

THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECIES  
(Matthew 2:13-23)

- I. The FLIGHT to EGYPT (Matt. 2:13-15)
  - A. An ANGEL spoke to JOSEPH in a DREAM (2:13; cf. 1:20; 2:12)
    - 1. AFTER the Magi had LEFT
    - 2. URGENT command to GET UP and GO
    - 3. Order to FLEE to EGYPT
    - 4. To STAY there “until I TELL YOU”
  - B. Joseph OBEYED (2:14)
  - C. They stayed “until the DEATH of HEROD” (2:15*a*)
  - D. This fulfilled the word of the LORD (2:15*b*; cf. Hos. 11:1)
  
- II. The SLAUGHTER at RAMAH (Matt. 2:16-18)
  - A. Herod was OUTRAGED that the Magi had DECEIVED him (2:16*a*)
  - B. Herod ordered the MURDER of all baby BOYS in Bethlehem (2:16*b*)
  - C. This fulfilled the prophecy of JEREMIAH (2:17-18; cf. Jer. 31:15)

- III. The RETURN to NAZARETH (Matt. 2:19-23)
  - A. An ANGEL spoke to JOSEPH in a DREAM (2:19-20)
    - 1. Told him to “take the CHILD and His MOTHER” back to Israel
    - 2. Told him that those seeking to KILL the Child were DEAD
  - B. Joseph OBEYED (2:21-22a)
    - 1. He set out for JUDEA, presumably BETHLEHEM
    - 2. He learned that Archelaus had REPLACED Herod
    - 3. He was AFRAID to settle in JUDEA
  - C. He was WARNED in DREAM to return to GALILEE (2:22b-23a)
  - D. This fulfilled prophecies that CHRIST would be DESPISED (2:23b; cf.