

Flee into Egypt



Matthew 2:13–23 · This week: We Have Come to Worship Him, Matthew 2; Luke 2

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START

Joseph rose in the night and set out for Egypt with Mary and the young child. An angel had warned him in a dream (Matthew 2:13–14).

READ TOGETHER

Herod meant to kill the child. When the wise men left without reporting back, he ordered the death of the young boys of Bethlehem (Matthew 2:16). Joseph's family was already gone.

MATTHEW 2:13–14

¹³ And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. ¹⁴ When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

MATTHEW 2:19–21

¹⁹ But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. ²¹ And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

WHAT IT TEACHES

Joseph received four dreams in Matthew's first two chapters (Matthew 1:20; 2:13; 2:19; 2:22). Each time

he acted right away. He rose "by night" and went (Matthew 2:14).

President Dieter F. Uchtdorf spoke to parents about this kind of help. *"God is eager to pour out His Spirit to guide parents."*

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The angel told Joseph to stay in Egypt until he brought word (Matthew 2:13). Joseph waited for the next message, then brought his family home and settled in Nazareth, guided again by a dream (Matthew 2:19–23).

Matthew saw a pattern. Israel had once come out of Egypt, and now God's Son did too. "Out of Egypt have I called my son" (Matthew 2:15; Hosea 11:1).

TALK ABOUT IT

Joseph listened to the Lord and acted quickly to keep his family safe. What dangers do families face today, and how can we listen for the Lord's warnings?

TAKE TO CHURCH

Joseph had four dreams in two chapters and obeyed every one. Parents today can receive revelation to protect their families, and children can help by listening too.