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CHRISTMAS





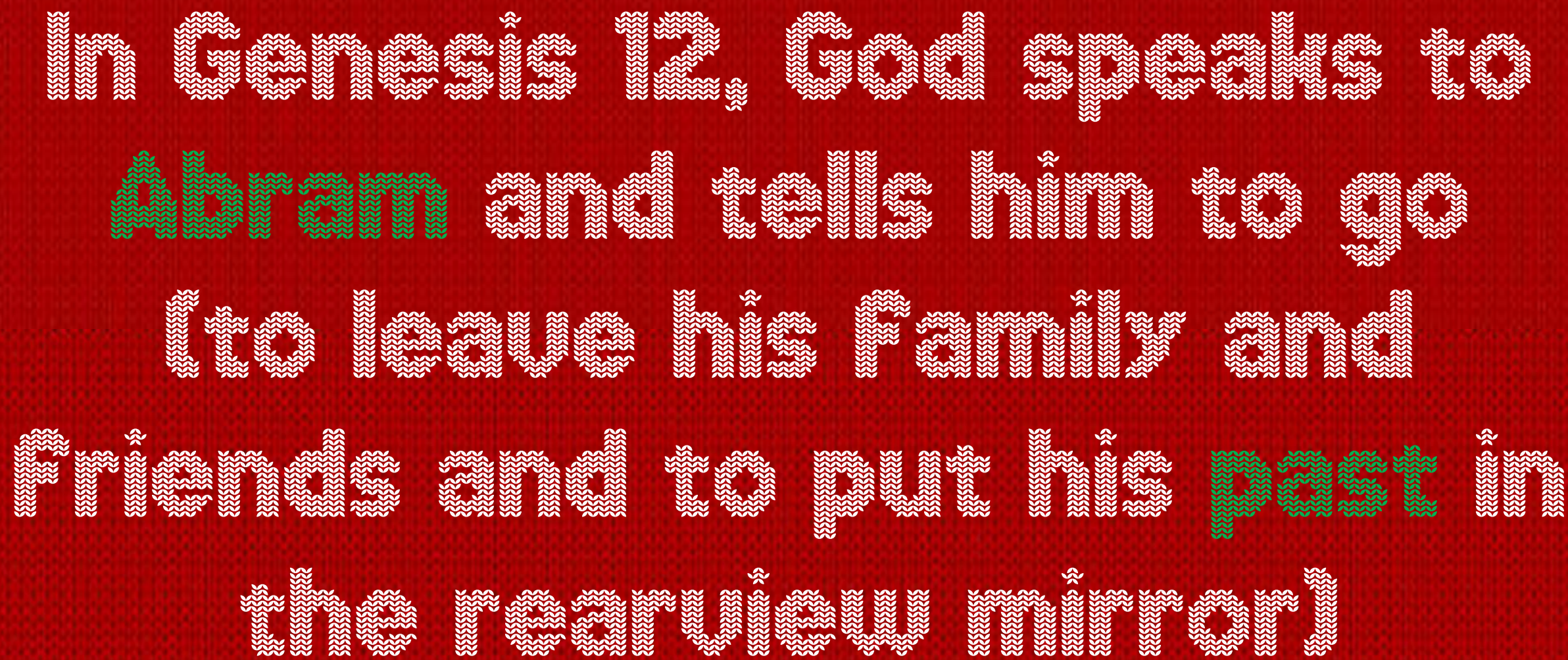
All of the Old Testament
points to Jesus's arrival it's
the main thrust and climax
of the entire Bible



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In Genesis 12, God speaks to
Abram and tells him to go
to leave his Family and
Friends and to put his past in
the rearview mirror!

God promises Abram two

spectacular outcomes

11 — I will make you a great

nation, 12 I will bless you

Genesis 12:2

Not wanting strife between
them — Abram gives Lot
the choice if Lot goes left,
Abram would go right, etc



Lot decided to go to the
valley of the Jordan East

Eventually a war breaks out

and Lot is taken captive.

Under the cover of night,

Abram takes 318 well-

trained men to rescue Lot

Genesis 15:1-6

Now Following Abram's
return from rescuing Lot,
God comes to Abram
in a vision

I John 4:4

In addition to being Abram's shield, God promises a very great reward — literally it says "your reward great exceedingly"



That exceeding great reward
is none other than God



God's two original promises
to Abram

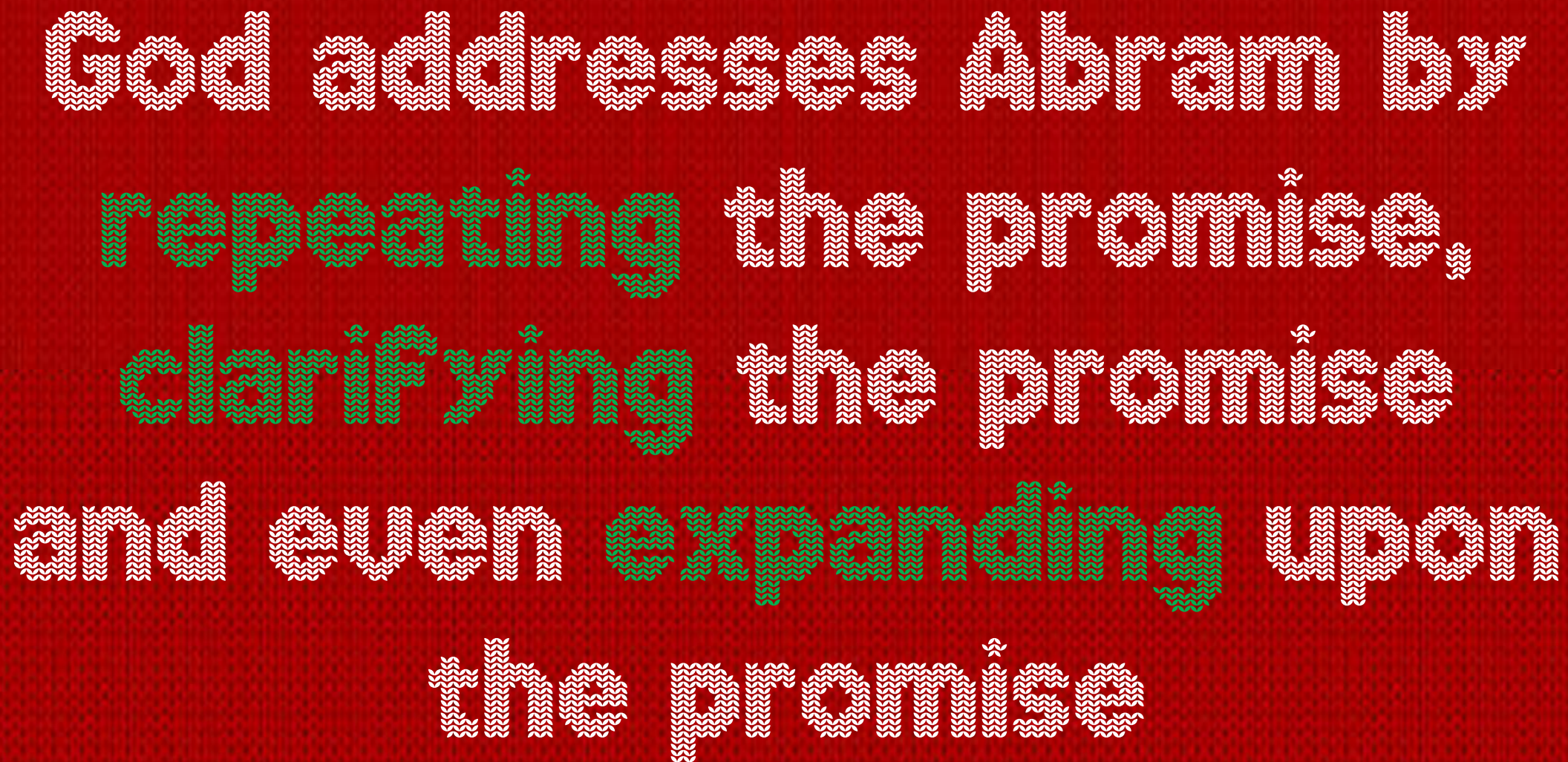
#1 I will make you a great
nation

#2 I will bless you



Roughly 10 years have
passed since God made
these promises
Genesis 15:2-3

Abram is NOT doubting God's
ability, he's struggling to
comprehend God's timing
(there's a HUGE difference)



God addresses Abram by
repeating the promise,
clarifying the promise
and even expanding upon
the promise



Genesis 15:4-5

Genesis 15:6



Abram was trusting in God
in every aspect (even though
Abram DIDN'T understand
God's timing)

Eventually 15 years after
this account Abram and
Sarah his wife have a boy
named Isaac
who has a son — Jacob!



It was from the nation that

the Messiah

the Savior of the World

would come



When Abram died at the age
of 175, he NEVER
experienced the Fullness
of God's promise