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CHRISTMAS



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Matthew 2



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“A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel ... A ruler will come out of Jacob ...”

- Numbers 24:17,19



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After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?”

- Matthew 2:1,2



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But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over all of Israel, whose origins are from of old

...

- Micah 5:2



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THE LESSON

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But when the set time had fully come God sent out his son ... so that we might become adopted as sons with full rights

- Galatians 4:4



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“Jesus did not come to bring immediate peace; he came to divide us from our illegitimate allegiances”

- Luke 2:1



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“On earth peace to those on whom God’s favor rests”

- Skye Jethani



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*I tell you, now is the time of God's favor ...
Now is the day of salvation ...*

- 2 Corinthians 6:2



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QUESTION 2:

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God intervenes for ‘the child’ ... for the Magi
... but not for other babies & families?

REALLY??



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- 1) God did not cause this evil.
- 2) It is an example of the evil this child will address



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Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted ...

- Isaiah 53:4,5



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But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- Isaiah 53:4,5



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The Lord foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

- Psalm 33:10,11



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