

THE KING IN DANGER

Matthew 2:13-23 / Yeshua §§15-16

Next Week: Luke 2:40-52 / §§17-19

GOD RELOCATES HIS SON, THE MESSIAH KING. (MATTHEW 2:13-15)

Joseph and Mary had just been visited by Magi from the east. These Babaloyan scholars, or wise men, had traveled to see the King of the Jews. Joseph must have thought, "Now this is the way that it should be." His young family was settling into life in the small town of Bethlehem. Their world was becoming normal. This must have been more like what they expected. And then, Joseph had another dream.

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

The angel relayed a message from God to Joseph. He warned him of Herod's plan, and then gave him three specific comments. Joseph was to get up, flee to Egypt, and stay there until told to return. God intervened in human history and moved His son from a place of danger to a place of safety.

HEROD'S ATTEMPT TO KILL THE MESSIAH KING. (MATTHEW 2:16-18)

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

*18 "A voice was heard in Ramah,
weeping and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;
she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."*

Herod's reaction to the wise men was true to his character. When the wise men initially visit Herod, and inquire as to the whereabouts of the infant King of the Jews, Herod is disturbed. Then, when Herod realized that he had been tricked, he became furious. He knew what to do with this infant king. In his rage, Herod flung the strength of his command down upon the innocent men and women of Bethlehem. But, the infant King was not there.

THE RETURN OF THE MESSIAH KING (MATTHEW 2:19-23)

Part 1.	The Coming of the King <i>The Birth of the King</i>
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Part 7.	The Official Presentation of the King
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Part 10.	The Death of the King
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19 But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, **20** saying, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." **21** And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. **22** But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. **23** And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

Once again, Joseph was visited in a dream by an angel. But this time, the news was not as startling. Herod the Great is dead! It is now safe to return to Israel.

On their way back to the land of Israel, something began to trouble Joseph. The news of Herod's death was replaced by stories about his children. Herod's area of authority had been split among three of his sons; Herod Antipas, Philip, and Archelaus. If they were to return to Judea (Bethlehem, or Jerusalem) they would come under the authority of Archelaus. Even early in his reign, the reports concerning Archelaus were more heinous than that of his father. So Mary, Joseph, and Jesus continued north to the district of Galilee, and specifically to the city of Nazareth. This put them out of the reach of Archelaus.

Four Ways the New Testament Quotes the Old Testament

Type And Meaning	New Testament Equivalent	Examples In Matthew 2
<i>Psat</i> - Simple, Literal	Literal prophecy plus literal fulfilment	Mt. 2:5-6 quotes Micah 5:2
<i>Remez</i> - Hint, Suggestion	Literal plus typical (type and antitype)	Mt. 2:15 quotes Hosea 11:1
<i>Drash</i> - Exposition	Literal plus application	Mt. 2:17-18 Quotes Jer. 31:15
<i>Sod</i> - Secret, Hidden	Summation	Mt. 2:23

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