

## The Most Wonderful Gift Ever Given-Part 3

The light and angelic singing profoundly touched the minds and hearts of the shepherds caring for their flocks on the eve of that miraculous birth. When they had gathered their senses, each left their flocks to follow the star. They found it resting over the cave. Timidly and cautiously, the shepherds stood at the open cave and saw a baby wrapped in swaddling cloth lying in a manger. Their garments of rough woven wool did not disturb nor distract their consciousness from the glory permeating the cave. That glory invaded their minds through their eyes to occupy their hearts. Together, they bowed and worshipped the infant King of kings, the Light of the world, the redemption gift of Godhead to all humanity. With excitement in their hearts and cheerful conversations on their lips, they returned to their flocks, rejoicing for the rest of the night. After the shepherds left the cave, the Magi, who had traveled for two months, appeared at the cave on the thirteenth day after the birth of Jesus. They saw the star two years before starting on their journey and believed it would lead them to the prophesied Messiah. When they arrived, each Magi stood in awed silence for the glory that permeated the place. Dressed in their finest robes and precious jewels with ornate gold rings on their fingers, they knew in their hearts that this infant King of kings, in his swaddling cloth

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and lying in a feeding trough was greater than they were. Each Magi bowed his knees to worship the prophesied Messiah, honored they had found him.

Beloved, if you believe in Jesus and have accepted him as your Savior and Lord, give thanks to God for his indescribable gift. If you have not accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord, I pray you will allow God's indescribable gift to come into your mind and heart.

May your Christmas glow with the Light of the world in your eyes and home.

Shalom!!

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