



ADVENT



ENCOURAGEMENT



WHAT is Encouragement?

WHY do we need Encouragement?

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Geek

Verb - Paramutheomai

Para = With

Muthos = Counsel; Advice

Translated as encourage or comfort

Noun = Paraklesis

"A calling to one's aid"



**WHY do we need
Encouragement?**

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky with a bright star and a comet. The scene includes a manger with a baby, Mary kneeling, Joseph standing with a staff, a donkey, a cow, and three camels on the left. The background features rolling hills and palm trees.

WHY do we need Encouragement?

1 Thes 5:11 - Therefore **encourage one another** and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Titus 2:15 - These, then, are the things you should teach. **Encourage and rebuke with all authority.** Do not let anyone despise you.

2 Tim 4:2 - Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; **correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.**

1 Cor 13:11 - Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, **encourage one another,** be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you



HOW can I be Encouraged?

Look at what God has done

Look at what God is doing

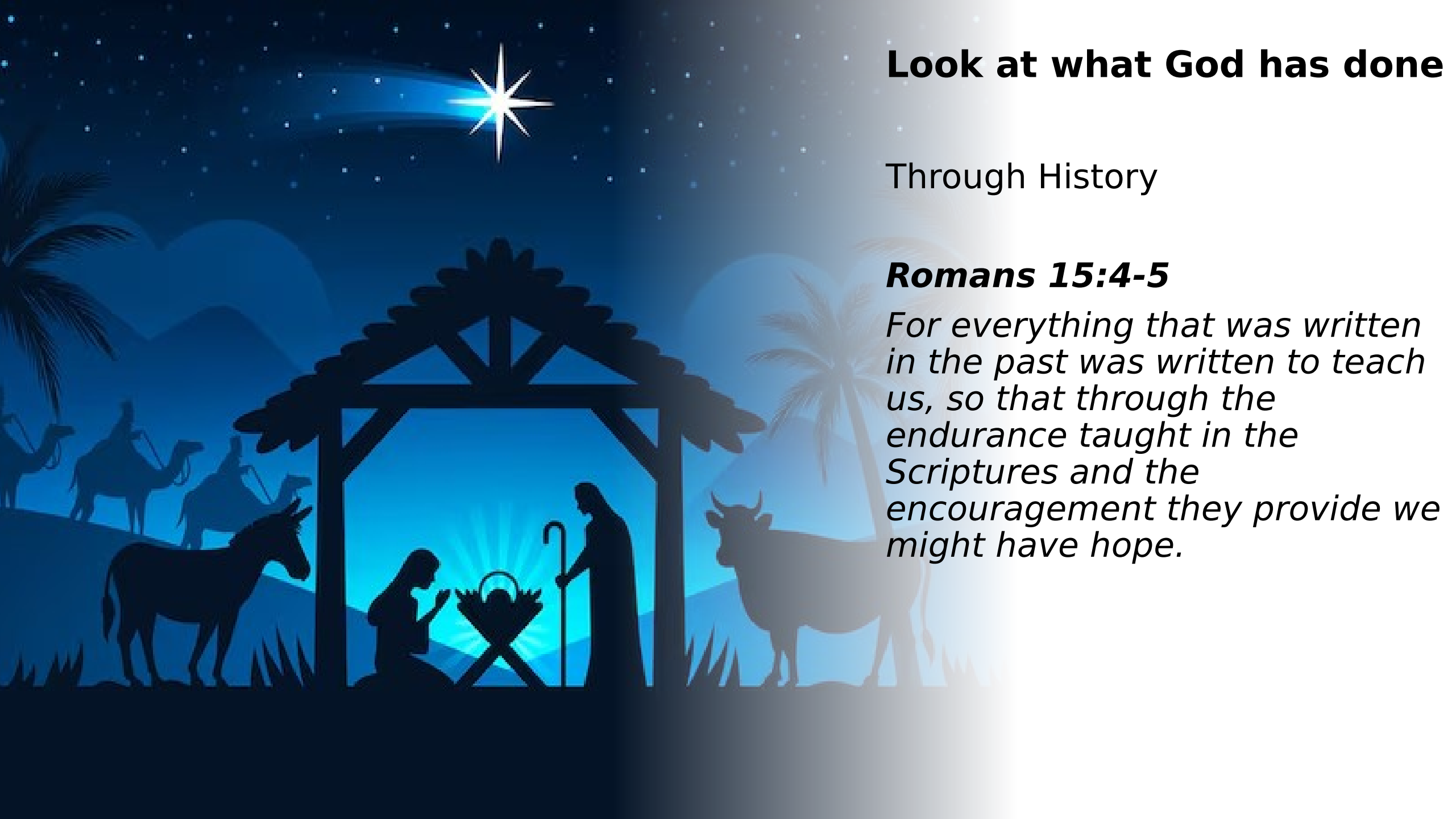
Look at what God will do

HOW can I be Encouraged?

Look at what God has done

Through history





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Romans 15:4-5

For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.



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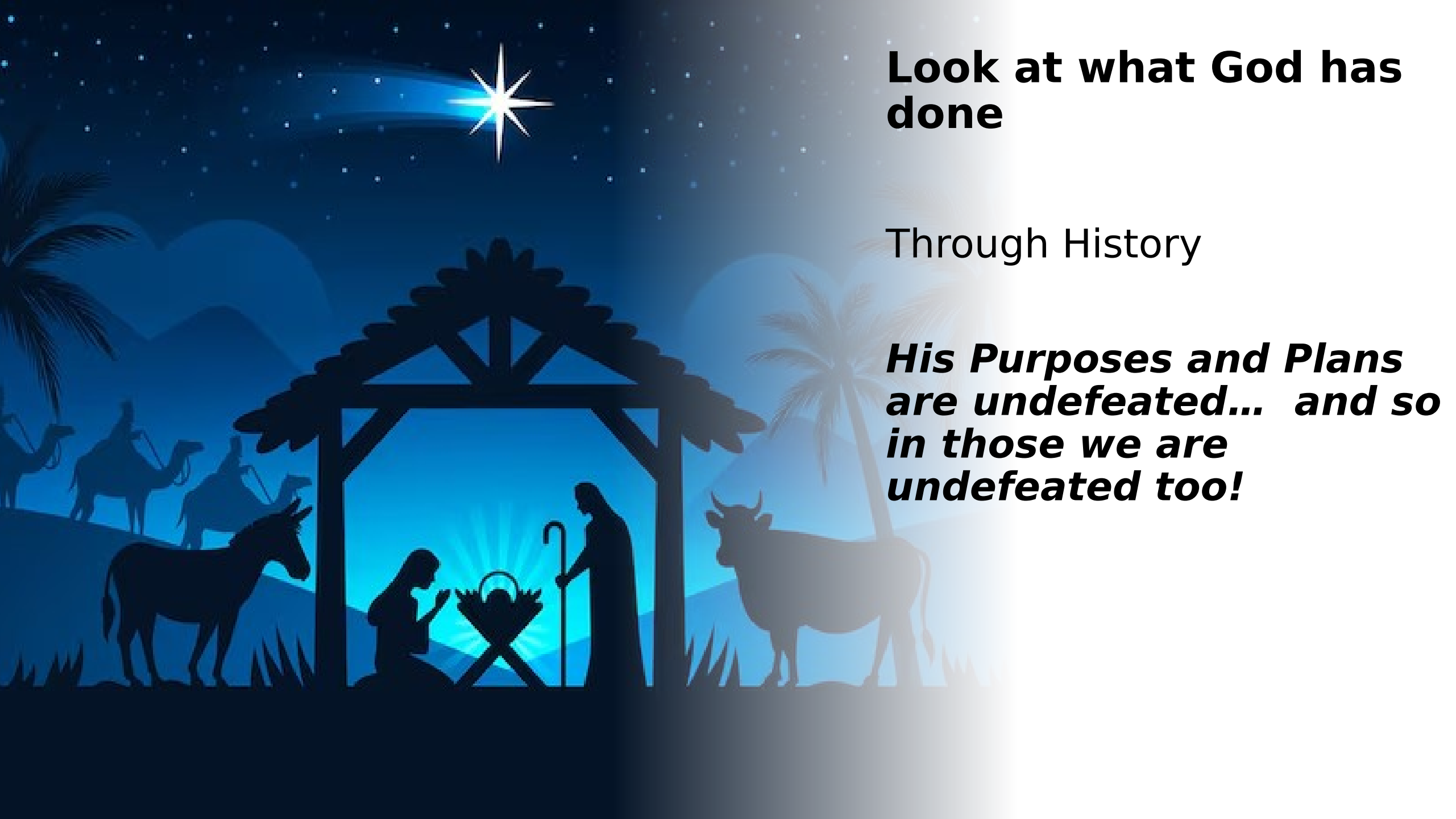
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Through History

His Character is GOOD and TRUSTWORTHY

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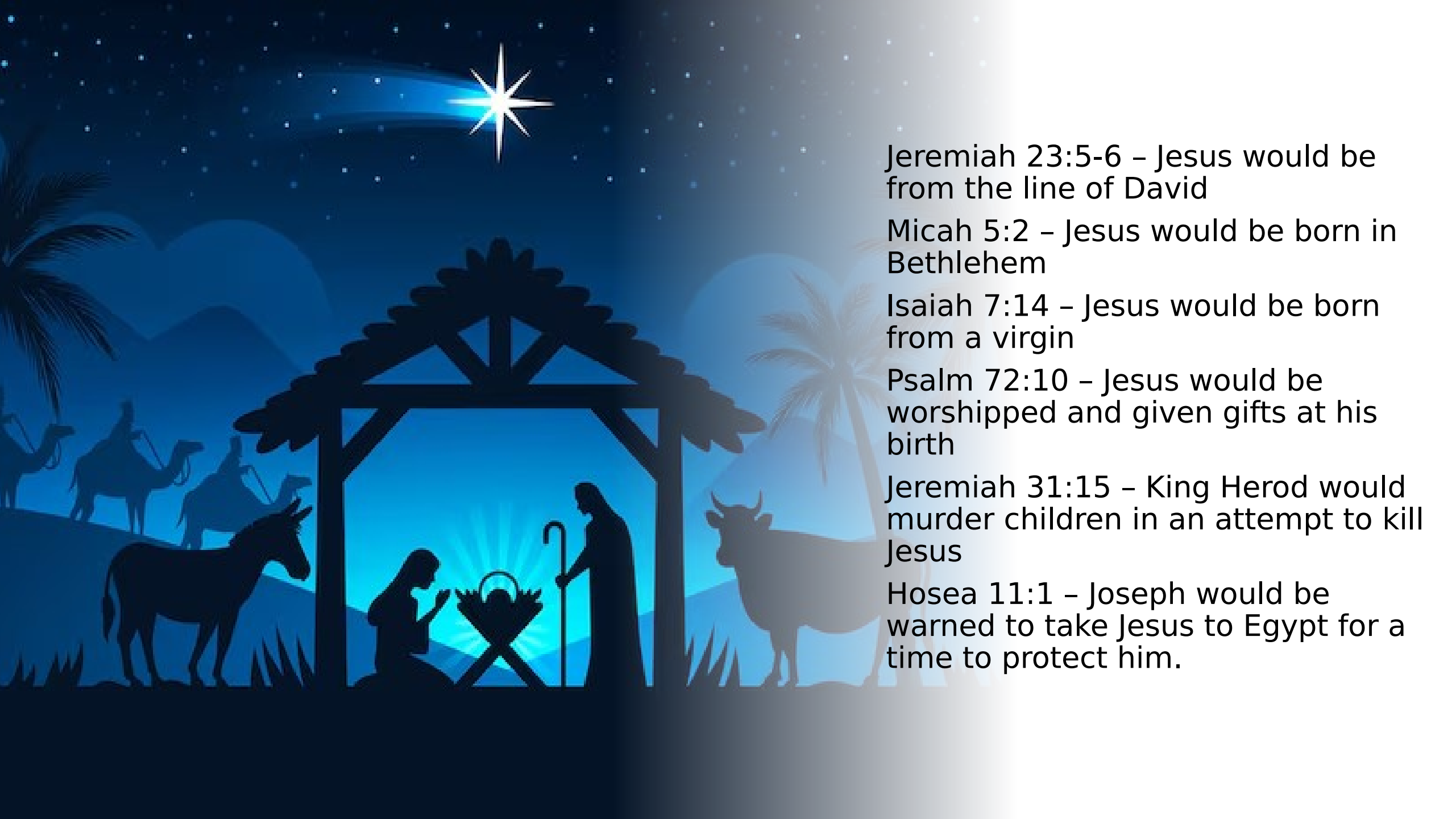
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Look at what God is doing

Look at what God will do



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Christ has come,
Christ is coming again!



Jeremiah 23:5-6 – Jesus would be from the line of David

Micah 5:2 – Jesus would be born in Bethlehem

Isaiah 7:14 – Jesus would be born from a virgin

Psalms 72:10 – Jesus would be worshipped and given gifts at his birth

Jeremiah 31:15 – King Herod would murder children in an attempt to kill Jesus

Hosea 11:1 – Joseph would be warned to take Jesus to Egypt for a time to protect him.



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