



The
SEASON
of
WONDER



THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR CELEBRATES
THE MOST WONDERFUL MOMENT IN TIME



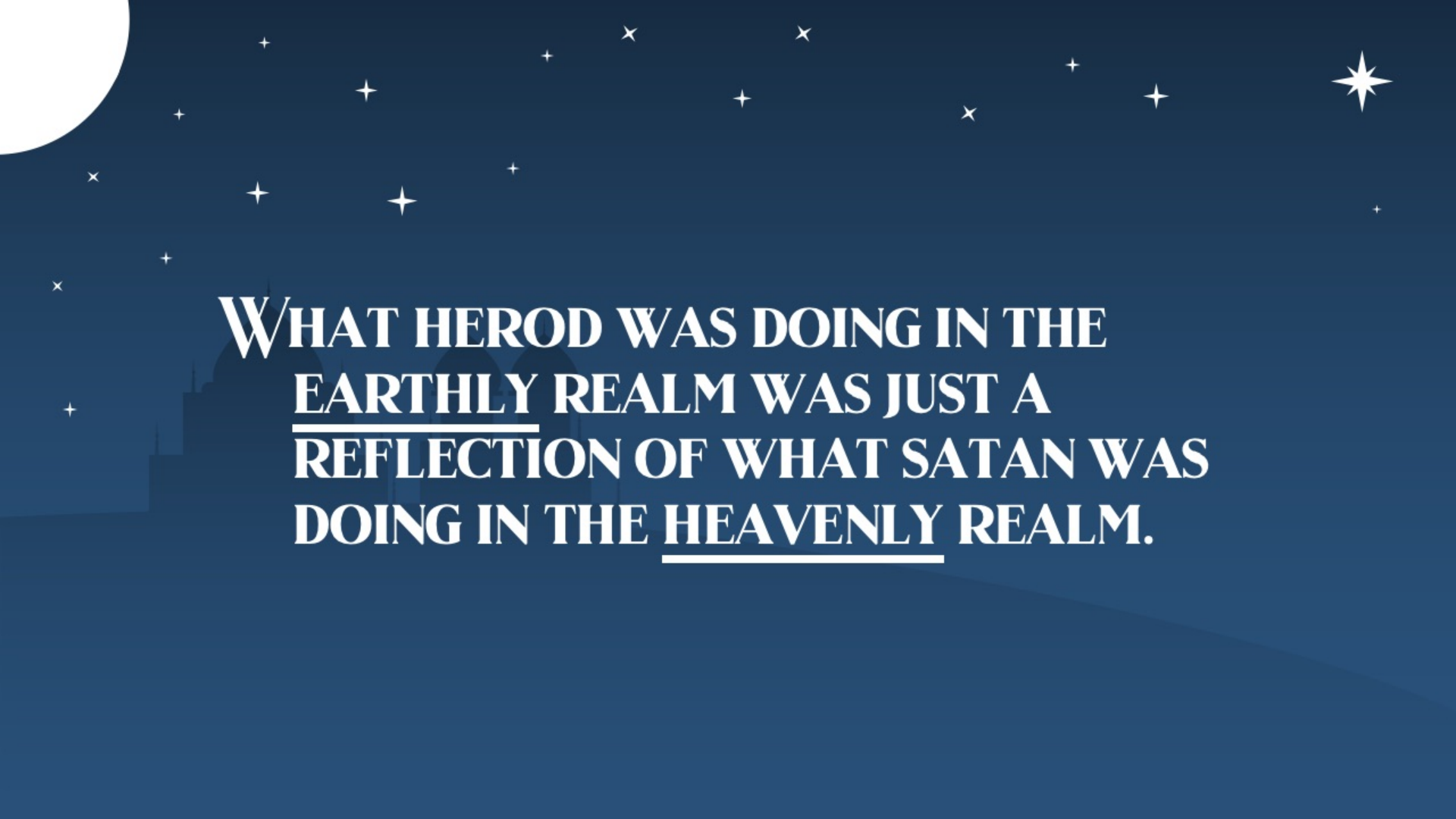
¹³After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”

¹⁴That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, ¹⁵ and they stayed there until Herod’s death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.”

MATTHEW 2:13-16 NIV

¹⁶Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.

MATTHEW 2:13-16 NIV



**WHAT HEROD WAS DOING IN THE
EARTHLY REALM WAS JUST A
REFLECTION OF WHAT SATAN WAS
DOING IN THE HEAVENLY REALM.**

'So the creation of the heavens and the earth and everything in them was completed. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested from all his work.

GENESIS 2:1-2 NLT



**WHAT MOTIVATED SATAN TO TRY
AND LAUNCH HIS OWN KINGDOM?**

¹³ You said in your heart,
‘I will ascend to heaven;
above the stars of God
I will set my throne on high;
I will sit on the mount of assembly
in the far reaches of the north;
¹⁴ I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
I will make myself like the Most High.’

ISAIAH 14:13-14 ESV



**WE ARE LIVING IN A TIME
OF KINGDOM CONFLICT.**

¹⁵ “And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring.

He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

GENESIS 3:15 NLT

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

EPHESIANS 6:12 NIV



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He cultivates a spirit of hopelessness

¹⁴“They will wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will triumph over them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with him will be his called, chosen and faithful followers.”

REVELATION 17:14 NIV



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He was destined to die?



Jesus was rescued not so He wouldn't die,
but so He would die at the right time.

¹⁷“The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

JOHN 10:17-18 NIV

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He did, and He does.



**GOD RESCUED IN BETHLEHEM
THAT DAY THE ONLY BABY WHO
COULD RESCUE EVERYONE ELSE.**

A night sky with a starry background, a silhouette of a person on a rocky outcrop, and a dark, jagged shape on the left side.

The wonder of Egypt is God saved His Son so that His Son could save us all.