



# THE *Star*

A JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

A Journey of HOPE

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*“The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge. They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them. Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.”*

– Psalm 19:1-4



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*“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?”*

– Psalm 8:3-4



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*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel”*

– Isaiah 7:14



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*“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned”*

– Isaiah 9:2



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*“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. . . .”*

– Revelation 7:9, 16-17, ESV



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*“ . . . . They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes”*

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*“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*

– Hebrews 11:1



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*“Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming”*

– 1 Peter 1:13



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