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¹³ Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him.”

¹⁴ So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. ¹⁵ He remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” [Hos 11:1]

Herod's Slaughter of the Infants | Matthew 2:16–18

¹⁶Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent and slew all the male children who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi.

¹⁷Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

¹⁸“A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she refused to be comforted, Because they were no more.” [Jer. 31:15]

The New Covenant | Jeremiah 31:31–34

³¹“Behold, days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. ³³“But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the LORD, “I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Jesus' Resettlement in Nazareth | Matt. 2:19–23

¹⁹ But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, ²⁰ “Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go into the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into 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. Then after being warned by God in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, ²³ and came and lived in a city called Nazareth. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

Tree Stump Sprouting



Matthew's Narrative of Jesus' Birth || Matt. 1–2

- **Jesus is the Messiah, the son of David, and the son of Abraham (1:1).**
- **Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit in the virgin Mary (1:18, 20).**
- **Jesus is the God-man, fully divine and fully human (1:18–25).**
- **Jesus (“Yahweh saves”) was born to save His people from their sins (1:21).**
- **Jesus is Immanuel, “God with us” (1:23).**

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- Jesus is star-signed King of the Jews (2:1–2; Num 24.17).
- Jesus deserves and receives worship and tribute from Gentiles.
- Jesus fulfills God's messianic promises through the prophets (Isa 7:14; Num 24:17; Mic 5:2; Hos 11:1; Jer 31:15; Isa 11:1).
- Jesus is the prophesied ruler who will shepherd God's people Israel (2:6; Mic 5:2).

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- Jesus is opposed by the wicked but preserved by God (2:12–13; 19–22).
- Jesus is the new Israel and God's Son (2:15)
- Jesus gives hope to the grieving by establishing the new covenant (2:18; Jer 3:15, 31–34).
- Jesus is the root of Jesse, the branch from the line of David (2:23).
- Jesus deserves not animosity, anxiety, or apathy but adoration (2.1–12).

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