

THE STAR OF PROMISE

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I shall see him, but not now. I shall behold him, but not nigh; there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel and shall smite the four corners of Moab, and shall destroy all the children of Sheb—Num. 24:17. This prophecy concerning the Saviour was given nearly fifteen hundred years before the first Christmas eve, and before the wise men from the East were guided by the star of Bethlehem to the place "where the young child was." The verse indicates that many years would pass before the Saviour should come, and that his mission would be to give light. "In giving light he gives life also." "In him was life, and the life was the light of men." "And Jesus said unto them, I am the light of the world, he that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Let us worship him, as our Redeemer, as Job did, and not merely behold him afar off, as David saw Lazarus in Abraham's bosom.

A Christmas Picture

Before me lies a picture of a beautiful Christmas star shedding its beams upon the town of Bethlehem, the place of the Saviour's birth. It is a clear night and many stars are in view, but this one, the star of Bethlehem, is larger, brighter, and more glorious than the others. Thus, our Saviour, the Son of God, shines in the beauty of his righteousness. He is holy and desires us to be like him. Above the star is an angel, gazing with rapture upon the village where the hope of a fallen world lies. The three wise men upon "ships of the desert" behold the beautiful scene of the illumined village. Perhaps they are speaking of worshipping the Christ-child, and laying at his feet their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold is an offering as to a king, for truly, He is king of kings and Lord of lords. The frankincense is an offering to God, a sweet-smelling sacrifice mingled with their prayers. The myrrh, a substance used in embalming, is a reminder that we must leave this world. The wise men were guided by the star. Centuries ago on this day of joy, peace and good will, in Europe homes were lighted by the Yule log. On Christmas Eve in our beautifully lighted churches, where we shall receive gifts and learn of the Star that rose from Jacob, let us worship Him as did the wise men of old who saw his star in the east. They followed that star. May we and people of all nations see the Star that rose from Jacob, and follow him all the way to His great white throne in heaven.

The Bright and Morning Star

In Rev. 22:16 you may read these words: "I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star." As the morning

star precedes the dawning of the day, so the joy of being a member of Christ's kingdom on earth is only a foretaste of the pleasure that awaits us in heaven. In the next verse of Scripture, Rev. 22:17, we are given an invitation as follows: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth, say, Come. And let him that thirst come. And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely." Let us worship at His feet, and say, "Shine on, thou Star of glory, thou Christ enthroned above." For to us thou hast given a promise of strength, Phil. 4:13; of victory, I Tim. 2:12; of life, John 10:10, 11:5, and of heavenly mansions, John 14:2. "Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever."

Shine, Thou Beautiful Star Benign
"Shine, thou beautiful star benign,
Over the world of night;
Shine till under those beams of thine
Darkness shall take its flight;
Till all the world shall know her
King,
Till all the world with Christmas
ring,
Till every heart with rapture sing,
And every spot be bright.
Shine, thou beautiful star of peace,
Over a world of strife,
Shine, till hatred and greed shall
cease
And war no more be rife,
Till all from near or far away
Shall help to speed the happy day
When men the law of love obey,
And kindness rules all life.
Shine, thou beautiful star of joy,
Over a world of fear,
Shine till shadows no more annoy,
And faith shines bright and clear;
Till all shall sing on Christmas morn
The story of the baby born
To lighten every heart forlorn,
And wipe away each tear."

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KITCHEN SHOWER A SUCCESS

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A NEW RAILROAD

It is true that it will not be long until a new line of railroad is run up the valley of the Niobrara, along the north line of Box Butte county. This will make a very important town at Marsland, where the junction will be made between the two lines. Marsland is located in a very desirable point for a town and where one is needed. This means that one will build there and the next two years will see great changes in this bustling little town. The auction sale of lots there next Saturday, as explained in the large advertisement in this issue of The Herald, will bring many investors from eastern points as well as Alliance and other western Nebraska points. You will miss the chance of a lifetime if you do not go and select your lot. Advertisement—1740-2-1t

SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

The city council chamber in the city hall on Monday evening to accept Sewer District No. 27, which has been completed by W. D. Zedler. This district is in the east part of town along Sweetwater Ave.

MISS NIEDEMIER RESIGNS

Miss Carrie Niedemier, a popular teacher of Central school, which was burned Monday, tendered her resignation last week to the school board. She has been teaching in Central school for the last three years and was very well liked by all. She is a teacher of no small merit and has taught in summer normal at Tecumseh for the past two years. She has now received a fine position in the Elliott school at Lincoln. She will be missed greatly by her many Alliance friends.

BOY BORN TO BOX BUTTE PARENTS

A seven pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Wayne Wilson, of Alliance, on December 4th at Belvidere, Nebraska, where they were visiting her parents. This is the first boy in the family, the first child being a girl. Mother and child are doing fine.

GLAZE VISITS SON

E. D. Glaze, of Broken Bow, came up Friday for a short visit with his son, H. G. Glaze, the monument man. Mr. Glaze returned to Broken Bow on Tuesday.

I. L. Lyman, editor of the Free Press, arrived from Lincoln this morning, on his way home to Minnatare.

MRS. WARRICK HERE

Mrs. S. K. Warrick was visiting in Alliance with friends the first of the week. She is now living at Scottsbluff, where they moved a short time ago from Alliance.

Miss Missouri Monier, a teacher in Central school, has gone to her home in Lincoln to spend the Christmas holidays.

JODER BOY HURT

Mr. and Mrs. B. I. Joder's youngest son, Seth, had the misfortune to fall from a horse last Saturday and was thought to be quite seriously injured. He is now improving some and it is hoped he was not injured as seriously as it looked at first.

E. Von Forell, of Scottsbluff, was in Alliance on Saturday.

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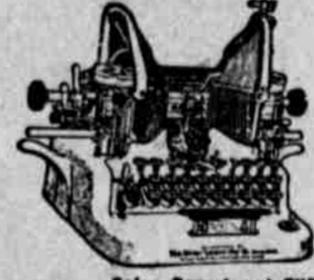
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