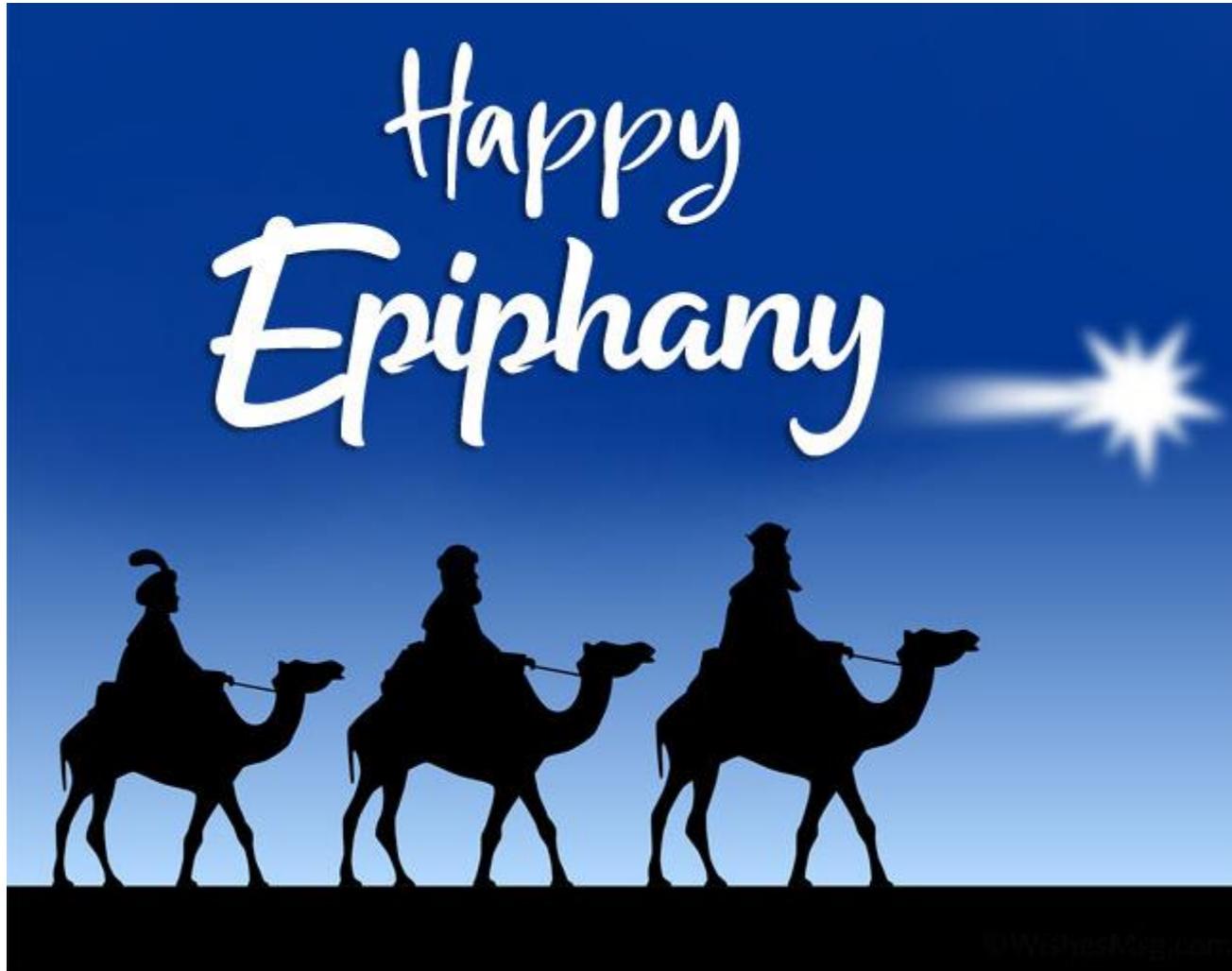


Epiphany revealed in Micah



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This is what it says in the Bible

Micah 5:2

‘But you, Bethlehem,
though you are small among the clans of Judah,
out of you will come for me
one who will be ruler over Israel,
whose origins are from of old,
from ancient times.’

⁴ When Herod had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ ‘In Bethlehem in Judea,’ they replied, ‘for this is what the prophet has written:

Matthew 2:4

Reflect

- Micah prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem 700 years before the event.
- It would be a source of surprise that the Messiah would be born there, a bit like having a Royal Prince now being born in Croydon rather than central London.
- However, God had different plans, he would use the weak and insignificant.

Reflect

Is there any area of your life where you feel ineffective, small or weak?

This is what God promises: "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness."

(2 Corinthians 12:9)

Pray

Father God

Thank you that you are always with me

Grant to me the ability to do what you have called me to do

Make up for my short comings with your great strength.

For your glory and my good do these things

In Jesus' name

Amen