

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1–6 † Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 † Matthew 2:1–12



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At "reveal parties" these days, people are excited to discover the sex of the child to be born so they can buy appropriate gifts. The "reveal" of Jesus was that he himself was the gift, so long awaited by the world. Gifts play a big part in the visit of the Magi. They brought gifts significant to the celebration of the birth of Christ and of his life and death.

Gifts play a large part in the celebration of Christ's birth here in the United States, sometimes to the exclusion of Christ and to the concentration of people on finding the perfect gift. All along the birth of Christ was and is the perfect gift!