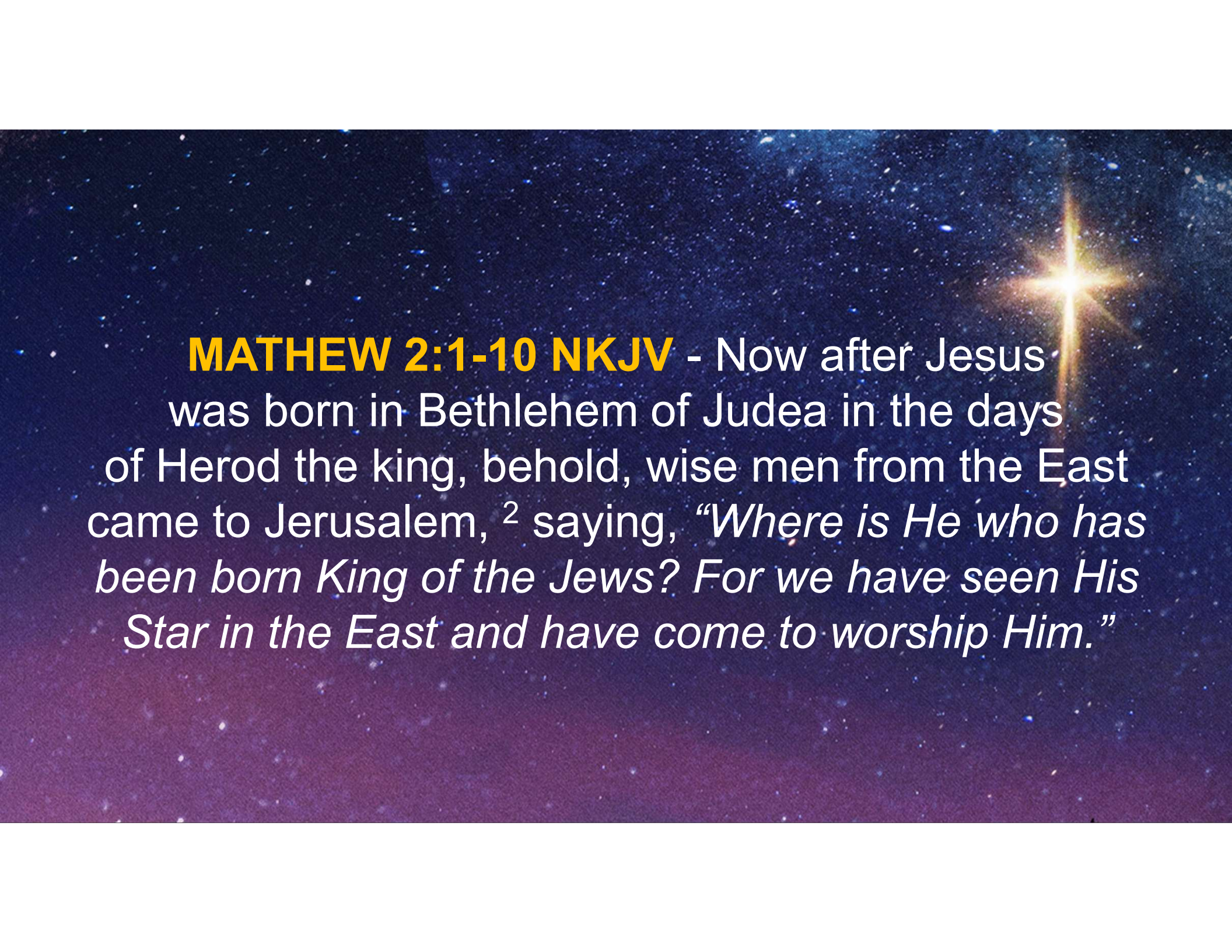
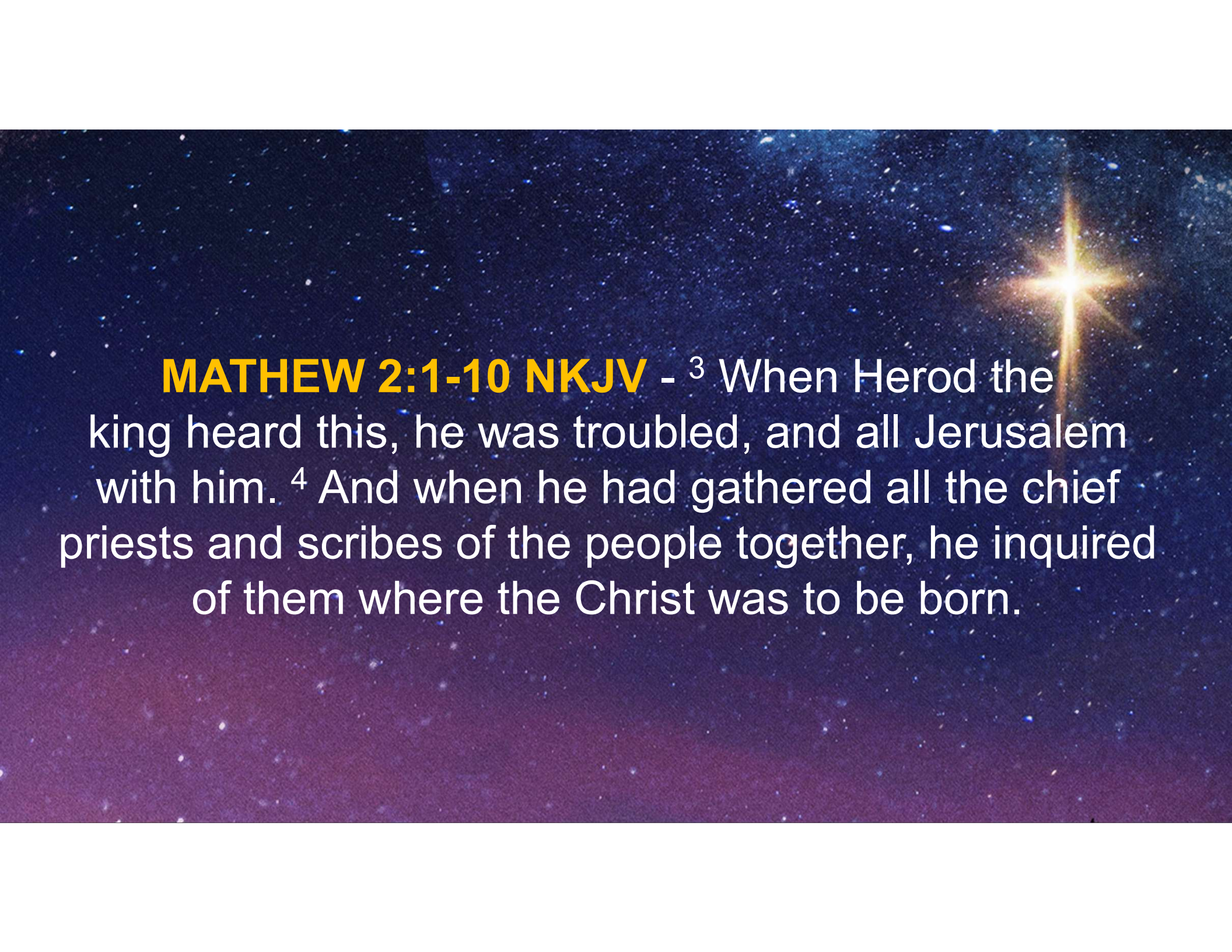


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A background image of a deep space scene with a dark blue and purple nebula and numerous stars. A single, very bright star with a prominent four-pointed diffraction pattern is located in the upper right quadrant.


MATHEW 2:1-10 NKJV - 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, ² saying, *“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His Star in the East and have come to worship Him.”*

The background of the slide is a deep space image showing a vast field of stars and distant galaxies. A particularly bright star with a prominent four-pointed diffraction pattern is located in the upper right quadrant, casting a soft glow across the surrounding space.

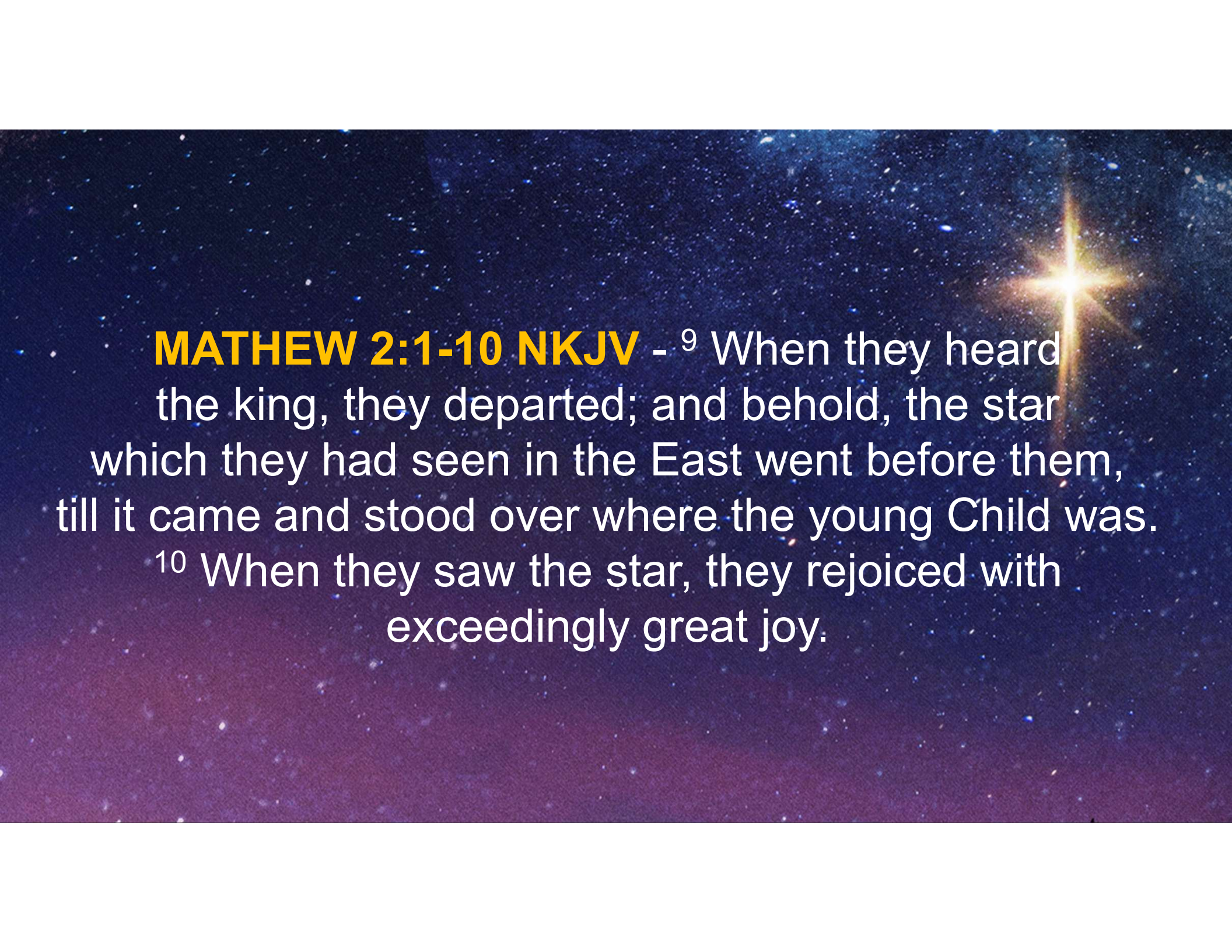
MATHEW 2:1-10 NKJV - ³ When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.



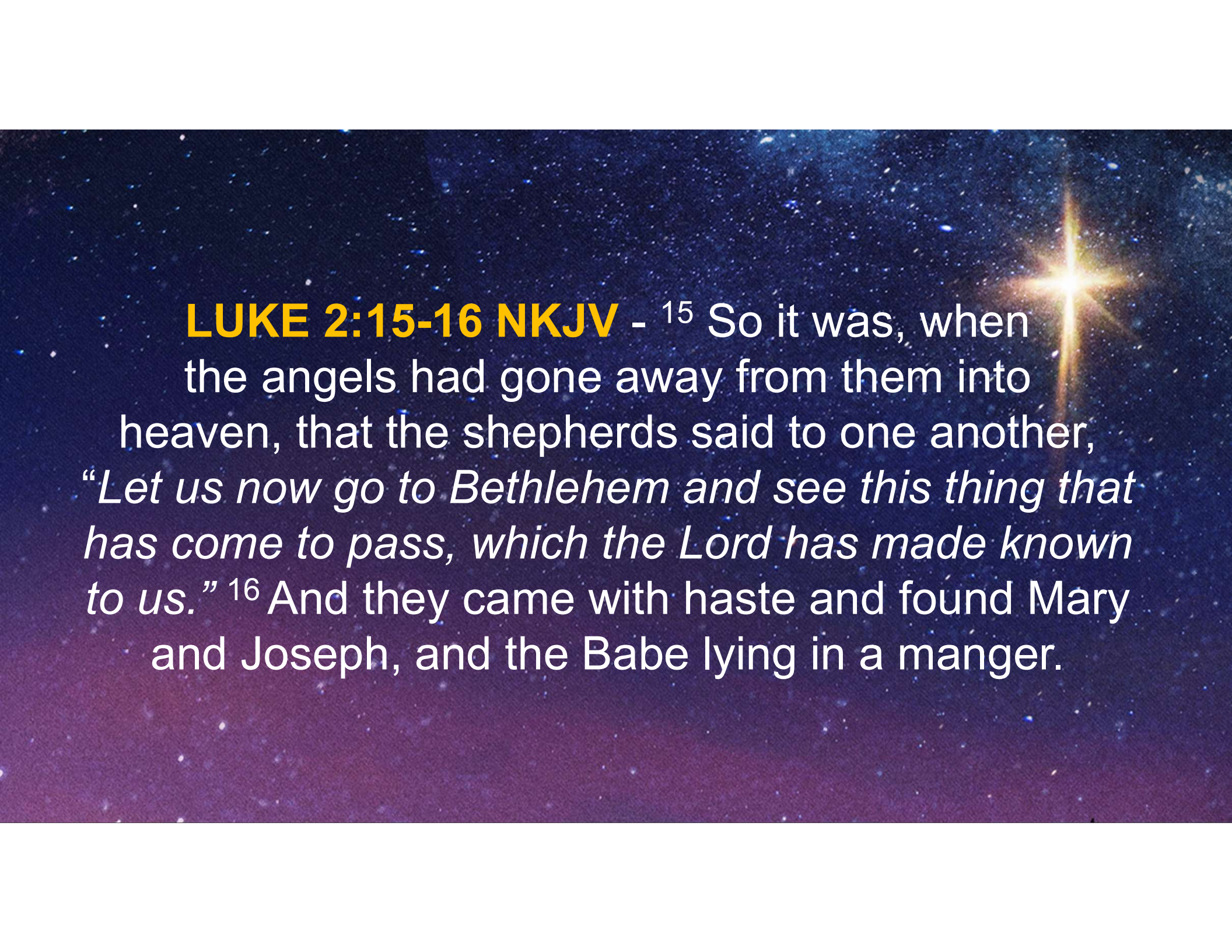
MATHEW 2:1-10 NKJV - ⁵ So they said to him, *“In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: ⁶ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”*

A bright, multi-pointed star with a yellow and orange glow, set against a deep blue and purple night sky filled with numerous smaller, distant stars.


MATHEW 2:1-10 NKJV - ⁷ Then Herod,
when he had secretly called the wise men,
determined from them what time the star appeared.
⁸ And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “*Go and
search carefully for the young Child, and when you
have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may
come and worship Him also.*”

The background of the image is a deep space photograph showing a vast field of stars and distant galaxies. In the upper right quadrant, there is a particularly bright star with a prominent four-pointed diffraction pattern, resembling a cross. The overall color palette is dark blue and purple, with the light from the stars providing a warm, golden glow.

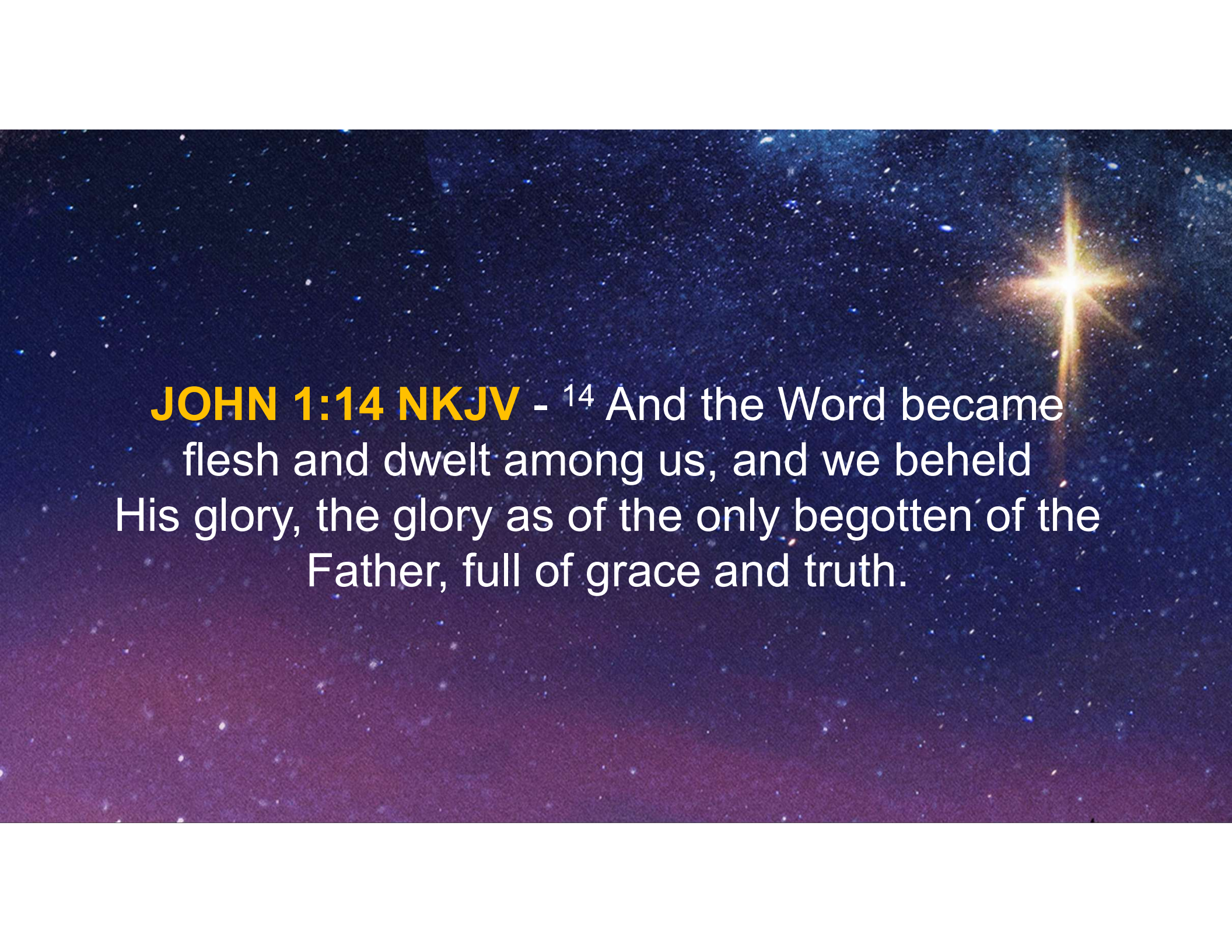
MATHEW 2:1-10 NKJV - ⁹ When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.
¹⁰ When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy.



LUKE 2:15-16 NKJV - ¹⁵ So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, *“Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us.”* ¹⁶ And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger.



REVELATION 19:16 NKJV - ¹⁶ And He
has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

A deep space background with a bright star in the upper right corner.

JOHN 1:14 NKJV - ¹⁴ And the Word became
flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld
His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the
Father, full of grace and truth.

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