

Jesus' Childhood: Facing Danger After Danger

Mathew 02: 12-23

1. *The first danger:*

*Herod plotted to find and kill Jesus
(Mt 2:3-8, 12)*

- a. The wise men were warned
- b. The wise men obeyed

2. *The second danger:*

Herod attempted to destroy Jesus

- a. Joseph was miraculously warned
 - 1) To flee to Egypt with Jesus and Mary
 - 2) To stay there until told otherwise
 - 3) To keep Jesus safe from Herod
- b. Joseph obeyed: Fled to Egypt
- c. Scripture was fulfilled.
The family lived in Egypt for a while.
Hos 11:1
 - 1) Until Herod died
 - 2) Until called out of Egypt by God
- d. Herod reacted violently
 - 1) He felt humiliated
 - 2) He was furiously angry
 - 3) He called for the slaughter of all children
 - 2 years and under
 - In Bethlehem and all the coasts
- e. Scripture was fulfilled:
The prediction of the children's slaughter by Jeremiah, Jer. 31:15
 - People were grief stricken
 - People were inconsolable
 - People had no hope for their children
- f. Joseph was miraculously instructed:
Return to Israel

12 And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

13 When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14 So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt,

15 Where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

17 Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

18 "A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

19 After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt

20 And said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead."

<p>g. Joseph obeyed: Began to return to Israel</p> <p>3. <i>The third danger:</i> <i>Archelaus, Herod's son,</i> <i>reigned in Judea</i></p> <p>a. Joseph was again miraculously warned: Herod's son Archelaus was a threat</p> <p>b. Joseph obeyed: Turned and went to Galilee</p> <p>c. Scripture was fulfilled: Jesus lived in Nazareth</p>	<p>21 So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.</p> <p>22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee,</p> <p>23 And he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."</p>
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