

The Birth of The King fulfills prophecy Matt. 2:1-23

Intro: Narrative—telling the story

Matt. 1:25-2:1, 5, 15, 17, 23

Matt. 1:23; Isaiah 7:14

- Apologetics

1 Peter 3:13-15

¹³Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED, ¹⁵but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always *being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence.

- Why does Matthew have hope that people can see?

- Why do Christians have hope?

Mark 10:45

Matt. 11:28-30

John 14:1-3

1 Peter 1:3-9

Heb. 2:14-18

Heb. 4:14-16

• Prophecy fulfilled

1) Born in Bethlehem vs. 1-12

John 1:49; Daniel 2:24, 48

Luke 2:4-7, 8-14, 15-20, 21-38

Micah 5:2; John 7:42

Genesis 35:19

2) The flight to Egypt vs. 13-15

Hosea 11:1; Numbers 24:1-9

Exodus 4:22

3) Weeping for the children in Ramah vs. 16-18

Jeremiah 31:15-18; 40:1

Mark 11:8; John 10:10

Genesis 35:16-20

4) The return to Nazareth vs. 19-23

Luke 1:26; 2:4-5; Mark 1:22-24

John 1:45-46; 19:19

Acts 2:22; 1 Peter 3:15