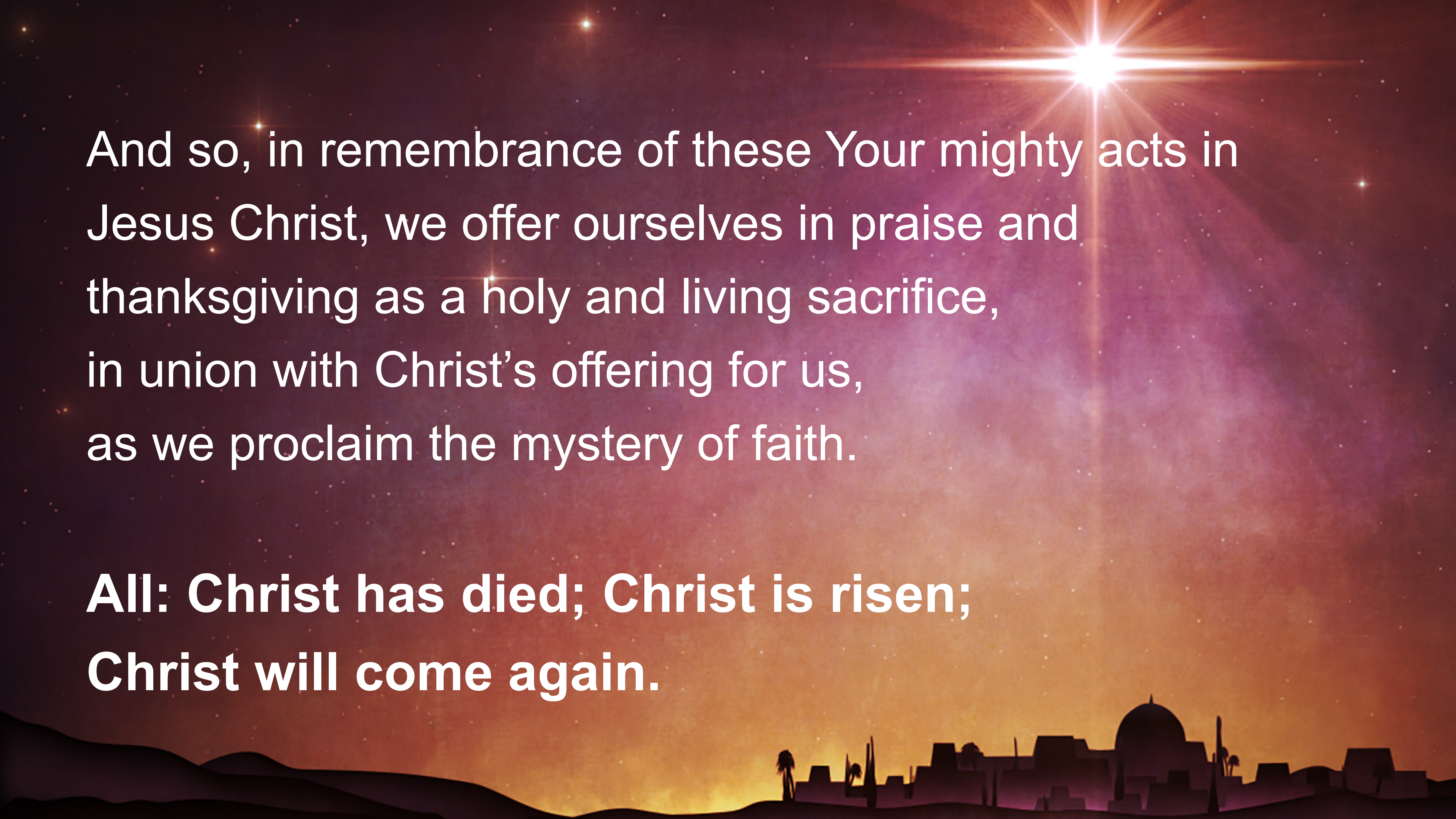
**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

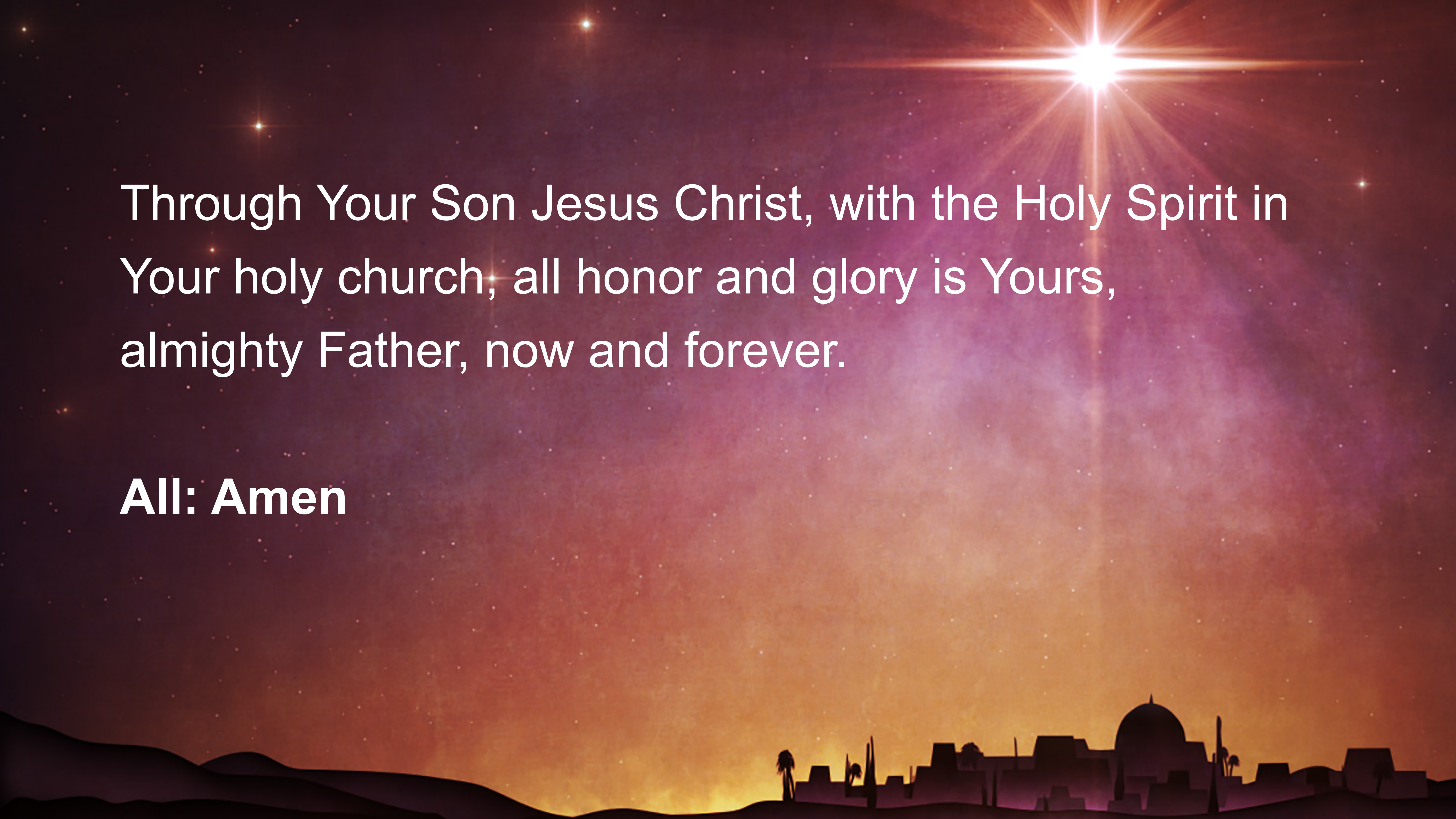




And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**



The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky. A prominent, bright starburst with multiple rays is located in the upper right quadrant. The lower portion of the image shows a dark silhouette of a cityscape against a lighter, orange-hued horizon. The city features a large, prominent dome, likely a mosque or cathedral, and several other buildings and palm trees. The overall atmosphere is serene and celestial.

Through Your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in  
Your holy church, all honor and glory is Yours,  
almighty Father, now and forever.

**All: Amen**