

Series "The King And His Kingdom"
"The King In Egypt"
Matthew 2:13-23
Study-4

We come to "Jesus' Flight To Egypt," Matthew's last section dealing with the early years of Jesus' life.

**Purpose: "Matthew is the gospel written by a Jew to Jews about a Jew."
Theme: "The King And His Kingdom"**

Matthew 1-10: The Revelation of The King.

Lineage of the King - Matthew traces the kingly line back to Abraham.

Conception of the King - (The Virgin Birth) conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Seeking out of the King - Gentiles acknowledged Jesus as the King.

Flight of the King - We see God speaking to Joseph through dreams.

Thought of our Passage: "God Preserved Jesus In Egypt, And In God's Providence, We Can Find Hope Through Jesus, The Friend Of Sinners."

- 1. Verses 13-15 Flee to Egypt**
- 2. Verses 16-18 Death of the Infants**
- 3. Verses 19-23 Residing in Nazareth**

1. Verses 13-15 Flee to Egypt:

Matthew 2:13 Now when they had gone, Context - (Magi) magi - The word "**wise men**" **magi** - Our modern word "*magistrate*" is a direct descendant of the word magi. These professionals were brilliant and highly educated scholars. **Matthew 2:12**

behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream,
Angels are not new characters to the birth of Jesus. **Matthew 1:18-20**

Matthew 1-2 Records 4 times that God speaks to Joseph by way of dreams. (Matthew 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22)

"Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; Matthew describes the divine intervention of God for His Son.

4 Truths About How God Leads:

- 1. God Leads Those Who Have Chosen To Follow Him: Romans 8:14**
- 2. God Leads Through His Written Word: Psalm 119:105**
- 3. God Leads Through The Inner Promptings Of The Holy Spirit: James 1:5**
- 4. God Leads Through Wise, Mature, Trustworthy Christians: Proverbs 11:14**

Egypt was about 70 miles south; it was a place that Herod had no jurisdiction over. In 40 A.D., historians record a million Jews present.

Notice the Lord sent the angel to Joseph with the communication! This is foundational to God's divine order and creation/purpose in marriage and family. **1 Peter 3:7**

for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him."

Matthew makes clear, "Not everyone is excited about the coming of the King!" Herod had been named "King of the Jews" through Rome.

It was the Magi that came to Herod and were asking where is the King?
Matthew 2:2-3

This was the last 1-2 years of Herod's life. His last years were the most brutal as king.

Matthew 2:14 Other passage to read: **Luke 2:21-38**

The Obedience of Joseph: Proverbs 3:5-6

Discipline of Trusting:

The obedience of Joseph Was Immediate: And he arose and took the Child and His mother by night, - Notice that he did not even wait until morning.

Matthew 2:15 until the death of Herod. Herod died in 4 B.C., which means that Jesus was born sometime between 6 and 5 B.C. **Patience of Waiting:**

that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "OUT OF EGYPT DID I CALL MY SON." Taken from Hosea 11:1

#1 Israel was called out of Egypt and delivered through Moses:
"OUT OF EGYPT DID I CALL MY SON

#2 God would call His own son out of Egypt: Divine instructions taken there, then taken out. **Numbers 24:8 "God brings him out of Egypt,**

2. Verses 16-18 Death of the Infants:

Matthew 2:16 Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, **Matthew 2:7-9, 12**

he became very enraged, - sly as Herod is, tricked by someone else, they get angry.

Matthew introduced here the theme of hostility, which he focused on throughout his book.

and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, - 1000 to 300 people. It was about 10-20 little boys.

There is nothing recorded in history about this event.

according to the time which he had determined from the magi. This tells us the Magi traveled for about two years to seek the King out.

Matthew 2:17 Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: Jeremiah 31:15-16, 600 years before Jesus was born.

Matthew 2:18 RACHEL WEeping FOR HER CHILDREN; Rachel (Jacob's Wife) represents mothers of Israel weeping as their sons go into Babylonian captivity.

Application: Our Hope Is In God's Providence Which Is The Answer To The Hopelessness Of Our Sinful Broken World. That weeping in Bethlehem would give way to the salvation of the world. **Bethlehem** – "*House of Bread*" was the birthplace of the Bread of Life.

Death of the Infants: The hope in God's providence is the answer to the hopelessness of man's perversity.

The Babylonian Captivity Ended The Reign of the Kings.

3. Verses 19-23 Residing in Nazareth:

Matthew 2:19 But when Herod died, - we noted this last study spoke of Herod's death.

His grandson Herod Agrippa 1st died the same way. Acts 12:23

behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said,

Matthew 2:20 go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." Patience of Waiting: Exodus 4:19

Matthew 2:21 So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. This was a real act of faith. Joseph was taking God at His Word.

Matthew 2:22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea

When Herod died, his kingdom was divided into three areas among his three sons.

1. Galilee – Herod Antipas
2. North beyond the Jordan - Philip
3. Judea – Archelaus, to whom Herod had willed the title of king.

he was afraid to go there. No wonder this was his son.

Then after being warned by God in a dream, - This is now the fourth encounter of a dream.

he left for the regions of Galilee; this is a distance of about 100 miles North.

Matthew 2:23 and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. Nazareth is located about 30 to 45 miles west of the Sea of Galilee. **John 1:45-46**

This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: "He shall be called a Nazarene." Notice that Matthew says, "**prophets,**" Plural. There is no one verse.

Possibilities:

1. Matthew is speaking about **Isaiah 11:1 Shoot, branch** – Hebrew word "*netzer*" Could derive the term Nazarene.
2. Matthew is speaking of the term **Nazarene** – with regard to a holy life.
3. **Nazarene** – Matthew's day became a household adjective "*despised and scorned.*" **Isaiah 53:3; Psalm 69:9, 19-21**

Why would Jesus be associated with this town that was so hated and looked at with disdain? King came to bear our reproach. (**Philippians 2:1-13**)

Application:

1. Flee To Egypt: Just As God Called The Nation Of Israel Out Of Egypt, So Also God Called His Son Jesus Out Of Egypt. (To Miss Jesus Is To Miss Israel!)

2. Death Of The Infants: The Hope In God's Providence Is The Answer To The Hopelessness Of Man's Perversity. So Many Tears And Weeping; Only God Can Wipe Those Tears.

3. Residing In Nazareth: This King Came To Bear Our Reproach. He Came To Identify With The Lowly. A Friend Of Sinners.