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is coming

Finding Joy in Our Longing

Matthew 2:1-12

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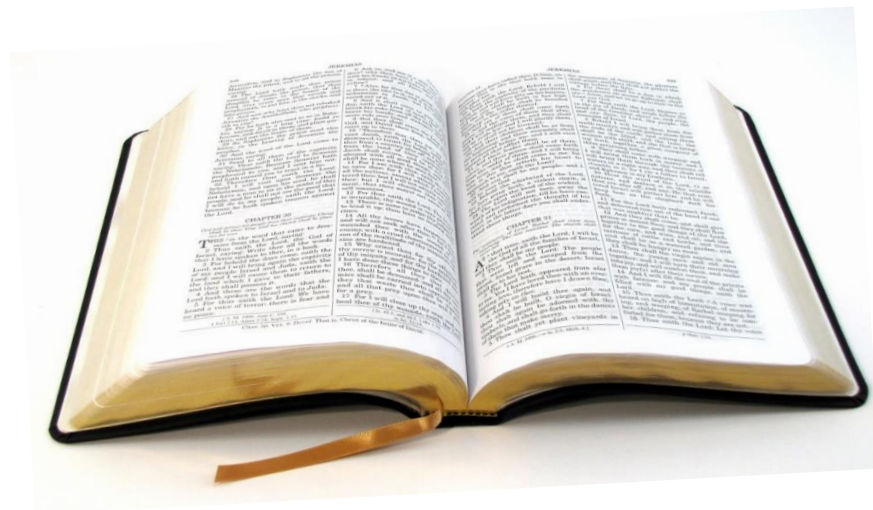
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(a sign that a King has been born):**

I. King Herod: Threatened and Conniving (vv. 3, 7-8)



Matthew 2:3, 7-8

“3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.... 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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II. The Jewish Leaders: Knowledgeable but Indifferent
and Colluding (vv. 4-6)



Matthew 2:4-6

“4 When he (Herod) had called together all the people’s **chief priests and teachers of the law**, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

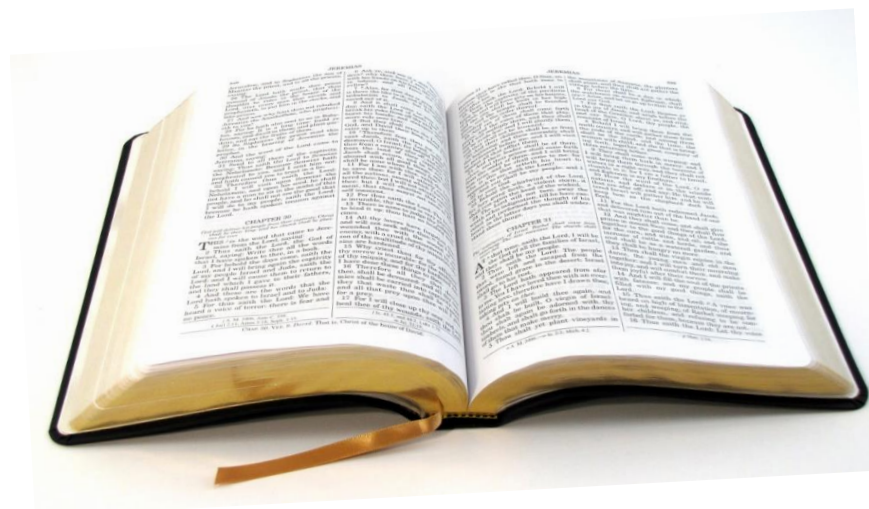
5 “In **Bethlehem in Judea**,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

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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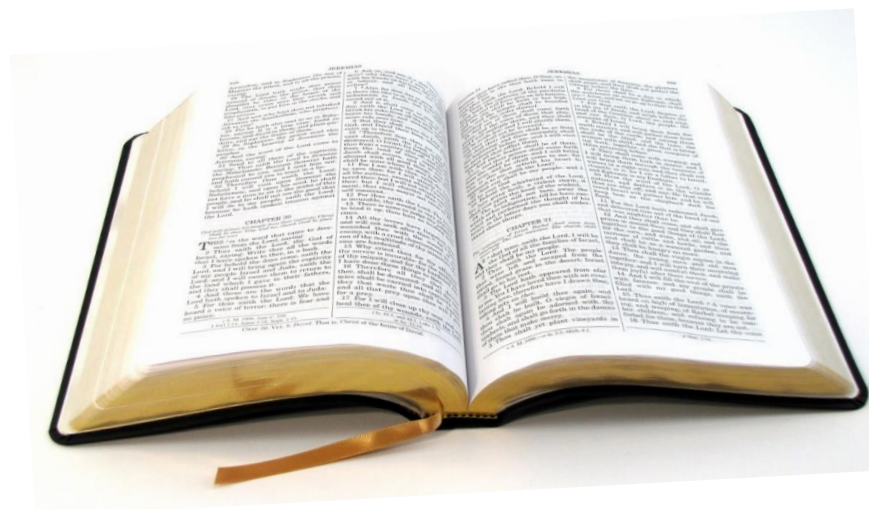
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Matthew 2:1-2, 10-11

“1 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” 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 worshipped him**. Then they opened their **treasures and presented** him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”



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Michael Green – “The Message of Matthew”

Gold is the gift fit for a king – and the king in baby clothes was there.

Frankincense was in constant use by the priests in the temple, and the ultimate priest, the one who was to make final reconciliation between God and humankind, lay before them.

Myrrh was used to embalm the dead. The man born to be king was also the man born to die. In those three gifts we see who he is, what he came to do, and what it cost him.



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Longing to meet King Jesus and worship
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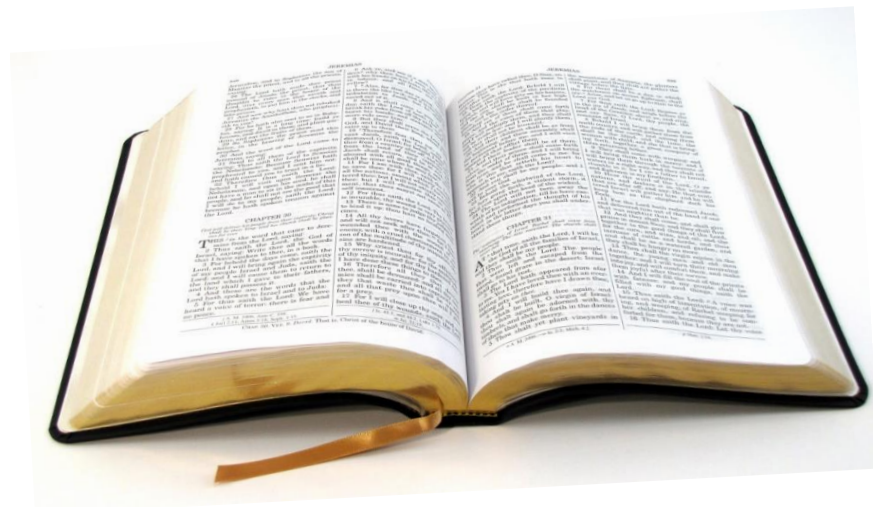
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Colossians 3:2

“2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”



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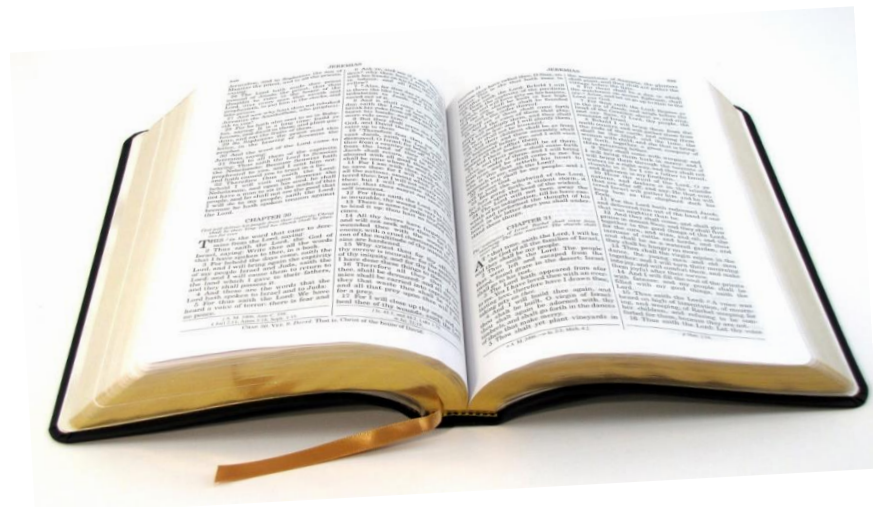
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(cf. John 3:16; John 15:9-11; Rom. 8:28)



John 3:16

“16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

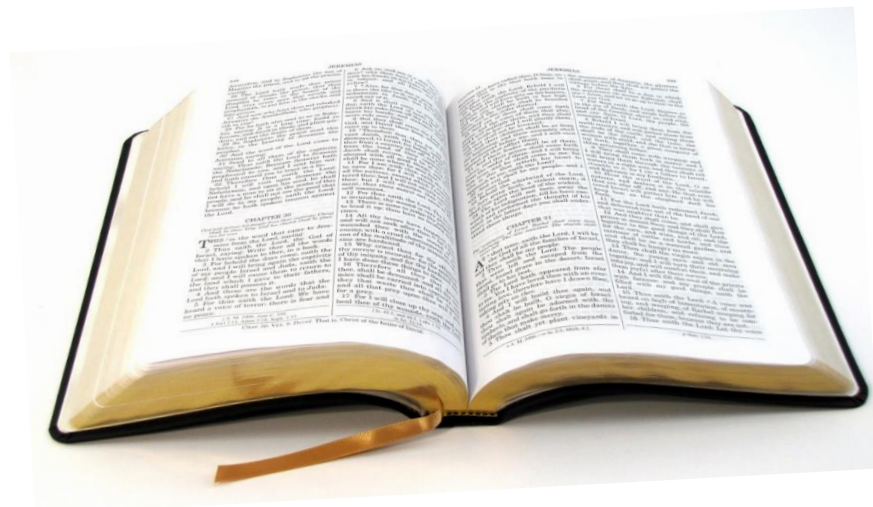


John 15:9-11

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

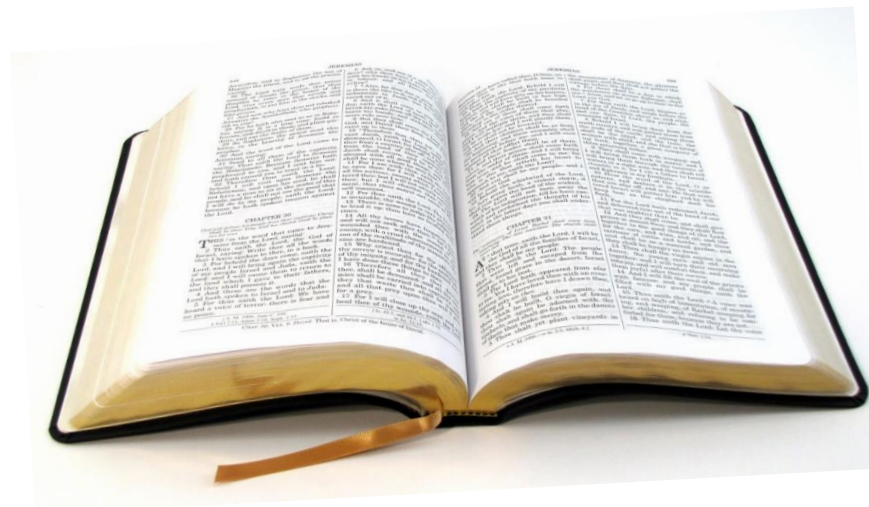
10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.



Romans 8:28

28 And we know that in **all things** God works **for the good** of those who **love him**, who have been called according to his purpose.



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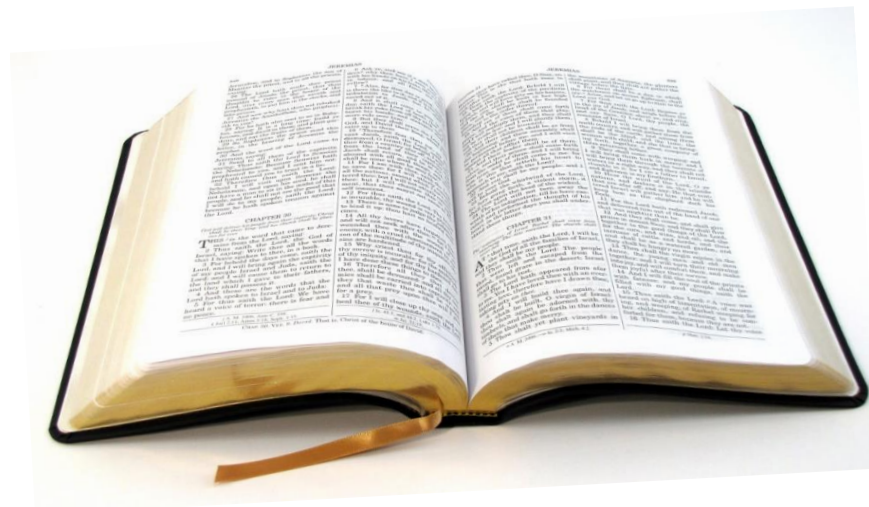
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3. Seek Jesus Intentionally and Wholeheartedly
(cf. Jer. 29:13)



Jeremiah 29:13

“13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”



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Conclusion

True joy comes from who we ultimately long for
- King and Saviour Jesus!

The King is coming – Rejoice!

