

*Merry  
Christmas*





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Who would ever think we would get a  
Christmas message text from Exodus?



The 8th century Prophet Hosea:

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

Hosea 11:1



## Exodus 19:1–3 (ESV)

1 On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai.

2 They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain,

3 while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:

## Exodus 19:4–6 (ESV)

4 ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself.

5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine;

6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

## Exodus 19:7–9 (ESV)

7 So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him.

8 All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

9 And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD,



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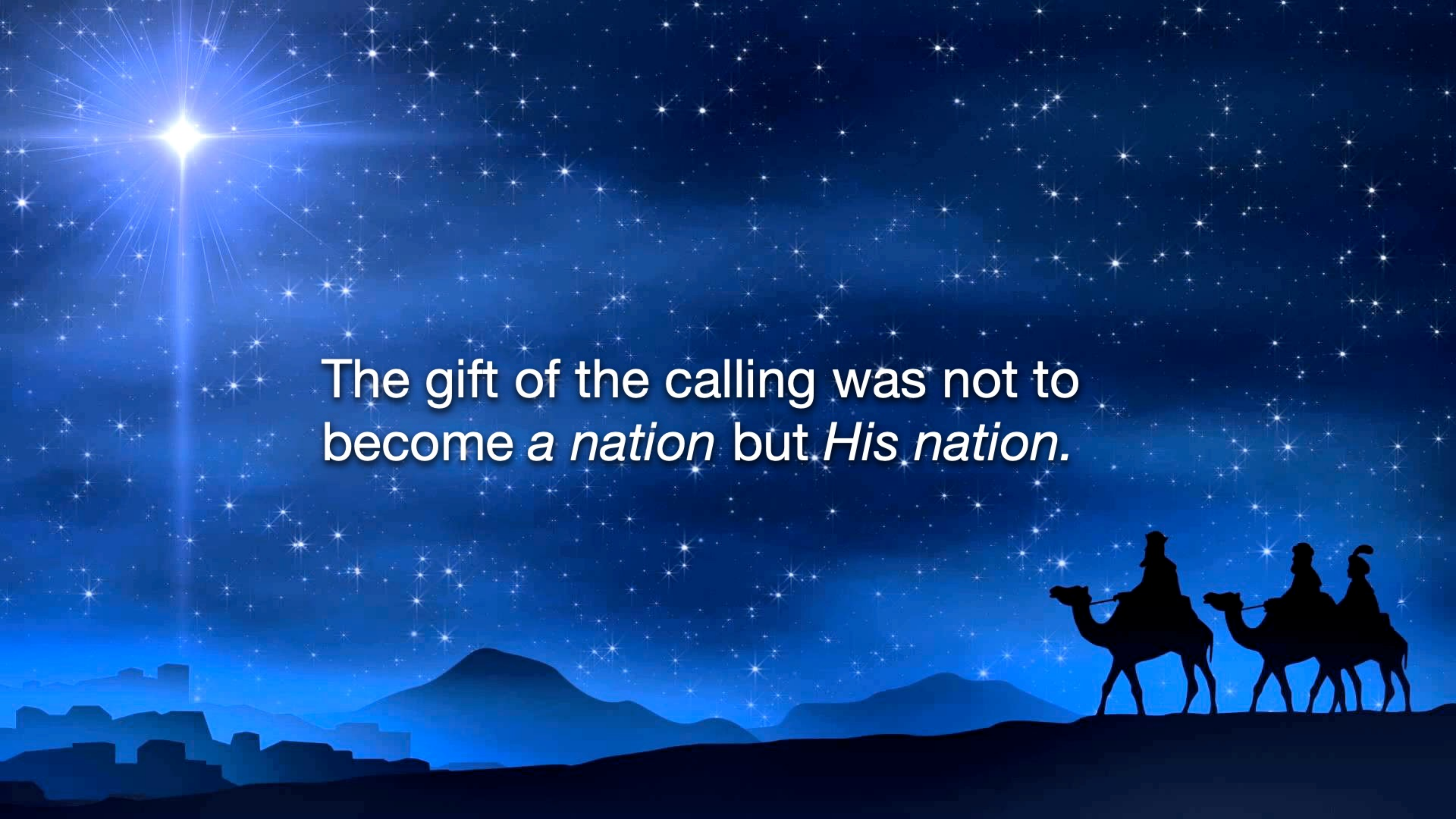
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Jebel Al-Lawz/Mt. Sinai/Mt. Horeb

The Lord used the man, Moses, for Israel through out the ages to understand their need for a deliverer.



The image features a deep blue night sky filled with numerous white stars of varying sizes. In the upper left corner, a particularly bright starburst radiates light across the sky. In the lower right, the silhouettes of three camels with riders are shown against the starry background. In the lower left, the silhouette of a city with several buildings is visible. The overall scene is serene and evocative of a journey under a starry night sky.

The gift of the calling was not to  
become *a nation* but *His nation*.

Our calling is not to become *a free*  
*from bondage to live in bondage*  
*and then go to heaven.*



The calling is for us to be the image and likeness of the Lord delivered from His wrath to peace and holiness and free to love Him.



Heaven is not the primary purpose  
of salvation- reconciliation is.



Our final destination of Heaven or Hell is the result of His reconciliation or our rebellion.



Deliverance, redemption,  
salvation is not a means to use  
Jesus to get to heaven.



Deliverance, redemption, salvation is the means by which we can be reconciled and have the privilege to live in the Glory of the Lord.



John 8:39–41 (ESV)

39 They answered him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would be doing the works Abraham did,  
40 but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

41 You are doing the works your father did.” They said to him, “We were not born of sexual immorality. We have one Father—even God.”

John 8:42–43 (ESV)

42 Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me.

43 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.

## John 8:44–45 (ESV)

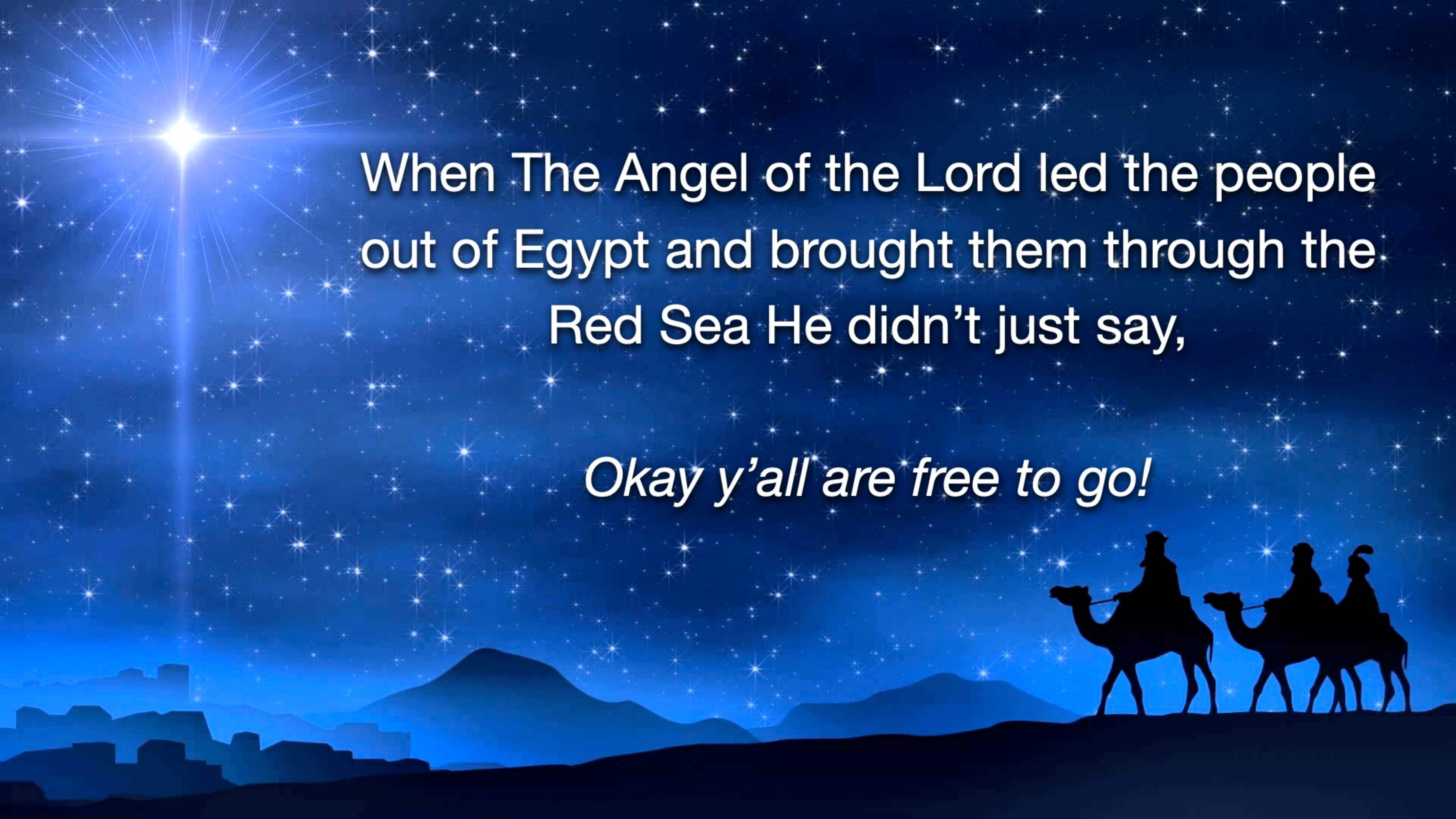
44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me.

John 8:46–47 (ESV)

46 Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me?

47 Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.”

The background is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright white stars. In the upper left corner, there is a large, brilliant starburst with a vertical beam of light extending downwards. In the lower right corner, the silhouettes of three camels and their riders are visible against the starry sky. The camels are walking from left to right. The overall scene is a stylized representation of the Star of Bethlehem and the journey of the Magi.

When The Angel of the Lord led the people  
out of Egypt and brought them through the  
Red Sea He didn't just say,

*Okay y'all are free to go!*

Even though the Lord formed His own nation and called them out of the bondage of Egypt they still had a big problem.



Since the Garden of Eden, people were no longer created in the image and likeness of God.



We were born in the image and  
likeness of fallen man.



## Genesis 5:1–3 (ESV)

1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, *he made him in the likeness of God.*

2 Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created.

3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

The Lord God not only wanted to bring His people back physically but spiritually to be a testimony of love and grace to the world.



He gave us His law so we  
could understand how to live a  
righteous life before Him.



The law is summed up in two commandments?

The greatest commandment deals with ourself before the Lord.

1. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. -Matthew 22

## 1. Exodus 20:1–6 (ESV)

1 And God spoke all these words, saying,

2 “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

3 “You shall have no other gods before me.

4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

Exodus 20:5–6 (ESV)

5 You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,  
6 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

## 2. Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

7“**You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.**

### **3. Exodus 20:8 (ESV)**

**8“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

#### 4. Exodus 20:9–10 (ESV)

9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work,

10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

The second greatest deals with our relationships between each other.

2. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

## 5. Exodus 20:12 (ESV)

12“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

**6. Exodus 20:13 (ESV)**  
**13“You shall not murder.**

## 7. Exodus 20:14 (ESV)

14“**You shall not commit adultery.**

**8. Exodus 20:15 (ESV)**  
**15“You shall not steal.**

## 9. Exodus 20:16 (ESV)

16“**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

## 10. Exodus 20:17 (ESV)

17“**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.**”

Hosea 11:2 (ESV)

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

2 The more they were called, the more they went away;

...



Many chose to ignore the  
Laws of God both  
physically and spiritually but  
they underestimated God's  
love and provision for them.



Exodus 14:19–20 (ESV)

19 Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them,

20 coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. ...

## Exodus 23:20–22 (ESV)

20 “Behold, I send an angel before you to guard you on the way and to bring you to the place that I have prepared.

21 Pay careful attention to him and obey his voice; do not rebel against him, for he will not pardon your transgression, for my name is in him.

22 “But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.



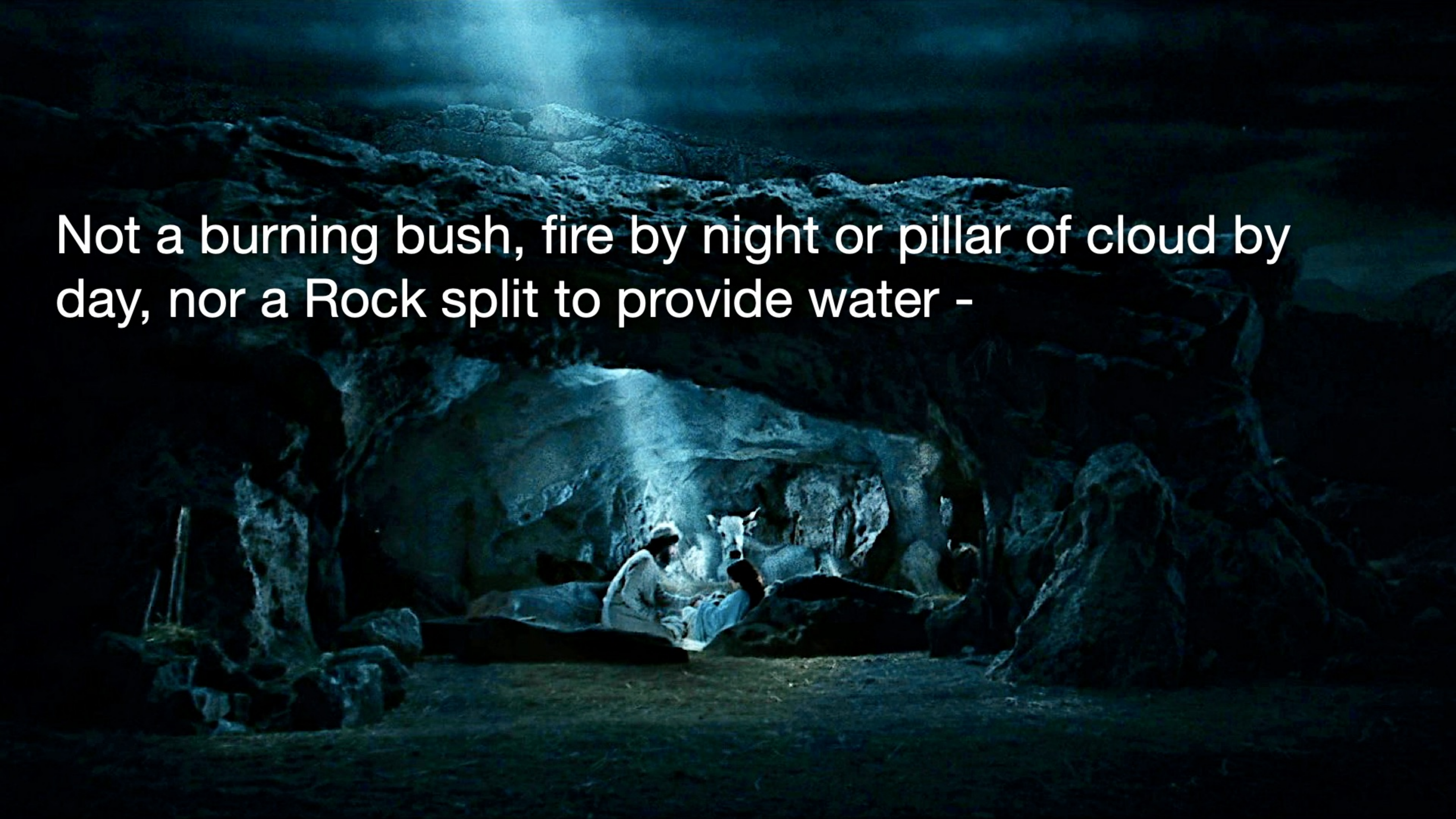
The Angel of the Lord Burning Bush - Ex. 3:2

The Angel of the Lord leading and protecting  
God's people- Ex. 14:19

The Rock at Horeb - Ex. 17:6; 1Cor 10:4

The Angel of the Lord to the land of Milk and  
Honey- Ex. 23:20-22

Not a burning bush, fire by night or pillar of cloud by day, nor a Rock split to provide water -



Isaiah 9:6 (ESV)

6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

