

Messiah Fulfilled God's Promises

Matthew 2:13-23

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BIG IDEA: God providentially protected His Son so He could accomplish his messianic mission.

The purpose of this section is to portray God's providence in providing and protecting the Messiah, all the while fulfilling messianic prophecies from the Old Testament.

Providence - God guides the development of history through His eternal decrees and sometimes intervenes supernaturally in nature and history to accomplish them.

"God the great creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy."

- Westminster Confession

There is order and purpose in Matthew 2:12-23.

<u>Narrative</u>		<u>Prophecy</u>
Flight to Egypt (vv. 13-14)	→	(v. 15; Hosea 11:1)
Herod kills the children (v. 16)	→	(vv. 17-18; Jeremiah 31:15)
Return to Israel (vv. 19-22)	→	(v. 23; Psalm 22:6-7, 13, 20-21, 69:8; Isaiah 11:1, 49:7, 53:2-3)

There is a divine plan with a recurring pattern for an eternal purpose.

I. The Messiah's mission was to inaugurate a new exodus (Matt. 2:13-15; Lk. 9:30-31; 1 Cor. 5:7).

A. Joseph takes his family and flees to Egypt (2:13-14).

Matthew 2:13-14 | "13 Now 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.’ 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt...”

*English Standard Version (ESV)

B. Christ fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet Hosea (v. 15; Hosea 11:1).

Matthew 2:15 | “and 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.’”

Luke 9:30-31 | “30 And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.”

1 Corinthians 5:7 | “Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.”

II. The Messiah’s mission was to inaugurate a new covenant (Matt. 2:16-18; Jer. 31:16-17, 31-35).

A. Herod kills all the male children in Bethlehem (2:16).

Matthew 2:16 | “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.”

B. Christ fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet Jeremiah (vv. 17-18; Jer. 31:15).

Matthew 2:17-18 | “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.’”

Jeremiah 31:31-34 | “31 ‘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.'"

III. The Messiah's mission was to come as a humble servant who would be despised and reject by man (2:19-23; Isa. 53:2-4; Phil. 2:6-11).

A. Joseph and his family return to Israel and live in Nazareth (vv. 19-22).

Matthew 2:19-22 | "19 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."

B. Christ fulfilled what was spoken through the prophets (v. 23; Isa. 4:2, 11:1; Jer. 23:5; Zech. 6:12-13; Ps. 22:6-7, 69:7-9; Isa. 53:2-3).

Matthew 2:23 | "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."

Isaiah 53:2-4 | "2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted."

Isaiah 11:1 | "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit."

Philippians 2:6-11 | "6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."