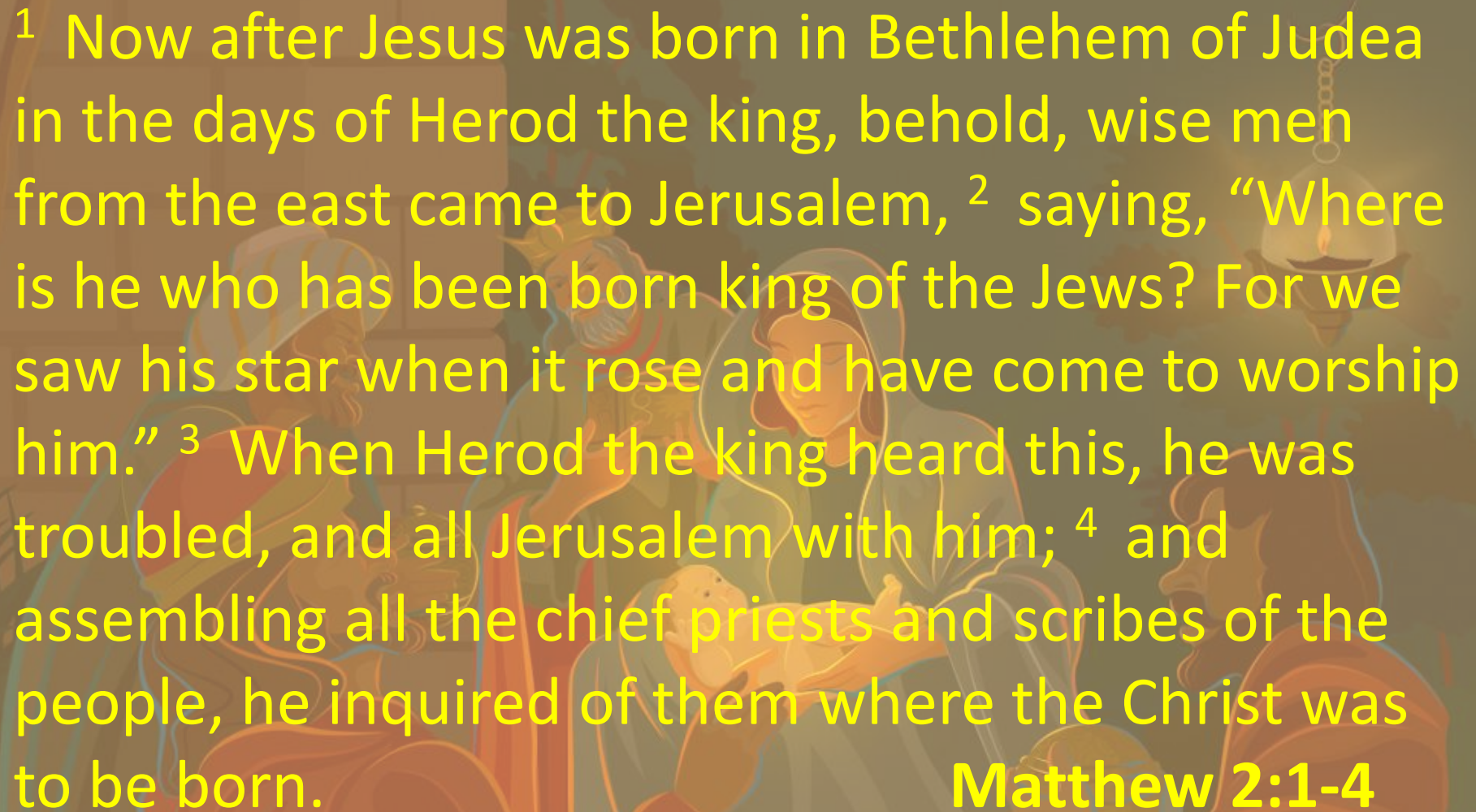


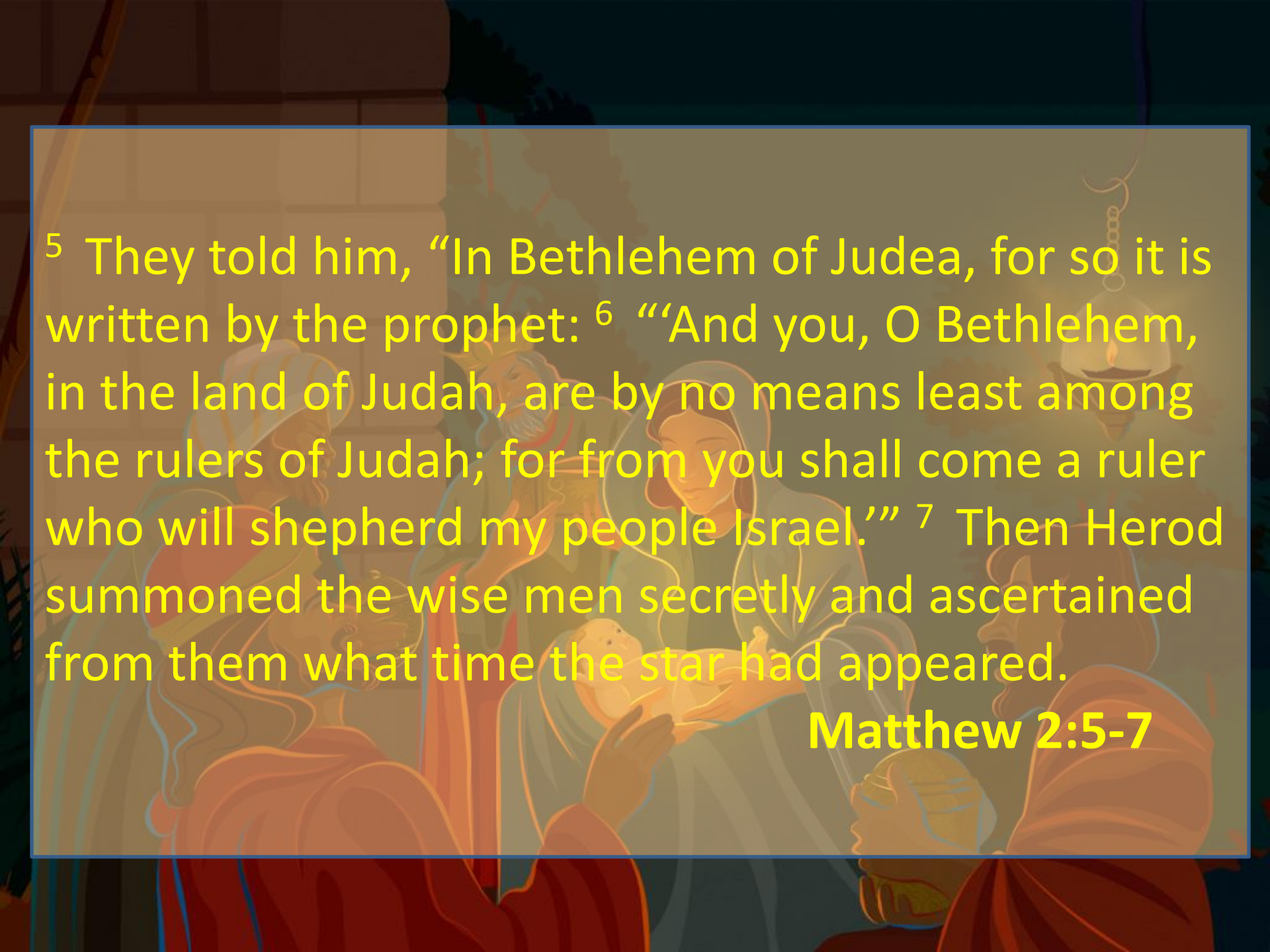
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<sup>1</sup> Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

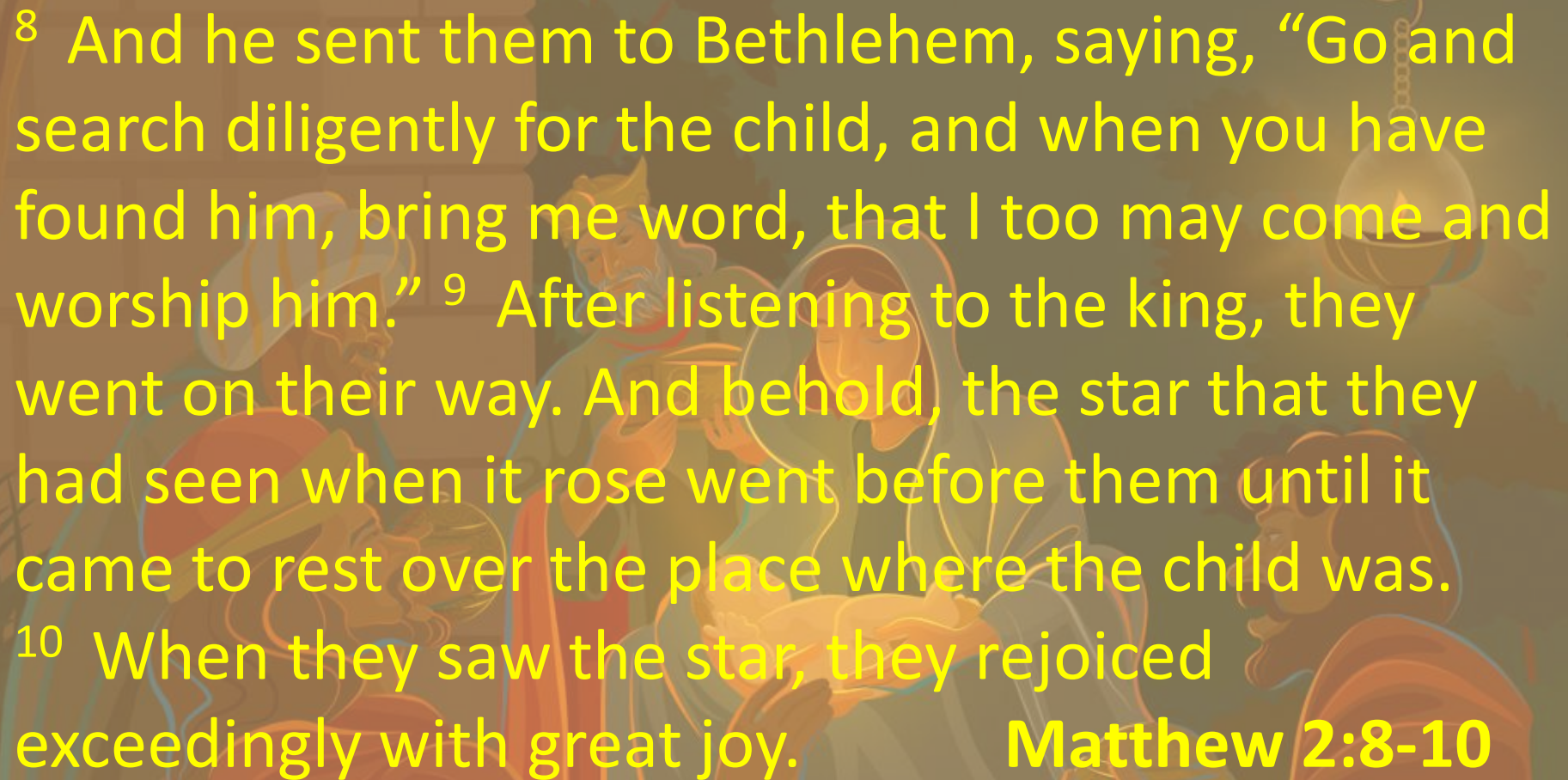
**Matthew 2:1-4**



<sup>5</sup> They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> ““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.”” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared.

**Matthew 2:5-7**





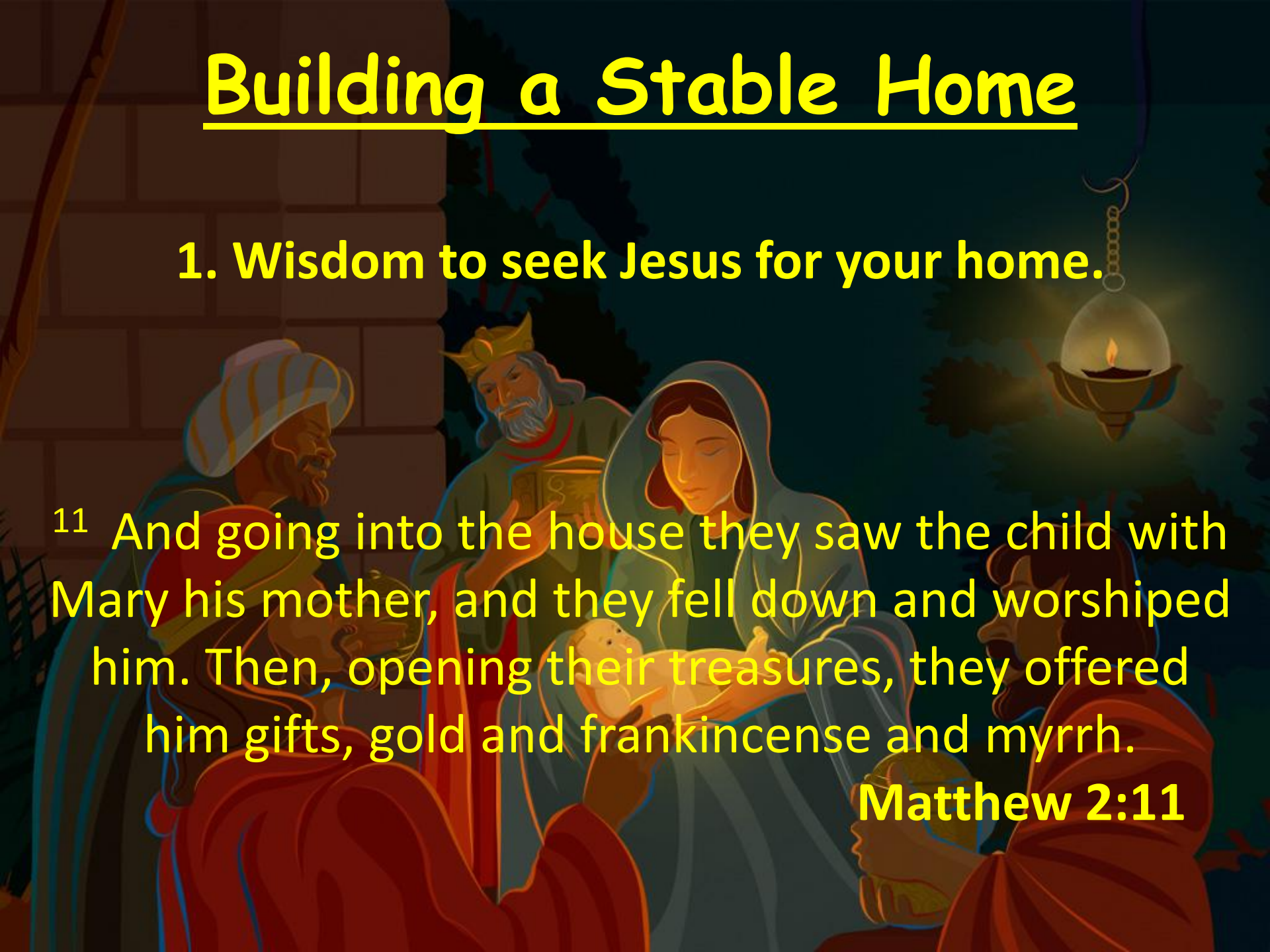
<sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” <sup>9</sup> After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. **Matthew 2:8-10**

# Building a Stable Home

## 1. Wisdom to seek Jesus for your home.

<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

**Matthew 2:11**



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An illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Three kings are gathered around, one holding a gift. Joseph is on the left, and another king is on the right. A lantern hangs from the top right. The background shows a stone wall and trees.

<sup>4</sup> In his pride the wicked does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.

**Psalm 10:4**




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An illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is on the left, and three kings are on the right, one holding a gift. A lantern hangs in the upper right. The background shows a stone wall and trees.

<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. <sup>14</sup> "I will be found by you," declares the LORD...

**Jeremiah 29:13-14a**

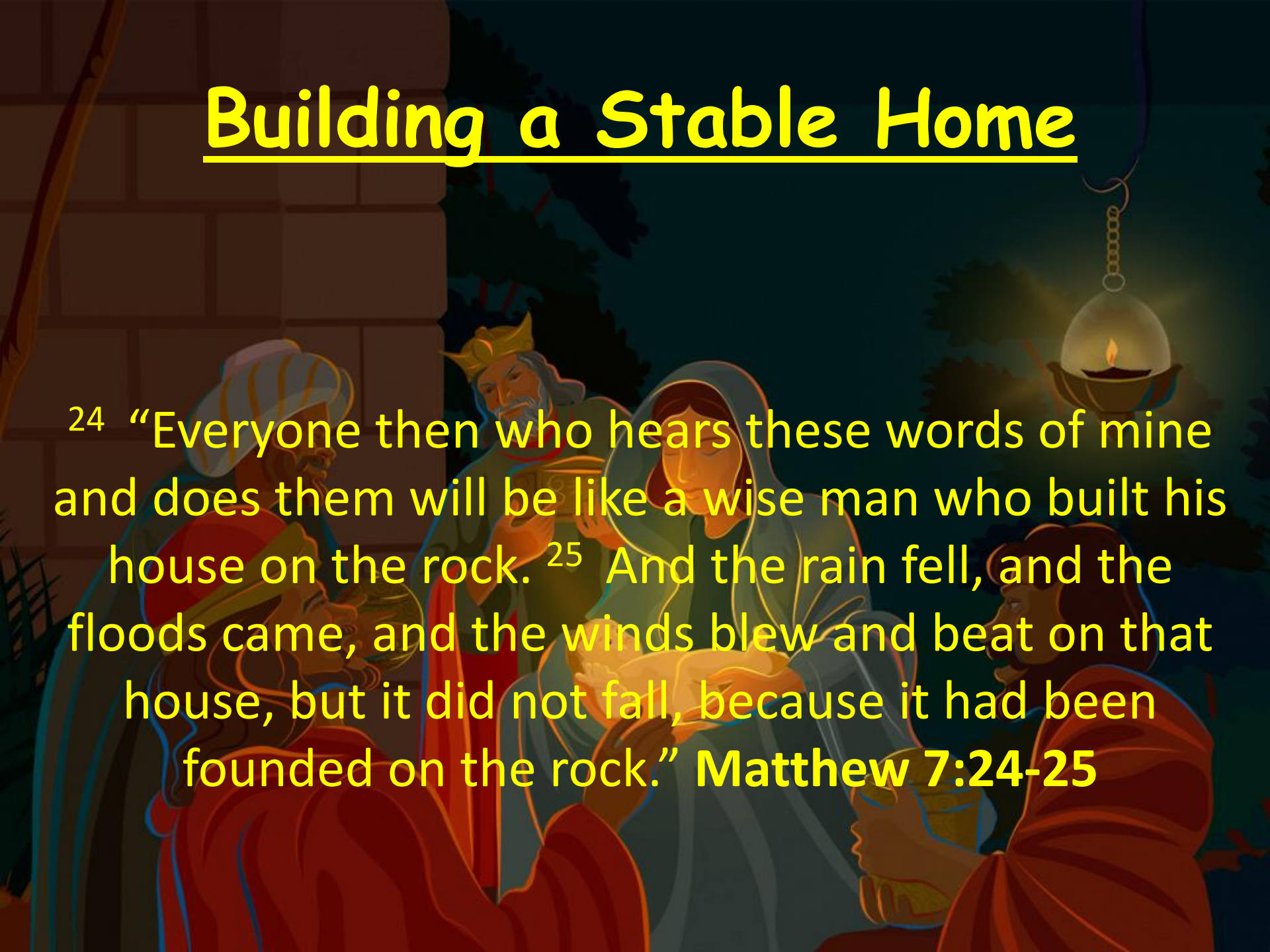


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1. Wisdom to seek Jesus for your home.
2. Wisdom to have Jesus in Your Home.



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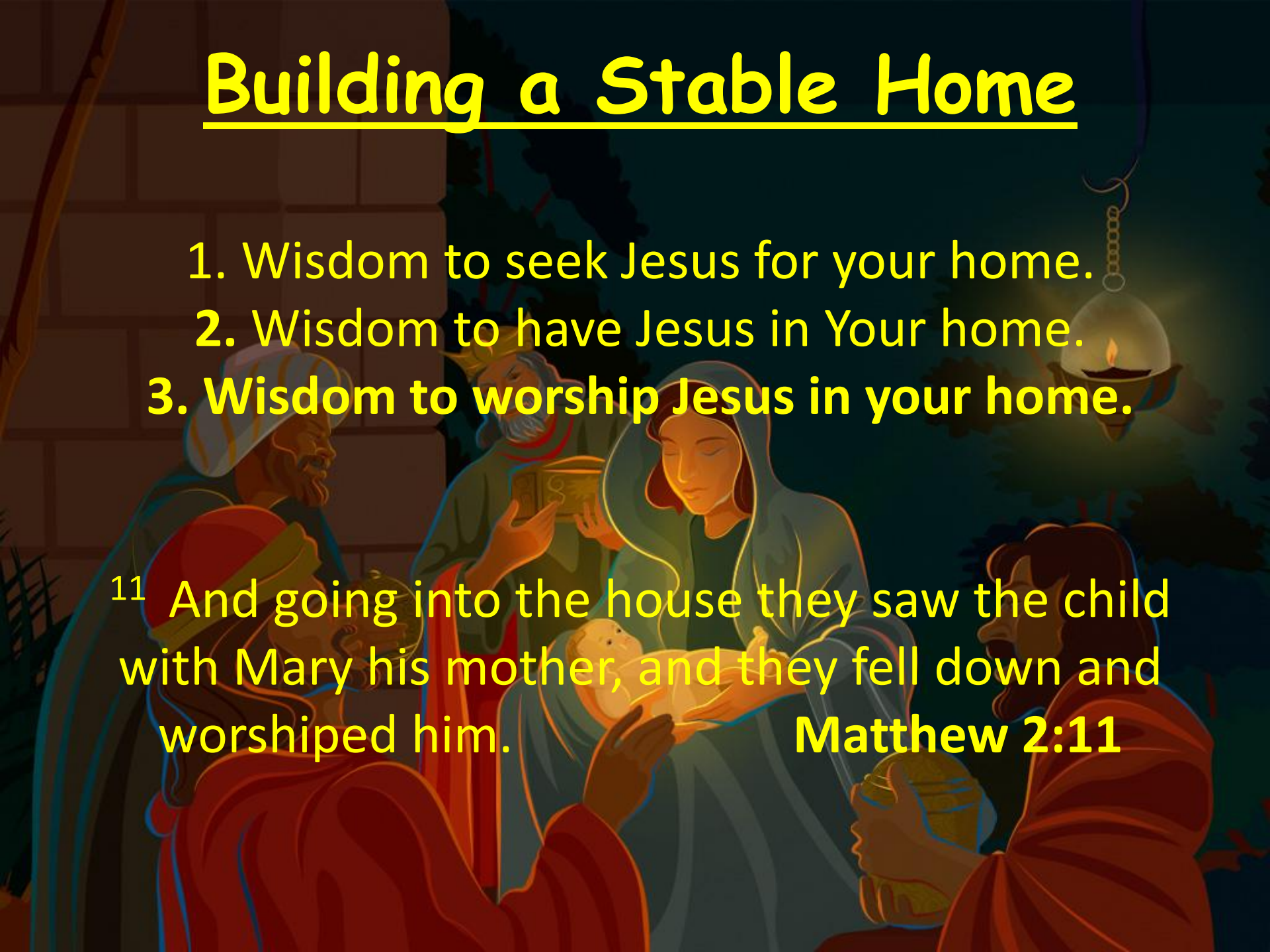


<sup>24</sup> “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” **Matthew 7:24-25**

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1. Wisdom to seek Jesus for your home.
2. Wisdom to have Jesus in Your home.
3. **Wisdom to worship Jesus in your home.**

<sup>11</sup> And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. **Matthew 2:11**





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An illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Three kings are gathered around them, one offering a gift. A lantern hangs from the ceiling on the right. The background shows a stone wall and a dark night sky.

<sup>6</sup> Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel  
before the LORD our Maker;  
<sup>7</sup> for he is our God and we are the people of his  
pasture, the flock under his care.

**Psalm 95:6-7**

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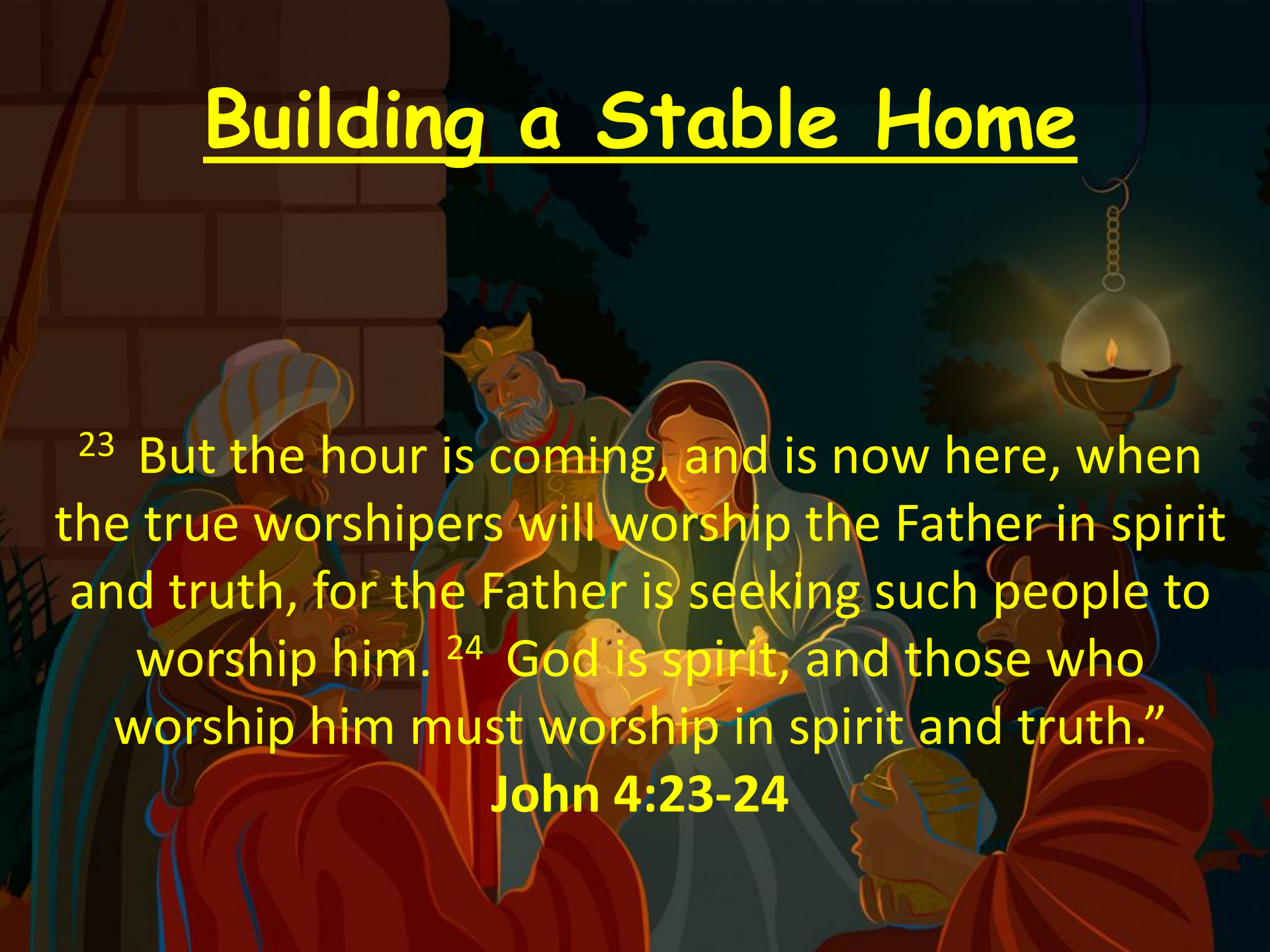
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- A stylized illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Joseph is to her right, and three wise men are on the left, one offering a gift. A lantern hangs in the upper right. The background is a dark, textured wall.
- \* According to FamilyLife (Weekend to Remember) less than 8% of couples pray together regularly
  - \* Divorce rate of couples who pray together is 1 in 10,000

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An illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is seated in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Three kings are kneeling before them, offering gifts. A shepherd is visible in the foreground on the left. The scene is set in a stable with a stone wall on the left and a hanging lantern on the right. The lighting is warm and focused on the central figures.

<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

**John 4:23-24**



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1. Wisdom to seek Jesus for your home.
2. Wisdom to have Jesus in Your home.
3. Wisdom to worship Jesus in your home.
4. **Wisdom to recognize Jesus as Lord of your home.**





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<sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.

<sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.” **Matthew 7:26-27**

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Dear God, I understand that I have broken your Law and sinned against you. Please forgive my sins. Thank you that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place and rose from the dead. I now place my trust in Him as my Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord - Acts 3:19

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God - John 1:12

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