



# Split in Two

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## ISAIAH 9:1-5 NASB95

But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.

## ISAIAH 9:1-5 NASB95

<sup>2</sup> The people who walk in darkness Will see a great light; Those who live in a dark land, The light will shine on them. <sup>3</sup> You shall multiply the nation, You shall increase their gladness; They will be glad in Your presence As with the gladness of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

## ISAIAH 9:1-5 NASB95

<sup>4</sup> For You shall break the yoke of their burden  
and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their  
oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. <sup>5</sup> For every  
boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult,  
And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning,  
fuel for the fire.

## ISAIAH 9:6-7 NASB95

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

## ISAIAH 9:6-7 NASB95

<sup>7</sup> There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

## ISAIAH 11:1-10 NASB95

Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse,  
And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. <sup>2</sup> The  
Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of  
wisdom and understanding, The spirit of  
counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge  
and the fear of the LORD.

## ISAIAH 11:1-10 NASB95

<sup>3</sup> And He will delight in the fear of the LORD,  
And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor  
make a decision by what His ears hear; <sup>4</sup> But  
with righteousness He will judge the poor, And  
decide with fairness for the afflicted of the  
earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod  
of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He  
will slay the wicked.

## ISAIAH 11:1-10 NASB95

<sup>5</sup> Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

<sup>6</sup> And the wolf will dwell with the lamb, And the leopard will lie down with the young goat, And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little boy will lead them.

## ISAIAH 11:1-10 NASB95

<sup>7</sup> Also the cow and the bear will graze, Their young will lie down together, And the lion will eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child will play by the hole of the cobra, And the weaned child will put his hand on the viper's den.

## ISAIAH 11:1-10 NASB95

<sup>9</sup> They will not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea. <sup>10</sup> Then in that day The nations will resort to the root of Jesse, Who will stand as a signal for the peoples; And His resting place will be glorious.

## MATTHEW 2:1–12 NASB95

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

## MATTHEW 2:1–12 NASB95

<sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup>

Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup> They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet:

## MATTHEW 2:1–12 NASB95

<sup>6</sup> 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called the magi and determined from them the exact time the star appeared.

## MATTHEW 2:1–12 NASB95

<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, so that I too may come and worship Him." <sup>9</sup> After hearing the king, they went their way; and the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child was.

## MATTHEW 2:1–12 NASB95

<sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. <sup>11</sup> After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

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<sup>12</sup> And having been warned by God in a dream not to return to Herod, the magi left for their own country by another way.

## MATTHEW 2:13–15 NASB95

Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

## MATTHEW 2:13–15 NASB95

<sup>14</sup> So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

## MATTHEW 2:16–23 NASB95

Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

## MATTHEW 2:16-23 NASB95

<sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN; AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

## MATTHEW 2:16-23 NASB95

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead."

## MATTHEW 2:16-23 NASB95

<sup>21</sup> So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene."