

The Feast of the Epiphany

The Old Testament Prophet Isaiah beckons the people to rise for the Light has come. He is foretelling the coming of the Messiah. He predicts that great joy will accompany this time of revelation by God. Isaiah describes travelers from other places coming to visit the Savior, bringing gifts and praising the Lord.

In Psalm 72, this theme is echoed. "Every nation on earth will adore you." The Psalmist assures us that the Lord comes to rescue the poor from the bondage of slavery to sin. God comes with judgment yet with mercy as well. This gives cause for hope.

Matthew's account of the Magi fulfills the Old Testament prophecy where foreigners come from distant lands to bring gifts and adore the new born Savior. King Herod is also interested in their travels and expected visit. This presents an opportunity for him to destroy this child who is foretold to be a King in His own right. For Herod this is a great threat to his authority.

On this Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we can feel the excitement of those who would travel to find Christ and bring Him their gifts. Our excitement is the joy of knowing that Christ has found us and brings with Him the precious gift for us of life with no end.

Peace,

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