



The Promised One

Wildwood Students Christmas Series



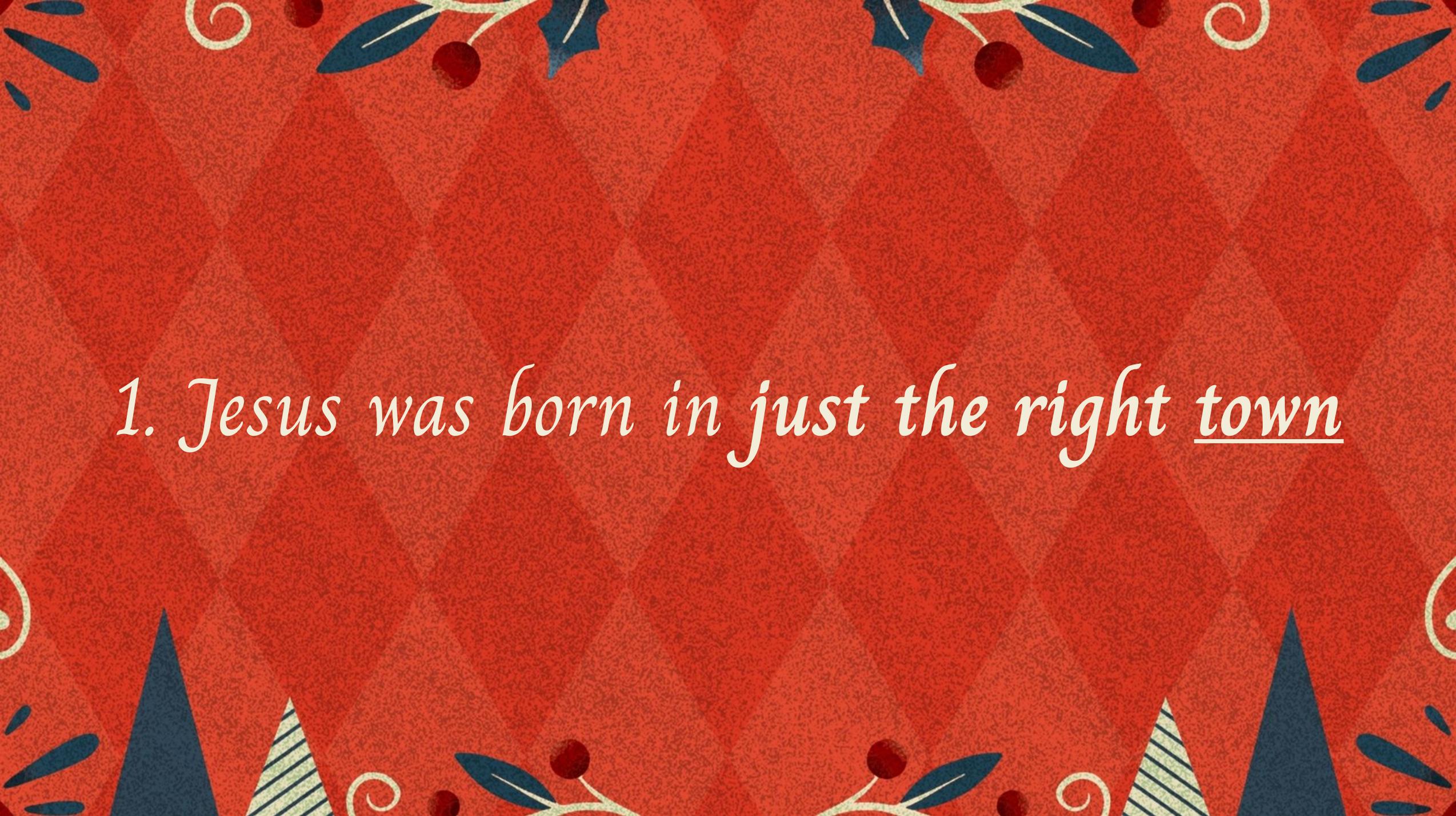


*The Christmas Promises of The
Promised One*



Luke 24:44

[44] Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”



1. *Jesus was born in just the right town*

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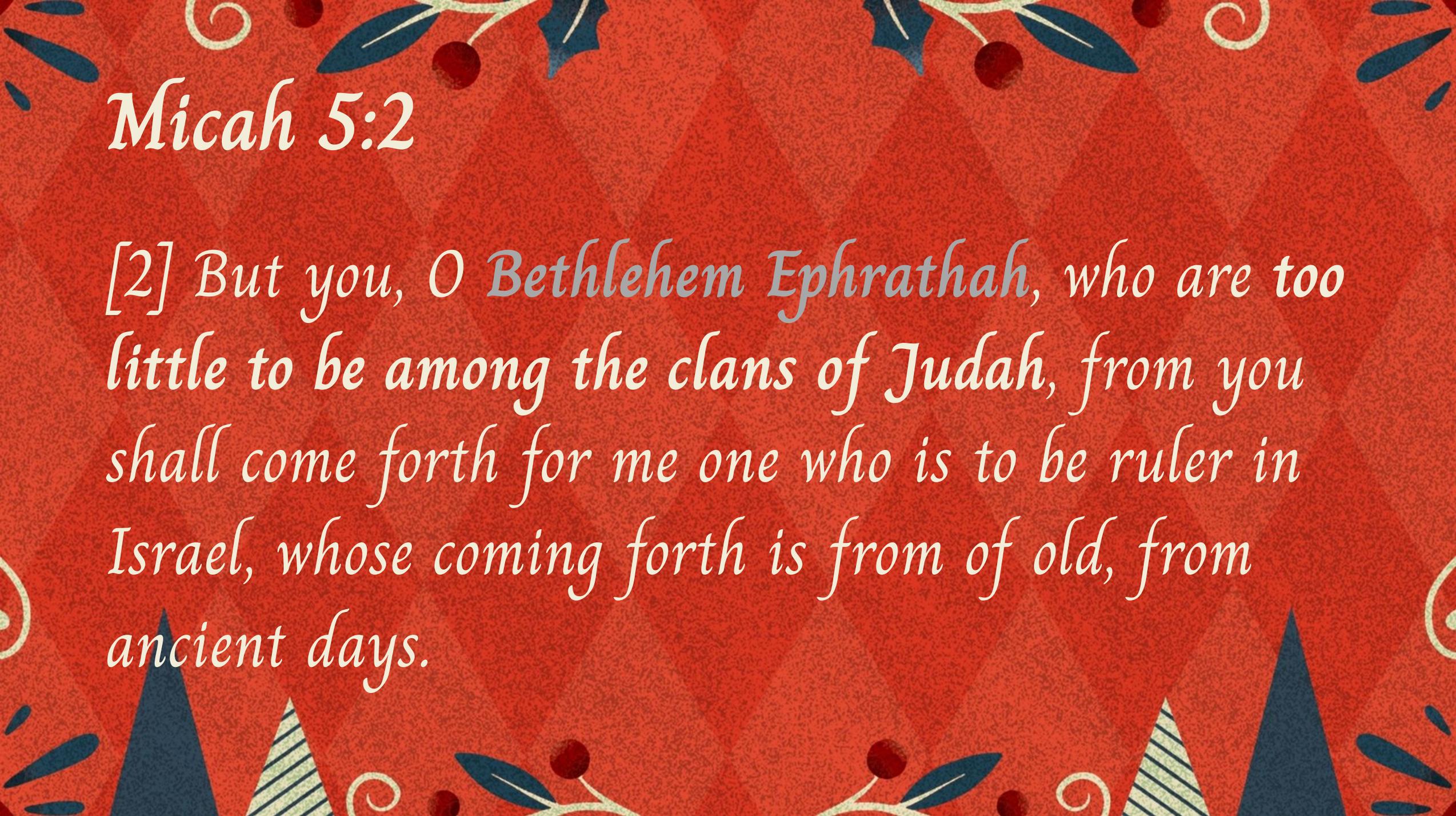
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*Bethlehem Ephrathah - The home of our nourishing,
fruit-producing house of life giving Bread*



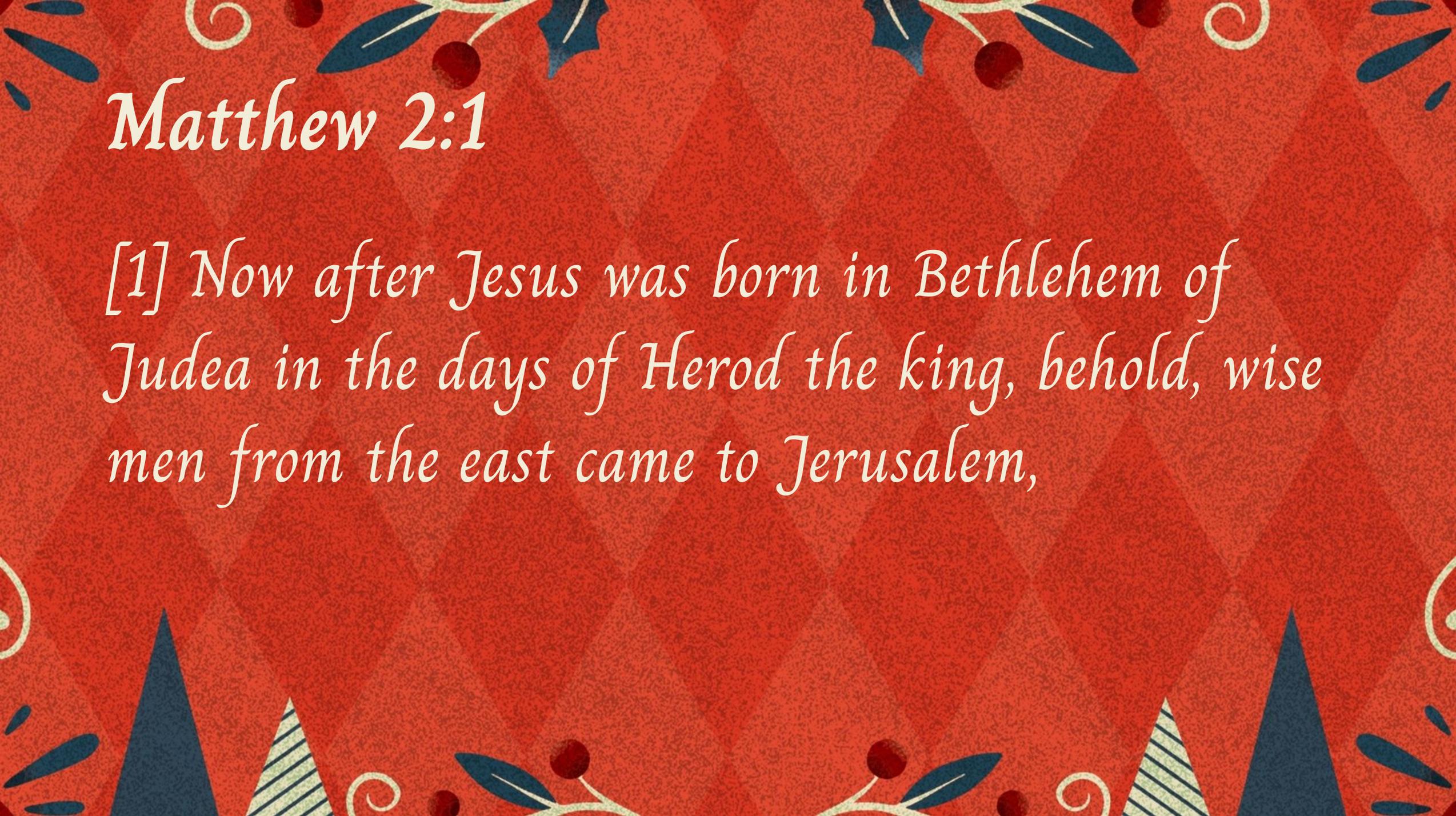


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Isaiah 66:1-2

[1] Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is the place of my rest? [2] All these things my hand has made, and so all these things came to be, declares the LORD. But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.



Matthew 2:1

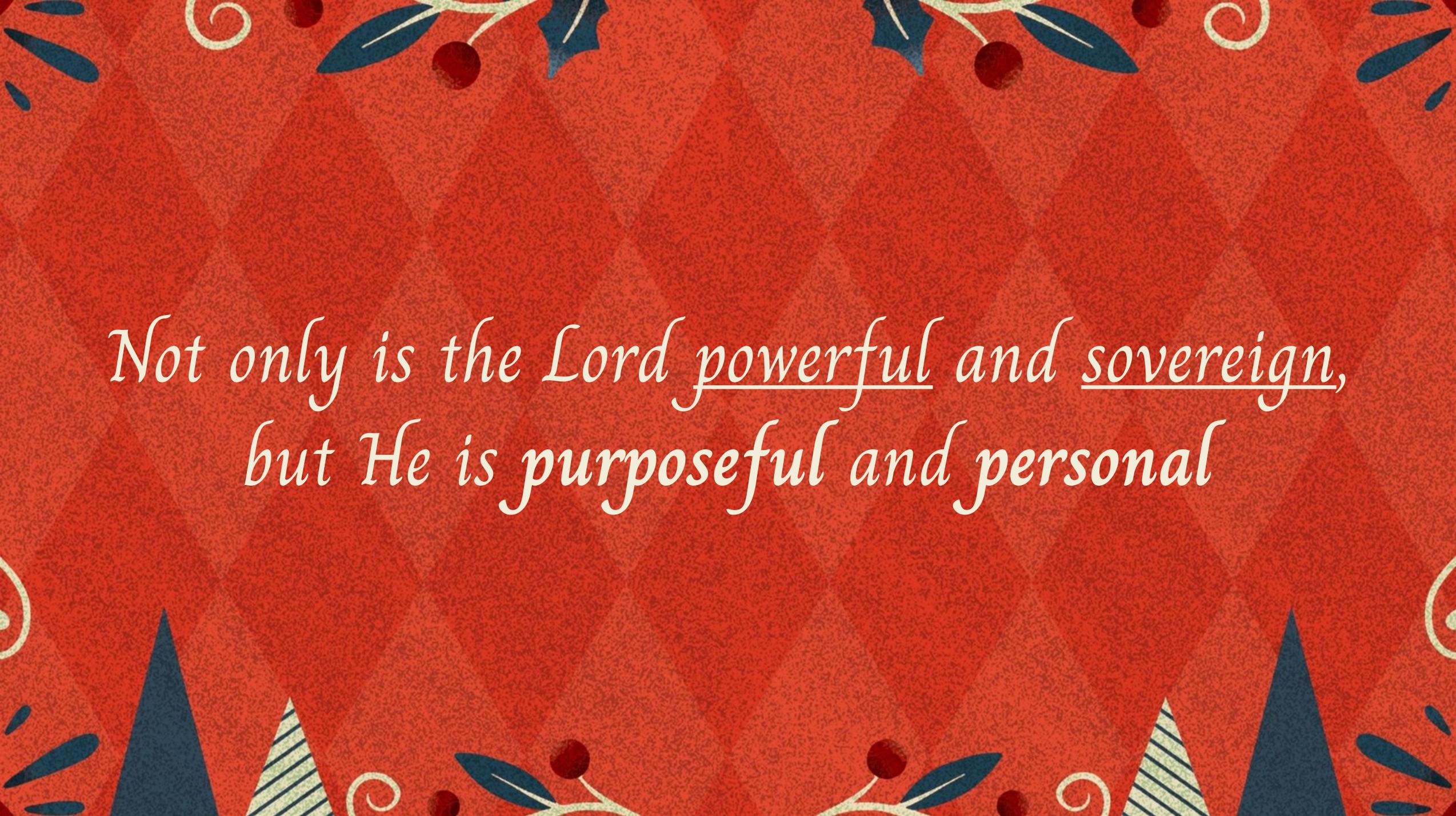
[1] Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

Luke 1:26-27

[26] In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, [27] to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 2:1-7

[1] In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. [2] This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. [3] And all went to be registered, each to his own town. [4] And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, [5] to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. [6] And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. [7] And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



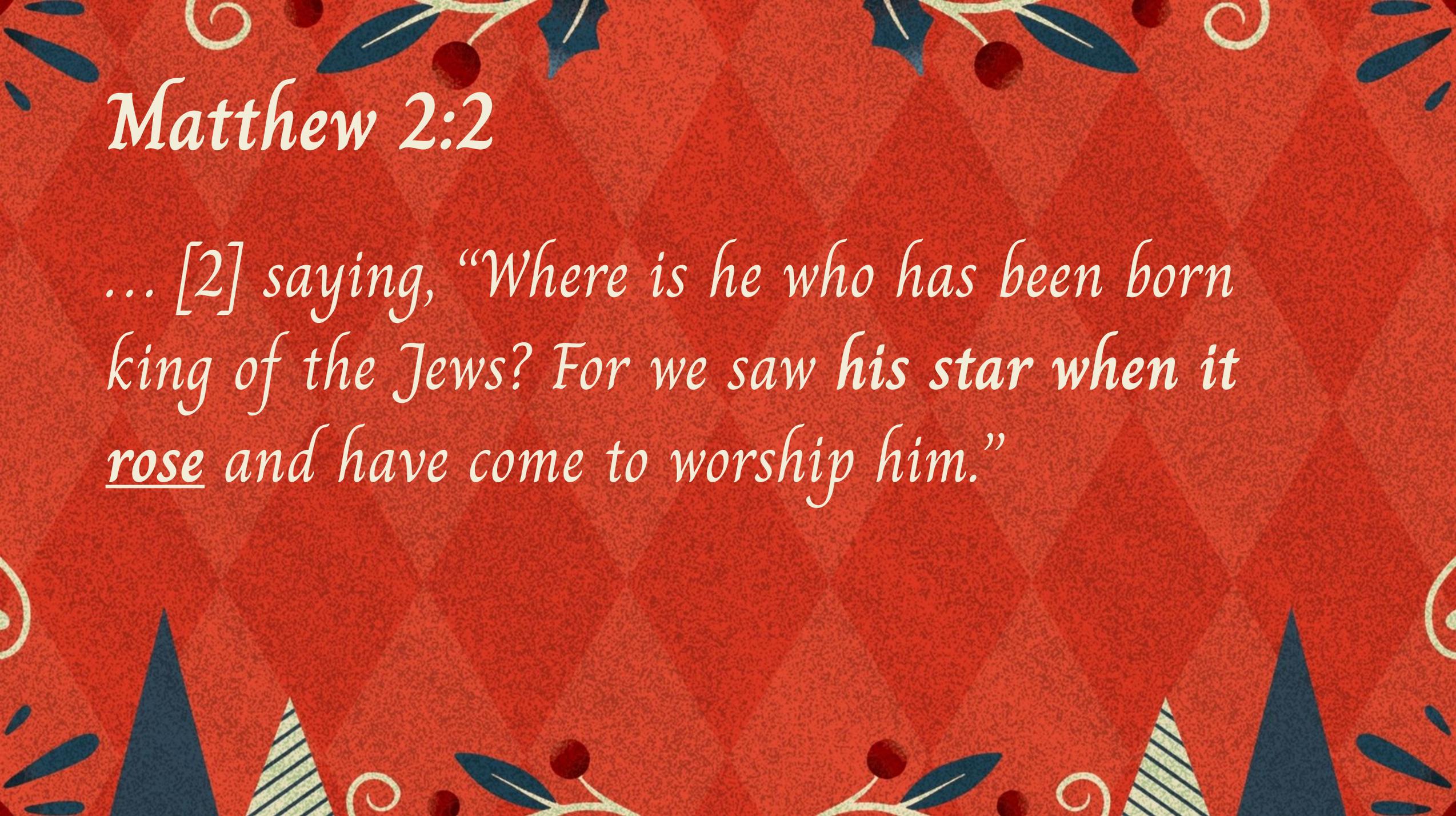
*Not only is the Lord powerful and sovereign,
but He is purposeful and personal*



2. *Jesus came with just the right star*

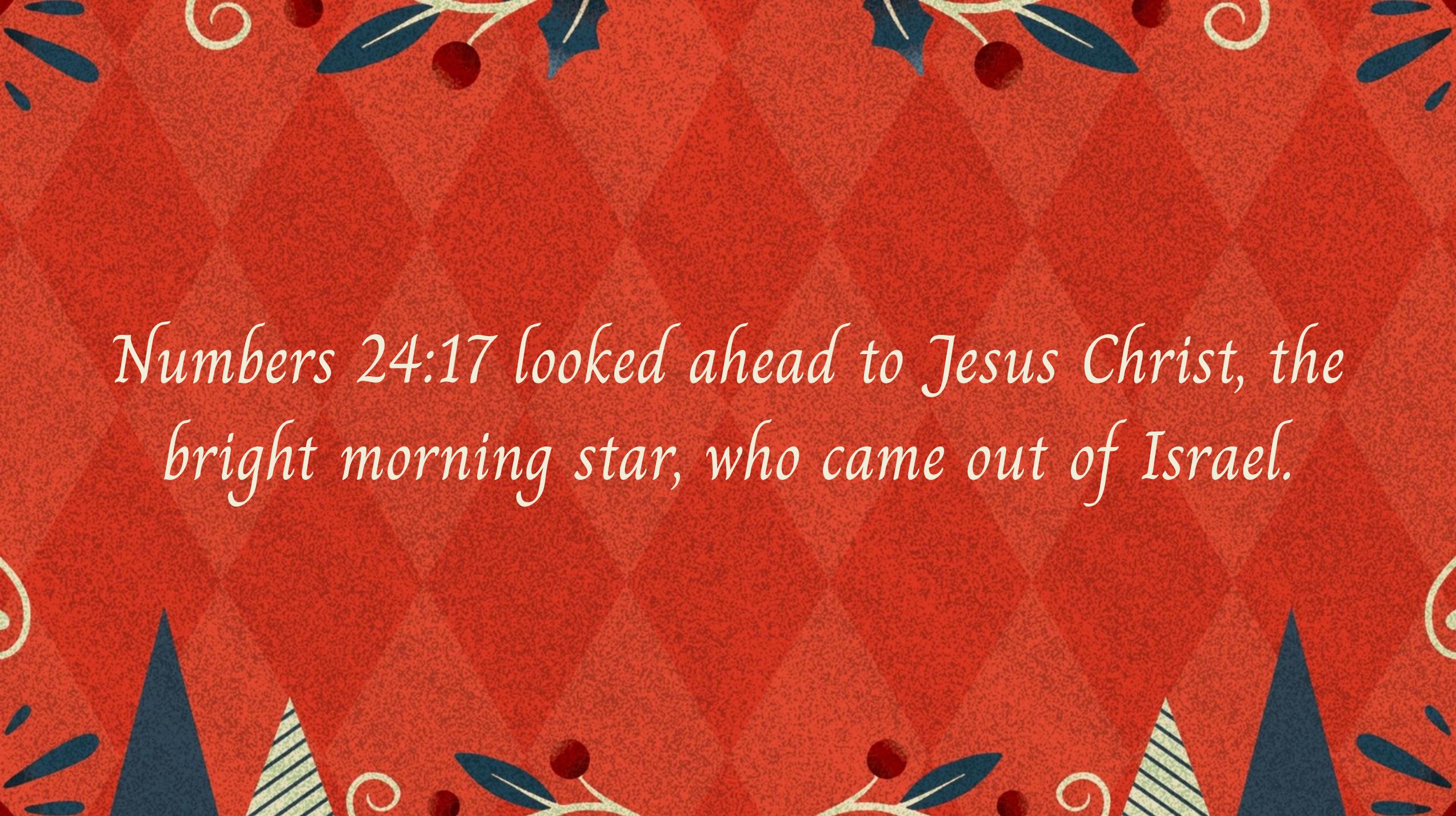
Numbers 24:17

[17] I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth.



Matthew 2:2

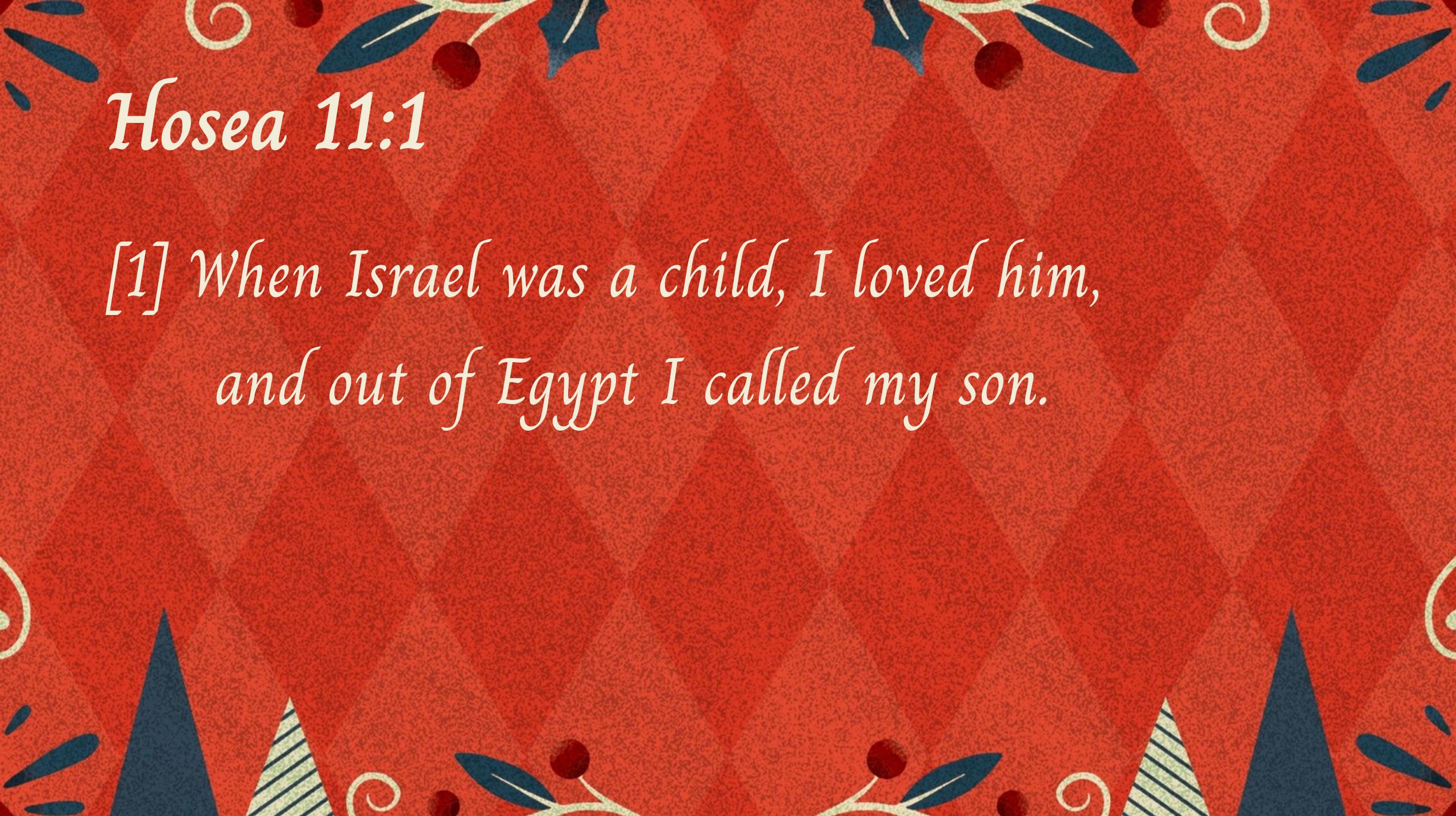
... [2] saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”



*Numbers 24:17 looked ahead to Jesus Christ, the
bright morning star, who came out of Israel.*

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3. Jesus came through just the right persecution



Hosea 11:1

*[1] When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.*

Hosea 11:2

*[2] The more they were called,
the more they went away;
they kept sacrificing to the Baals
and burning offerings to idols.*

Matthew 2:13-15

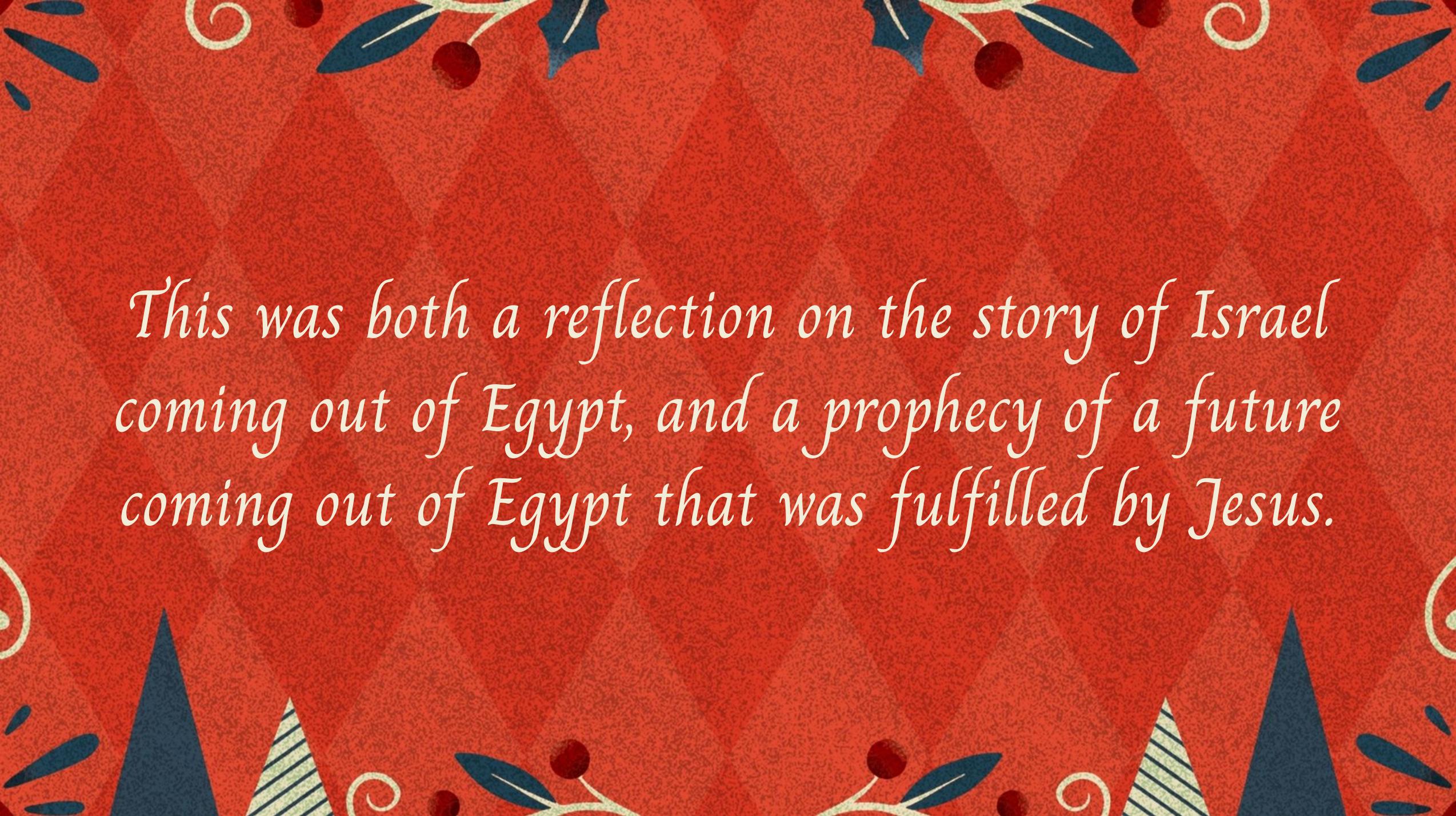
[13] Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." [14] And he rose and took the child and his mother 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."

Psalm 16:8-11

[8] I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. [9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. [10] For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. [11] You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore

Acts 13:35-39

[35] Therefore he [God] says also in another psalm, “‘You will not let your Holy One see corruption.’ [36] For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, [37] but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. [38] Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, [39] and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.



This was both a reflection on the story of Israel coming out of Egypt, and a prophecy of a future coming out of Egypt that was fulfilled by Jesus.



4. Jesus came through just the right mother



Isaiah 7:14

[14] Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:22-23

[22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: [23] “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

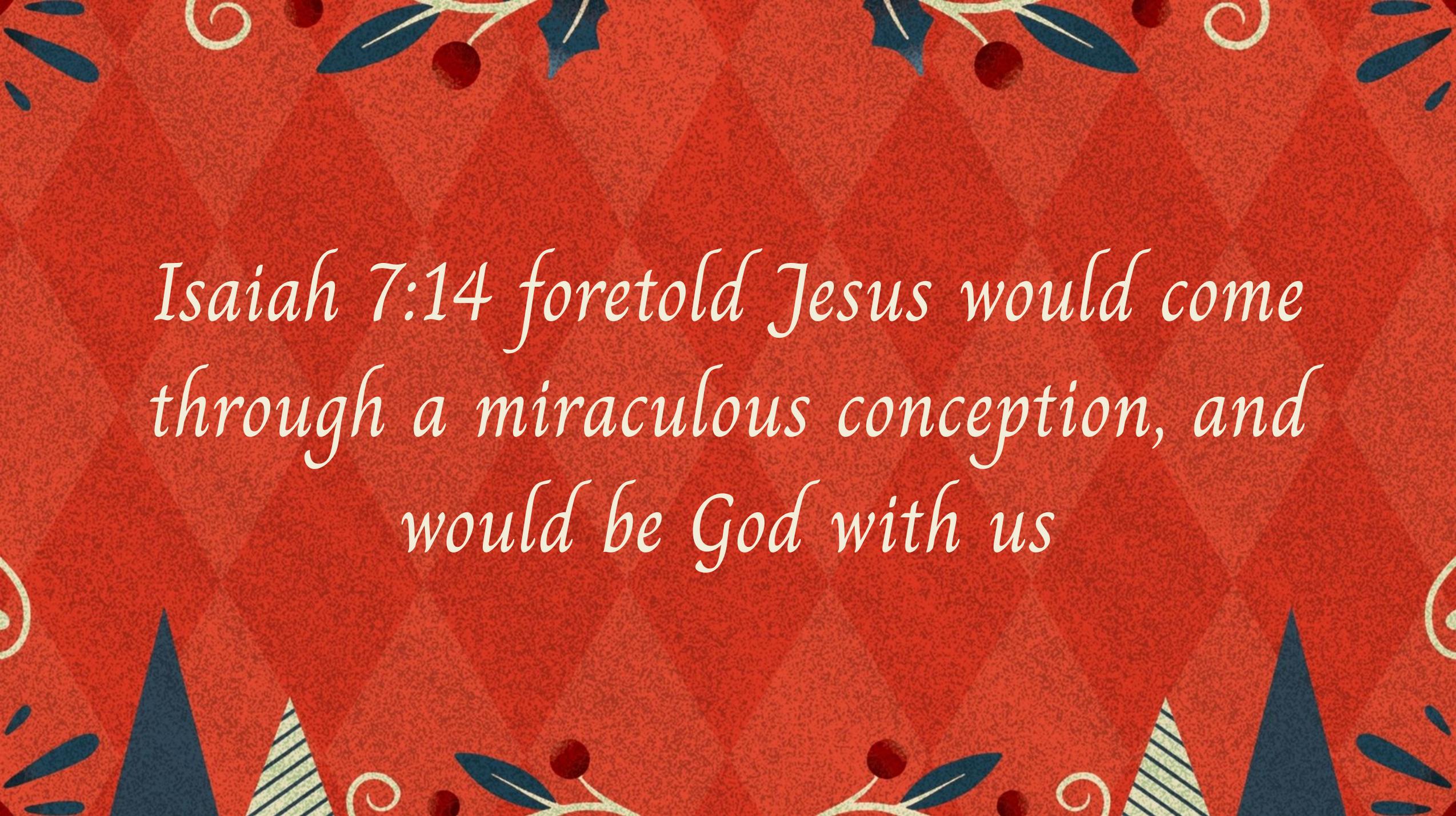


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2 Samuel 12:24—25

[24] Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And the LORD loved him [25] and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.



*Isaiah 7:14 foretold Jesus would come
through a miraculous conception, and
would be God with us*



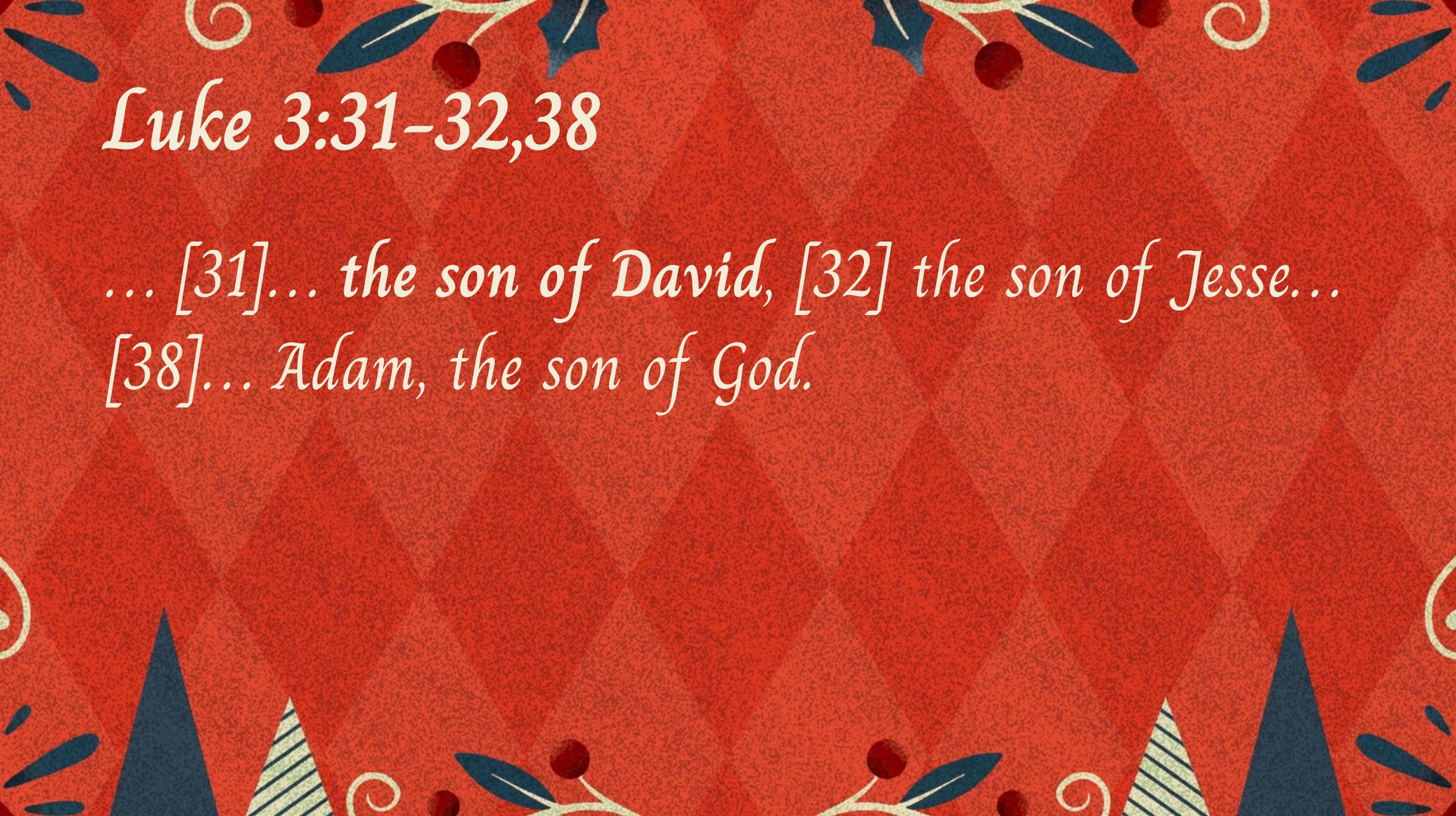
5. Jesus came through just the right lineage

2 Samuel 7:12,14

[12] When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom... [14] I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son...

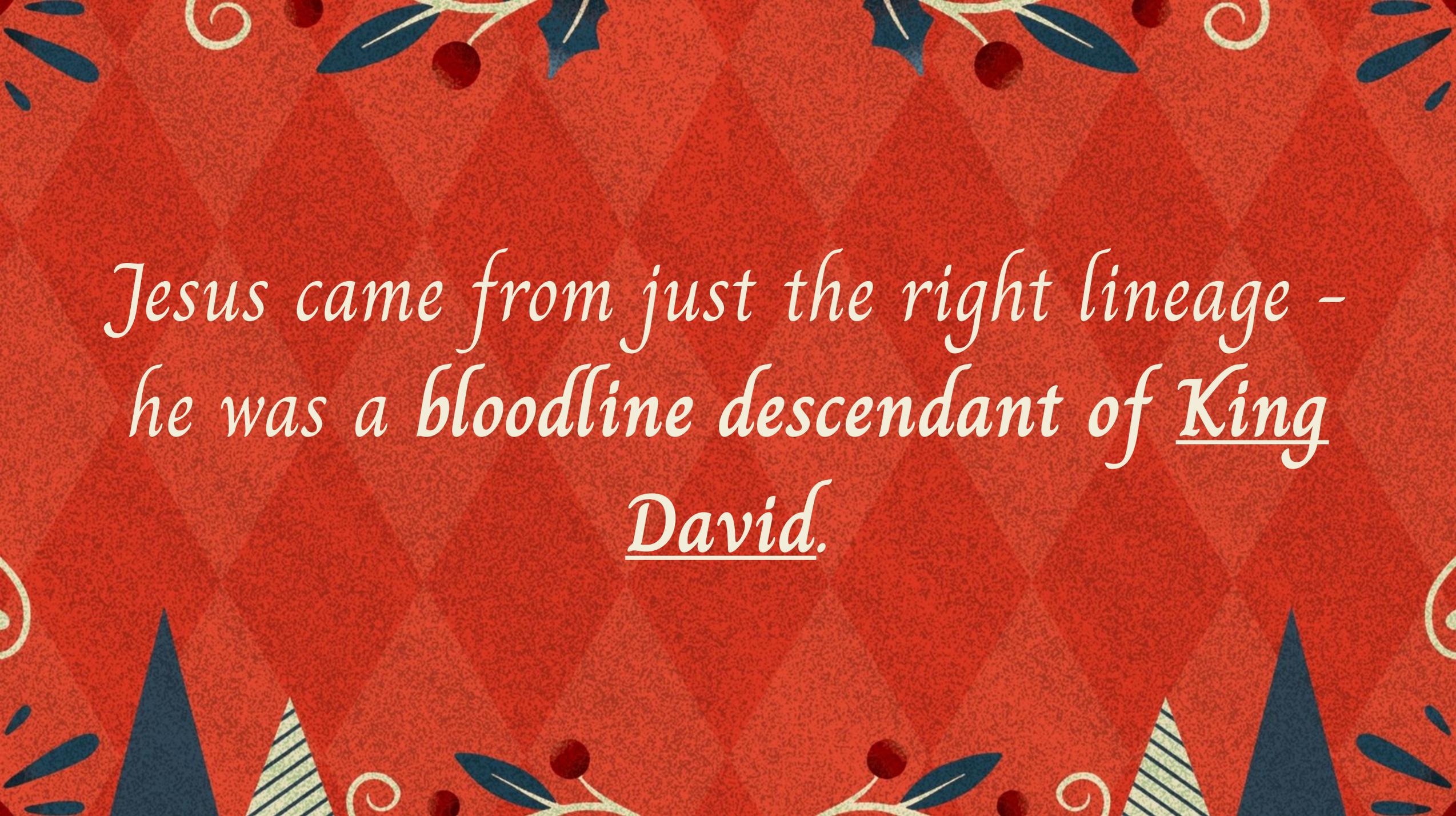
Matthew 1:1,6,16

[1] The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham... [6] and Jesse the father of David the king... [16] and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.



Luke 3:31-32,38

*... [31]... the son of David, [32] the son of Jesse...
[38]... Adam, the son of God.*



*Jesus came from just the right lineage -
he was a bloodline descendant of King
David.*



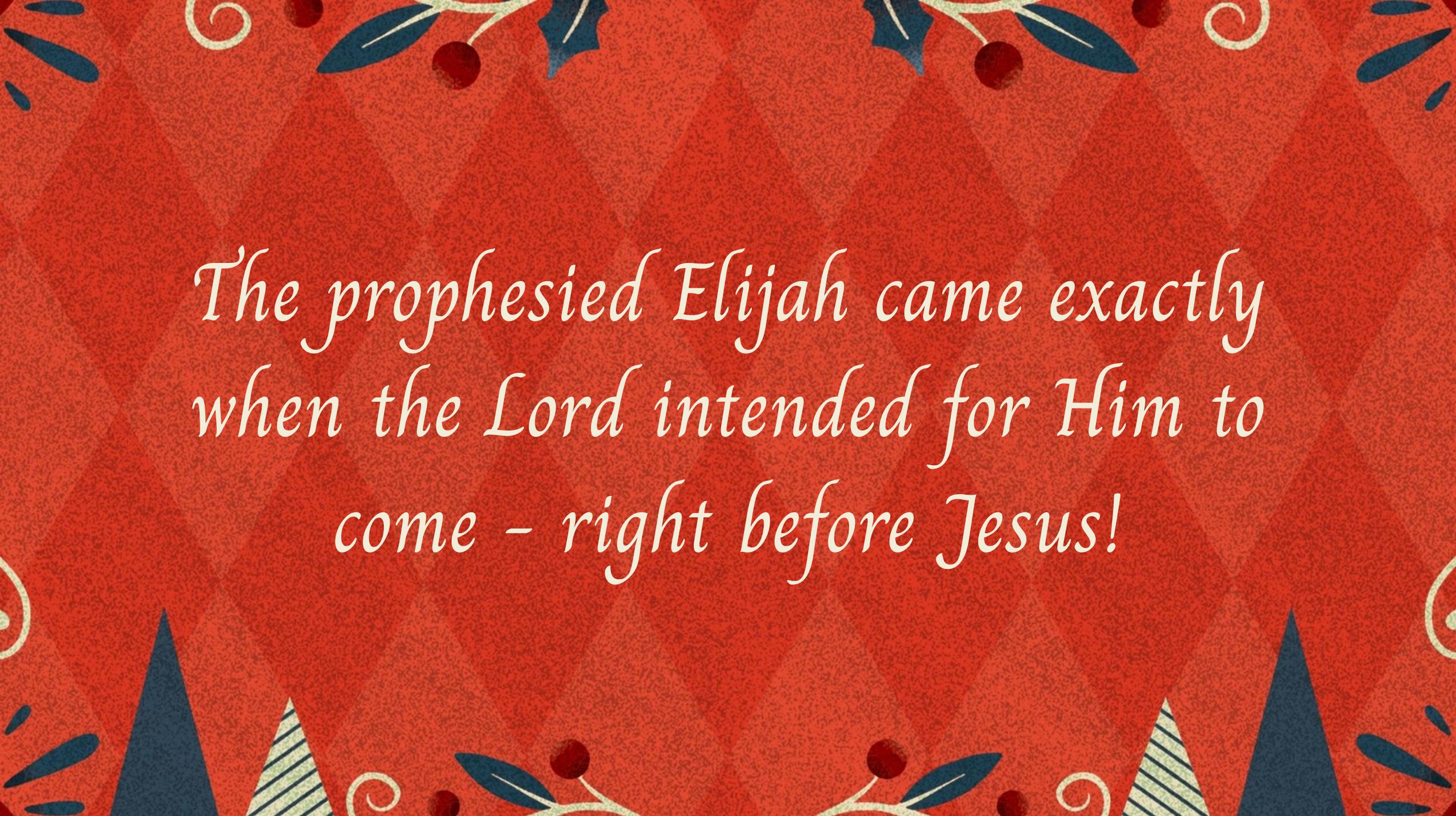
6. *John the Baptist came at just the right time*

Malachi 4:5-6

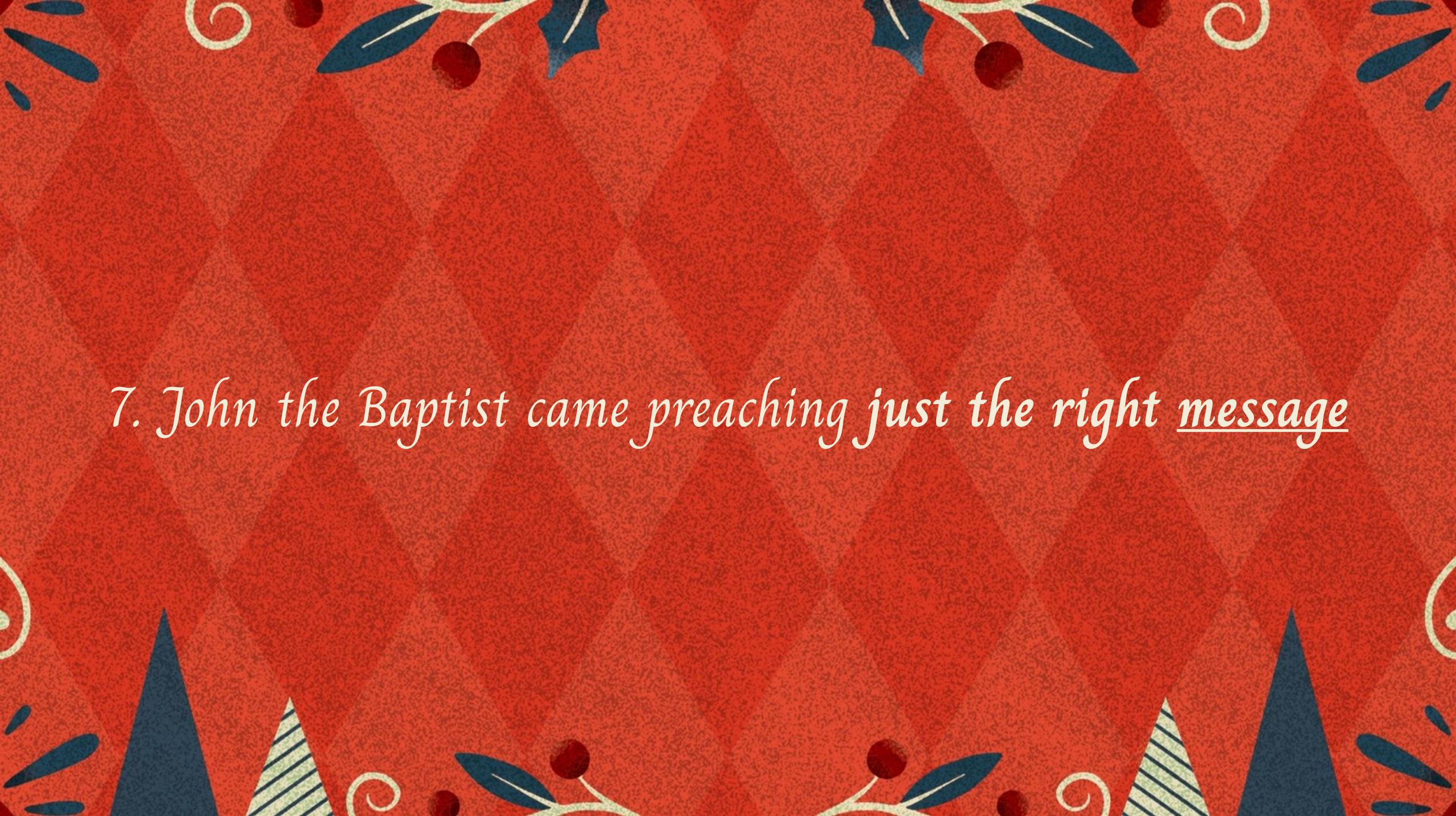
[5] “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. [6] And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

Matthew 11:13-15

[13] For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, [14] and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. [15] He who has ears to hear, let him hear.



*The prophesied Elijah came exactly
when the Lord intended for Him to
come - right before Jesus!*



7. John the Baptist came preaching just the right message

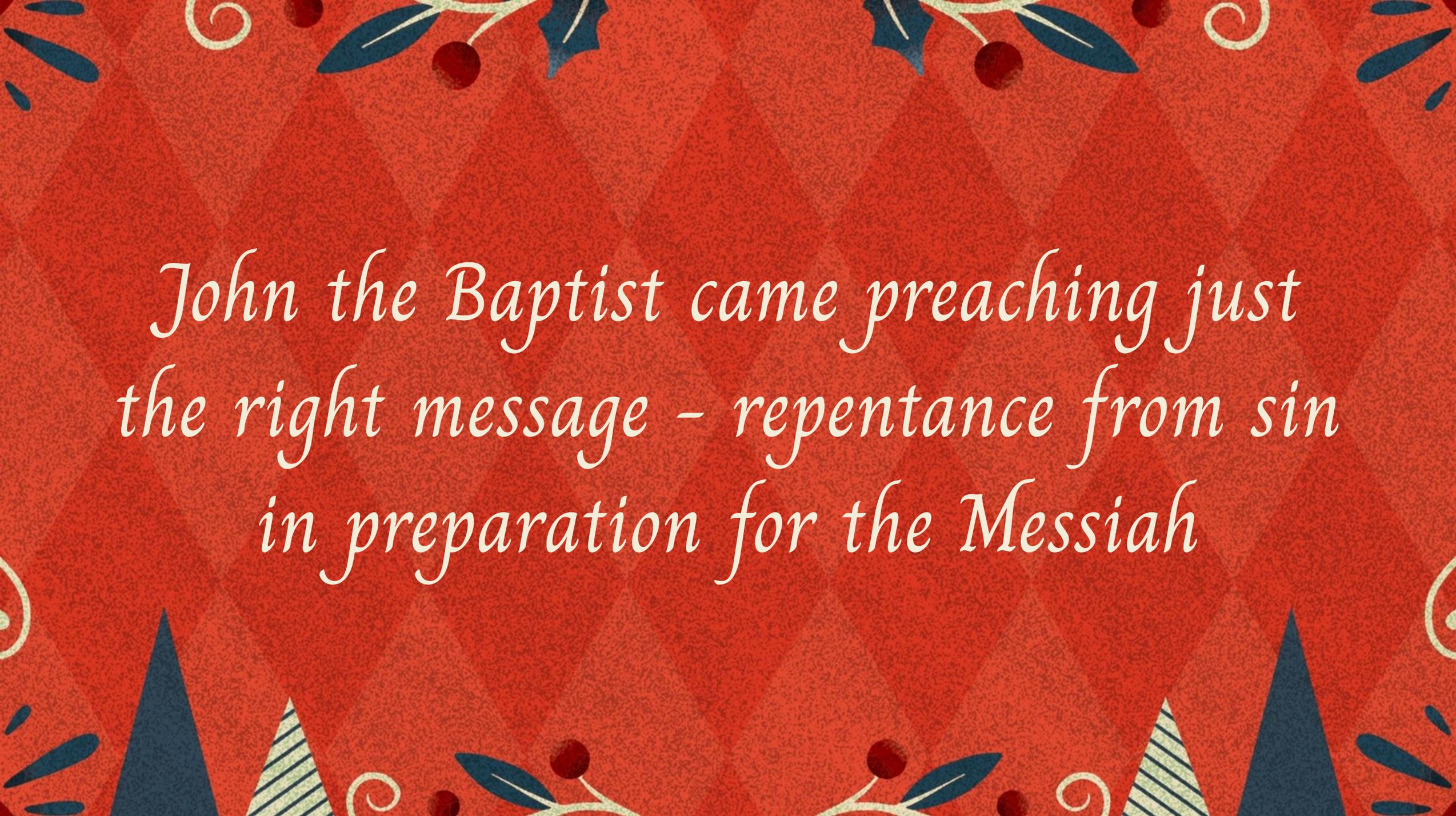


Isaiah 40:3

[3] A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God..."

Matthew 3:1-3

[1] In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, [2] “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” [3] For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”



*John the Baptist came preaching just
the right message - repentance from sin
in preparation for the Messiah*



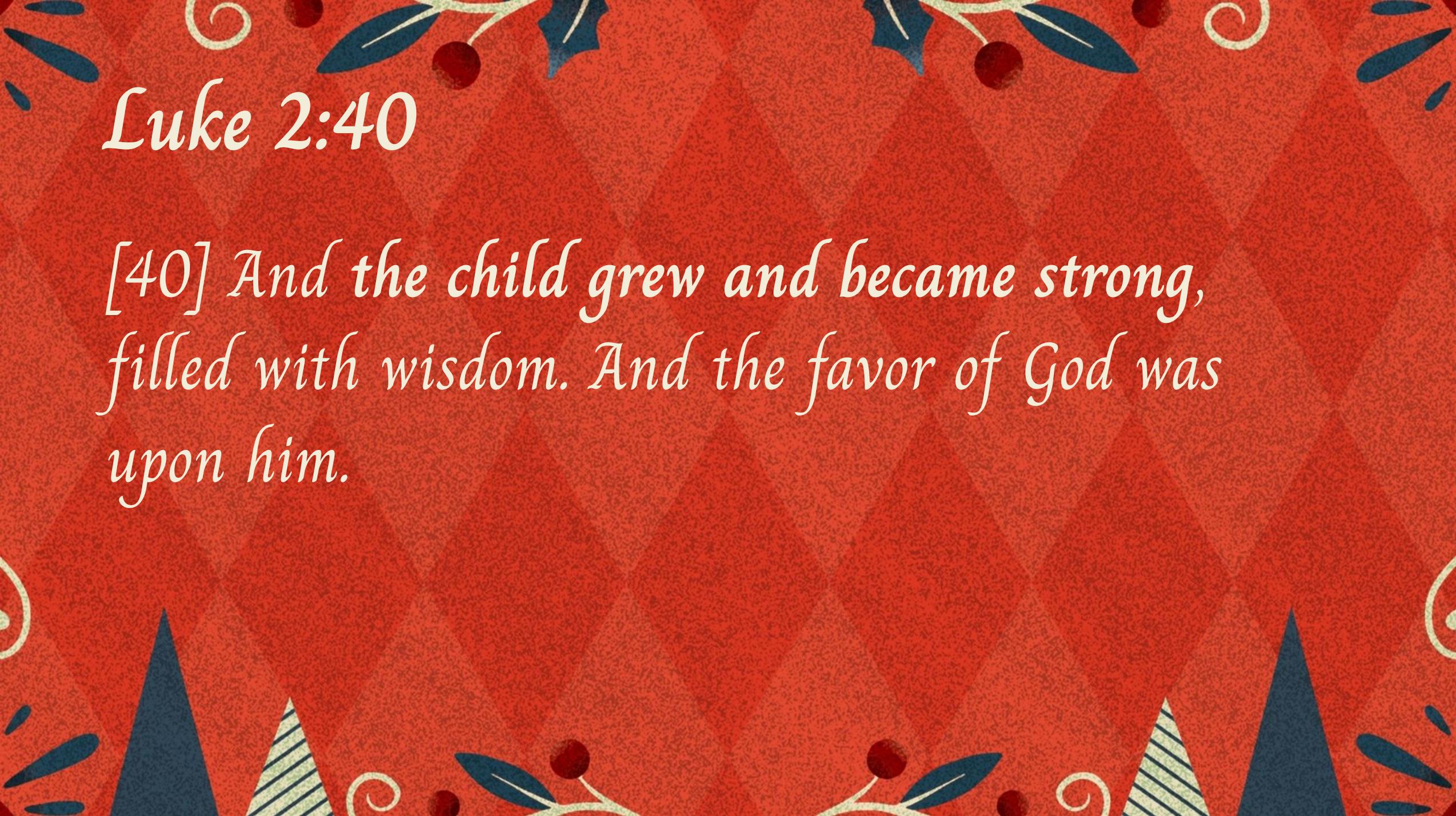
8. *Jesus grew up in just the right way*

Isaiah 53:1-2

[1] Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2] For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.

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Luke 2:40

[40] And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:46-27

[46] After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. [47] And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.



Hebrews 4:15

[15] ... in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15-16

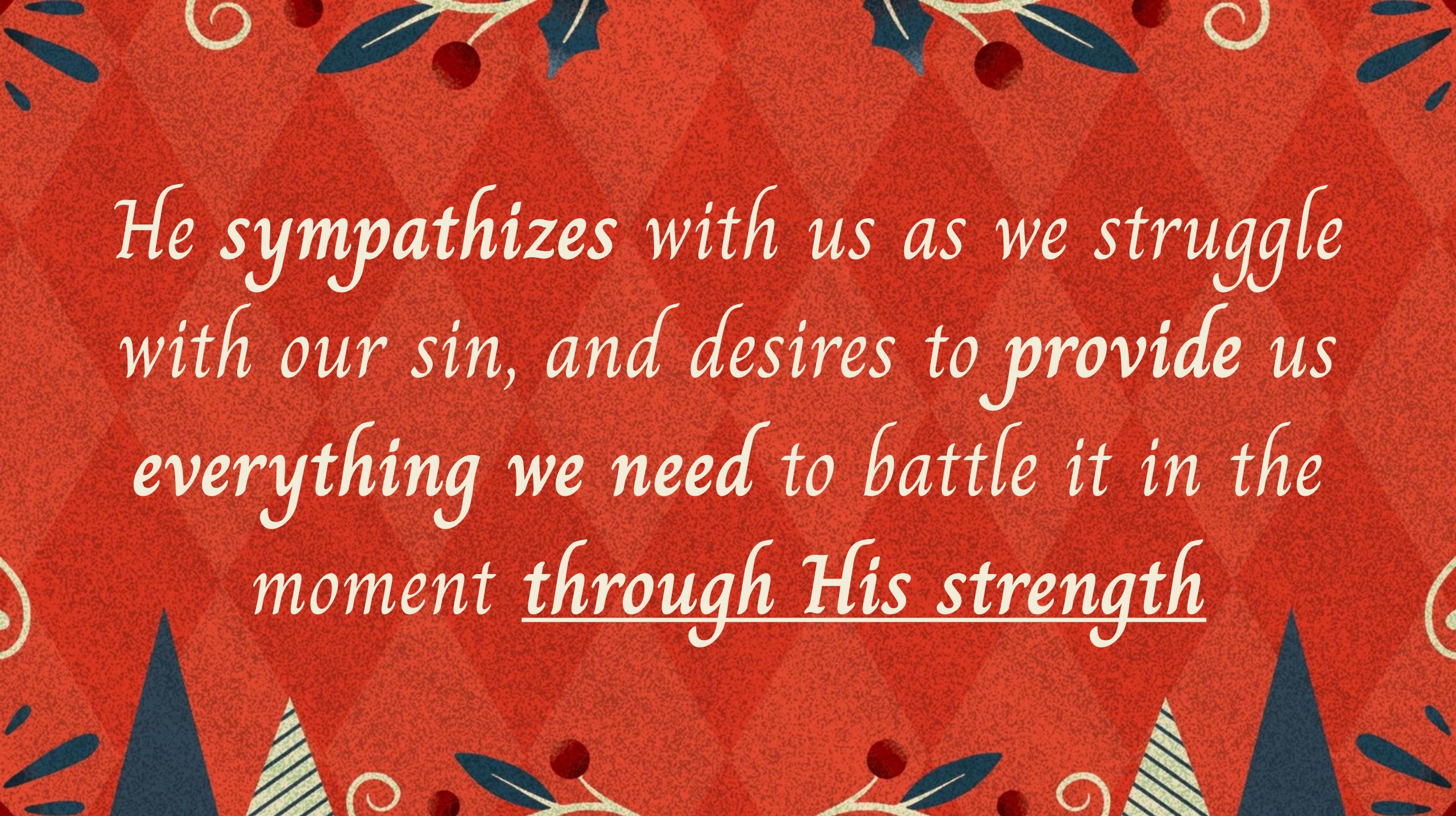
[15] For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

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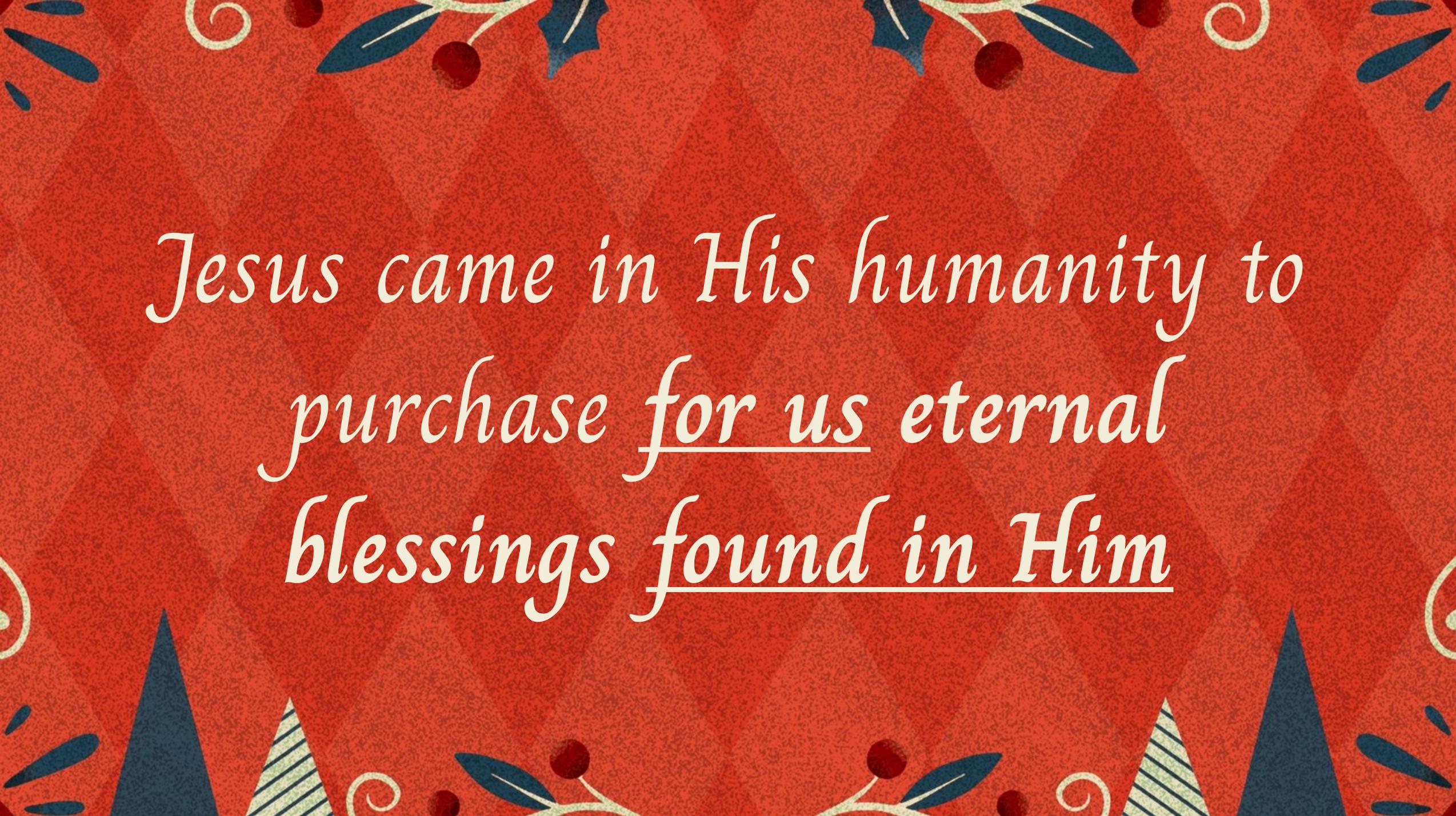
*He sympathizes with us as we struggle
with our sin, and desires to provide us
everything we need to battle it in the
moment through His strength*

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2 Corinthians 8:9

[9] For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



*Jesus came in His humanity to
purchase for us eternal
blessings found in Him*

Discussion Questions

- 1. How does the truth that Jesus grew up and was tempted in every way you are tempted help you in your daily battle with sin?
 - a. Share a time this was, or could have been, helpful in your life.**
- 2. What types of things do you see the world focusing on around Christmas? How can you be intentional about keeping your focus on Christ this Advent?*

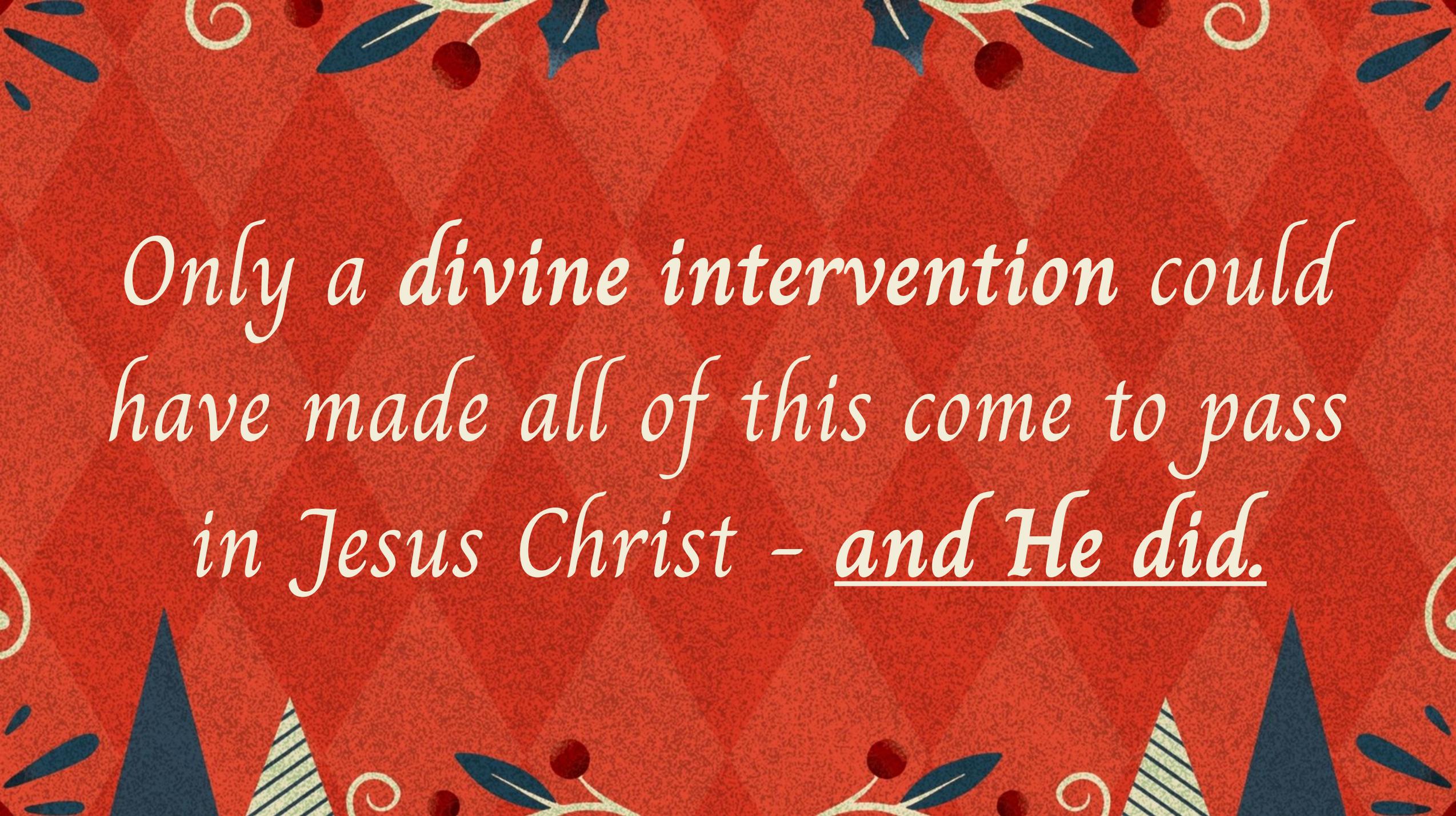
8 Prophecies of Jesus That Were Just Right

- Jesus was born in just the right town (Micah 5:2)
- Jesus came with just the right star (Numbers 24:7)
- Jesus came through just the right persecution (Hosea 11:1)
- Jesus came through just the right mother (Isaiah 7:14)
- Jesus came through just the right lineage (2 Samuel 7:12,14)
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*Only a divine intervention could
have made all of this come to pass
in Jesus Christ - and He did.*



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