

## Isaiah 60:1-6 New Revised Standard Version

- 60** Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the LORD will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.
- <sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- <sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- <sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 New Revised Standard Version

- <sup>1</sup>Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.
- <sup>2</sup>May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.
- <sup>3</sup>May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup>May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.
- <sup>5</sup>May he live<sup>[a]</sup> while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- <sup>6</sup>May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.
- <sup>7</sup>In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.
- <sup>10</sup>May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,

may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight.

## **Matthew 2:1-12 New Revised Standard Version**

**2** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” <sup>3</sup> When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup> and calling 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 told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup> ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

<sup>7</sup> Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” <sup>9</sup> When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup> On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.