

An Outcast's Account of the Good News of Jesus
Christ, Our Promised Savior:
**Wars, Kings, Refugees, Nazarenes:
I Just Want To Go Home!**

Matthew 2:12-23

Matthew 2:12-15

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

¹³Now 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.’ ¹⁴And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt ¹⁵and 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.”

Matthew 2:16-18

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.”

Matthew 2:19-23

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.

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1. **WARS:** Jesus brings new **PEACE** and new **CONFLICT**

- A new peace inside
- A new peace about who you are
- A new peace about your destiny

1. **WARS:** Jesus brings new **PEACE** and new **CONFLICT**

- A new conflict over people
- A new conflict with the world
- A new conflict within (Flesh/Spirit)

2. **KINGS:** The Reason for Conflict and War

Verse 2 – Jesus claimed to be KING

3. REFUGEES: If you are linked with Jesus you will be persecuted

4. NAZARENES: God repeatedly uses the things the world does not respect to make His glory known

5. Can a refugee ever get home?

- Jeremiah 31:15
- Matthew 2:17-18
- Matthew 23:37

‘Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."