



GIFTS OF
Christmas

MATTHEW 2:1-12

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MICAH 5:1-5

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“Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at
the glory. Gifts of men from distant lands,
prophecy the story.”

Joy Has Dawned

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“Having been led by the star into the house of Jacob to Emmanuel, the magi showed, by these gifts which they offered, who it was that was worshiped.”

- **Irenaeus**

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GIFT #1:
GOLD

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And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who
will shepherd my people Israel.

Matthew 2:6

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MICAH 5:1-5

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The Shepherd-King from Bethlehem:

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The Shepherd-King from Bethlehem:

1. Will defeat the enemy.

“There is no neutral ground in the universe.
Every square inch, every split second is
claimed by God, and counterclaimed by
Satan.”

- CS Lewis

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“The Incarnation is the invasion of God Himself into the Kingdom of Darkness, and the sweet baby Jesus sleeping in a manger is the Mighty God disguised in weakness, inaugurating His great ambush against Satan and his hideous cohort...

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A far cry from the typically American approach to the holiday season, but an image worth calling to mind given the times. How would Christmas look different if Christians celebrated it as it truly is: much more like D-Day than like a birthday party?

At the Incarnation, God came among us - not to make us feel better or to inspire pretty songs, but to destroy the darkness that oppresses us.

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Christmas is a Divine coupe d'état,
overthrowing the ruling powers of this fallen
world; God wants His world back, and He
Himself is coming to get it.”

- Sarah Carter

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The Shepherd-King from Bethlehem:

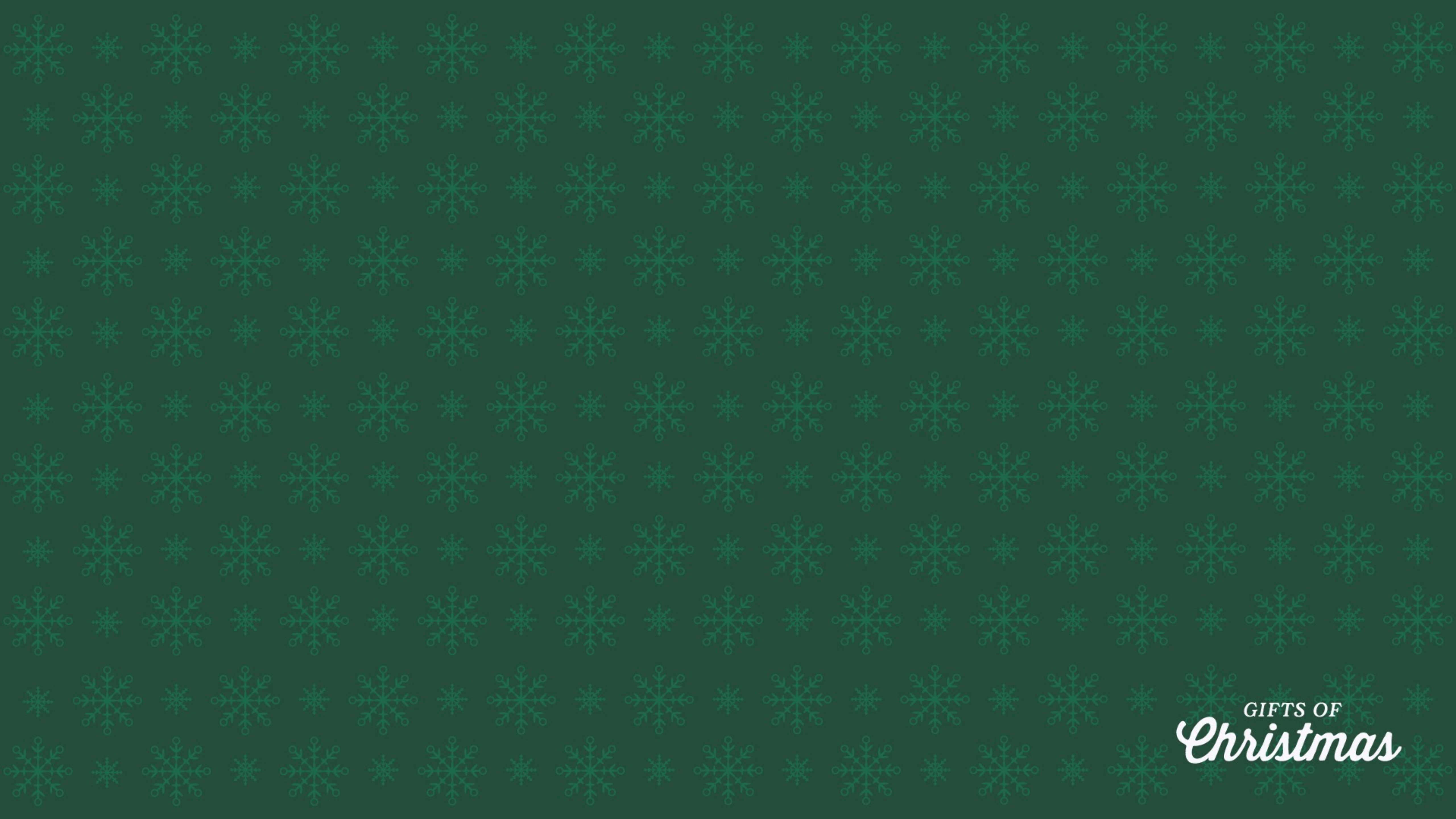
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The Shepherd-King from Bethlehem:

1. Will defeat the enemy.
2. Will shepherd His people.

The Shepherd-King from Bethlehem:

1. Will defeat the enemy.
2. Will shepherd His people.
3. Will make all things right and new.



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