

Behold
JOY





“Behold”
lean in and take notice,
because what is to follow is significant.

Matthew 2:1 (p. 757)




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Isaiah 60:1-3 (p. 580)

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and His glory will be seen upon you. ³ And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.



LEVANTATE, resplandece; que ha venido tu lumbré, y la gloria de Jehová ha nacido sobre ti. ² Porque he aquí que tinieblas cubrirán la tierra, y oscuridad los pueblos: mas sobre ti nacerá Jehová, y sobre ti será vista su gloria. ³ Y andarán las gentes á tu luz, y los reyes al resplandor de tu nacimiento.

Isaiah 60:6 (p. 580)

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Multitud de camellos te cubrirá, dromedarios de Madián y de Epha; vendrán todos los de Seba; traerán oro é incienso, y publicarán alabanzas de Jehová.



Psalm 72:10 - 11 (p. 454)

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

Los reyes de Tharsis y de las islas traerán presentes: Los reyes de Sheba y de Seba ofrecerán dones. ¹¹ Y arrodillarse han á él todos los reyes; Le servirán todas las gentes.



Matthew 2:1-2 (p. 757)

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Numbers 24:17 (p. 757)

a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;

Saldrá ESTRELLA de Jacob,
Y levantaráse cetro de Israel,

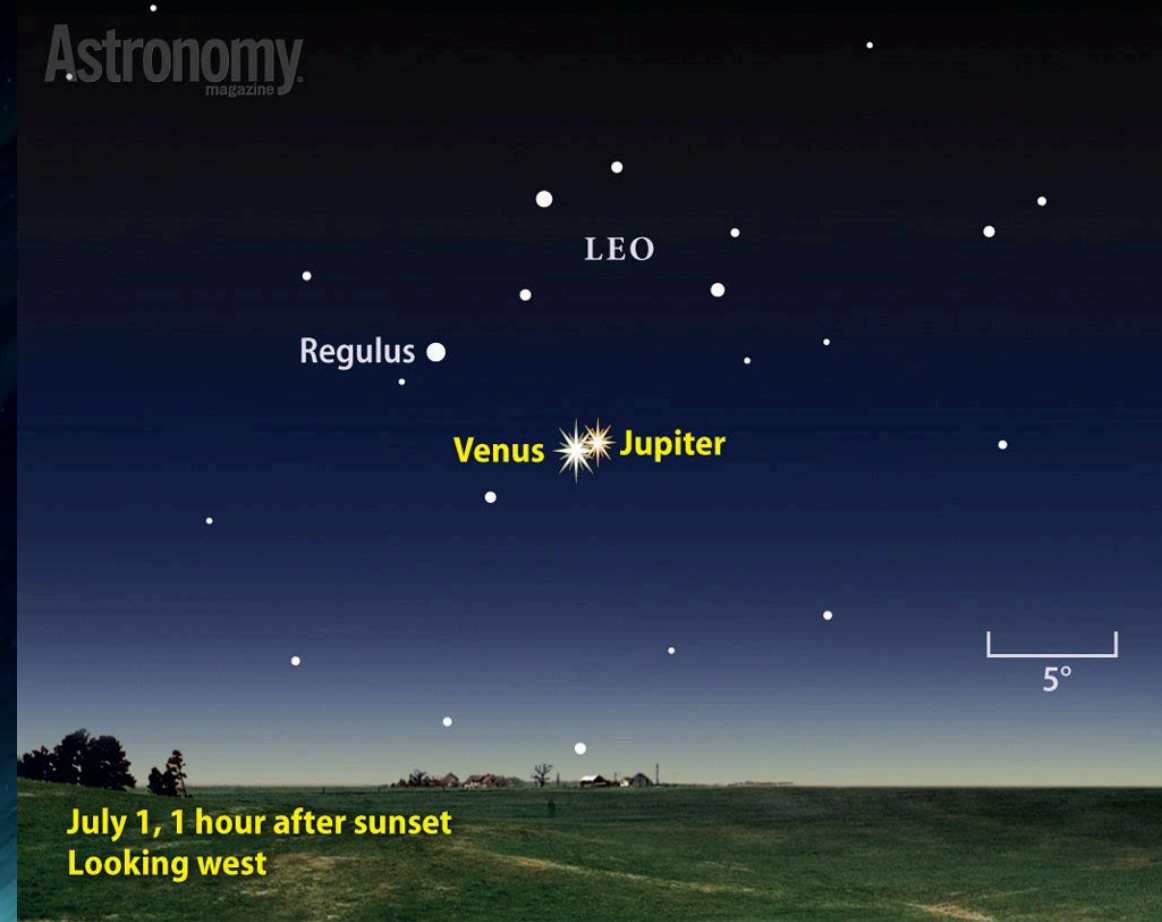


Daniel 2:48 (p. 692)

Then the king gave Daniel high honors and many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon and chief prefect over all the wise men of Babylon.

Entonces el rey engrandeció á Daniel, y le dió muchos y grandes dones, y púsolo por gobernador de toda la provincia de Babilonia, y por príncipe de los gobernadores sobre todos los sabios de Babilonia.





Regulus ●

LEO

Venus ✨ Jupiter

5°

July 1, 1 hour after sunset
Looking west



The wise men came seeking with
the EXPECTATION OF FINDING.





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“MYRRH” – a resin used in ANNOINTING OIL and for EMBALMING. This gift pointed to Christ’s SUFFERING and DEATH.



Matthew 2:13-15 (p. 757)



Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the Child and His mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the Child, to destroy

Y partidos ellos, he aquí el ángel del Señor aparece en sueños á José, diciendo: Levántate, y toma al niño y á su madre, y huye á Egipto, y estáte allá hasta que yo te lo diga; porque ha de acontecer, que Herodes

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Him." ¹⁴ And he rose and took the Child and His mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

buscará al niño para matarlo. ¹⁴ Y él despertando, tomó al niño y á su madre de noche, y se fué á Egipto; ¹⁵ Y estuvo allá hasta la muerte de Herodes: para que se cumpliese lo que fué dicho por el Señor, por el profeta que dijo: De Egipto llamé á mi Hijo.



Luke 2:12

And this will be a sign for you: you will find **a baby** wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

Βρέφος - brephos (BREH-fos)

Matthew 2:11

And going into the house they saw **the child** with Mary His mother,

παιδίον - paidion (pie-DEE-on)



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Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 757)



troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;⁴ and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:
⁶ "'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no

Jerusalem con él.⁴ Y convocados todos los príncipes de los sacerdotes, y los escribas del pueblo, les preguntó dónde había de nacer el Cristo.⁵ Y ellos le dijeron: En Bethlehem de Judea; porque así está escrito por el profeta:⁶ Y tú, Bethlehem, de tierra de

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means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel." 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent

Judá, No eres muy pequeña entre los príncipes de Judá; Porque de ti saldrá un guiador, Que apacentará á mi pueblo Israel. 7 Entonces Herodes, llamando en secreto á los magos, entendió de ellos

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them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship Him." ⁹ After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had

diligentemente el tiempo del aparecimiento de la estrella; ⁸ Y enviándolos á Bethlehem, dijo: Andad allá, y preguntad con diligencia por el niño; y después que le hallareis, hacédmelo saber, para que

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seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the Child was.¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.¹¹ And going into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother, and they fell

yo también vaya y le adore.⁹ Y ellos, habiendo oído al rey, se fueron: y he aquí la estrella que habían visto en el oriente, iba delante de ellos, hasta que llegando, se puso sobre donde estaba el niño.¹⁰ Y vista la estrella, se regocijaron con muy grande gozo.

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down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

¹² And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



¹¹ Y entrando en la casa, vieron al niño con su madre María, y postrándose, le adoraron; y abriendo sus tesoros, le ofrecieron dones, oro, é incienso y mirra. ¹² Y siendo avisados por revelación en sueños que no volviesen á Herodes, se volvieron á su tierra por otro camino.

What you do with God's gift
reveals the CONDITION OF YOUR HEART.



The Wise Men – The WHOLEHEARTED RESPONSE.



Matthew 2:10 (p. 757)

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The Religious Leaders– The HALF-HEARTED RESPONSE.



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Their response reveals a heart that is
INDIFFERENT, COMPLACENT, and UNMOVED.

Half-Hearted

A spiritual condition that is CONTENT with routine
but unwilling to take the NEXT STEP OF FAITH.



Knowing the truth isn't enough;
we're called to respond to it with
FAITH, ACTION, and WORSHIP.



Herod– The HARD-HEARTED RESPONSE.





Herod saw Jesus as a threat to his own
POWER, CONTROL, and KINGSHIP.

Just Because You Need A Savior
Doesn't Mean You Want A KING.



Symptoms of a Hard Heart

- Insecurity and fear of losing control.
- Being deceptive and manipulating.
- Being self-absorbed and prideful.
- Destructive jealousy and rage.
- A resistance to God's kingdom.
- A disregard for other's suffering.



1 John 5:11-12 (p. 961)



And this is the testimony, that God gave us
eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does
not have the Son of God does not have life.

Y este es el testimonio: Que Dios nos ha
dado vida eterna; y esta vida está en su Hijo.

¹² El que tiene al Hijo, tiene la vida: el que no
tiene al Hijo de Dios, no tiene la vida.