

CHRISTMAS #2  
WHERE DID JESUS COME FROM?  
EGYPT

We have learned that Jesus came from Nazareth, a place of shame, rejection, and anger. We shall ask the Lord again, “Jesus, where did you come from”? His answer is “EGYPT”.

We learn about his stay in Egypt in ....

**Matt. 2 13**.... “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.”

<sup>14</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, <sup>15</sup> 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.”**  
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Why would they be sent to Egypt? After all...

**Egypt is a type of the world and it symbolizes enslavement and bondage.** It was called the land of bondage. The land that represented all that was pagan and sinful.

**Egypt, the only other place, aside from Jerusalem, that is mentioned at least once in almost every book of the Bible.**

**Egypt, the place where Hagar the handmaid of Sarah, Abraham’s wife, was from.**

**Egypt, the place where Joseph was sold into slavery by his brothers.**

**Egypt, the place where Jacob and all of his family moved during a famine in Canaan and lived under the rule of Joseph who was then second in command under Pharaoh.**

**Egypt, the place where Pharaoh ordered the death of hundreds of Hebrew male children to stall the rapid growth of their nation.**

**Egypt, the place where Moses was born a Hebrew, raised as an Egyptian, fled as a Hebrew, but returned as a deliverer of God’s people.**

Egypt, the **place where God performed signs, wonders, and miracles before the Egyptians** so that they would know they were not gods and before Israel so that they would know that there was a true God.

Egypt, **the place where Israel was delivered from**, redeemed by the hand of Almighty God.

Four hundred years of oppression – delivered.

Four hundred years of working at building Pharaoh's house – delivered.

Four hundred years of making bricks for temples and gold for idols – delivered.

Four hundred years of between them and the promise land – delivered.

Four hundred years of whips, chains, and cruel taskmasters – delivered.

Four hundred years of under someone else's fears, doubts, and intimidations – delivered.

Four hundred years of suppressed faith, undercover worship, and secret prayer meetings – delivered.

But those of us who are most familiar with the story know that while Israel was delivered up out of Egypt, Egypt never fully was delivered out of them.

This was the **place that God reminded Israel well over 20 times of his deliverance:**

**Leviticus 11:45.** For I am the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You must therefore be holy, for I am holy.''

**Numbers 15: 41.** For I am Jehovah your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt; yes, I am the Lord, your God.''

**Deuteronomy 5:15.** Why should you keep the Sabbath? It is because you were slaves in Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out with a great display of miracles.

The Lord went and came from Egypt because there was ...

### **I. Protection in Egypt**

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.

### A. The WARNING (v.13).

1. The **moment** of the warning.

The warning could have taken place **the same night of the magi's meeting with Herod, the magi's worship and gifts to the Christ child, and the departure to their own country.**

2. The **method** of warning

"an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph **in a dream.**"

3. The **messenger** bringing the warning

".....an angel of the Lord..."

4. The **message** contained in the warning.

**V 13 "...escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you..."**

"**escape**" comes from the Gk. word pheugo from which we get "**fugitive.**" It means "**one who escapes from something or someone.**"

It is in the present imperative meaning that it is to be continued. **We might paraphrase, "Don't stop, but keep on running until to you get to Egypt."**

5. The **motive** for the warning.

**V 13 "...for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."**

Jesus had come into the world to save sinners and He had barely arrived before sinners tried to destroy Him.

Jesus would escape **the sword of Herod.**

<sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, <sup>18</sup> In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not. KJV

What a twist, that **Moses was hidden by the Jews from the Egyptians** and **Jesus was hidden from the Jews by the Egyptians.**

## B. The promise of protection

V 13 "...stay there until I ....."

**1. The promise of the Father's presence** being with them.

**2. The promise that no enemy can touch** them as long as the Father is with them.

**3. The promise that he will continue to "speak and give direction"**. He will give a "continuing word" to guide them in his will.

## Our Father is going to protect us in our Egypt!

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## II. Provision in Egypt

**Mat. 2 11** And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

### A. The provision to get to Egypt v.11

It was some 75 miles to the Egyptian border and probably another 100 miles to a place of safety. We don't know if they had animals or walked. Imagine traveling with a baby.

### B. The provision to remain in Egypt till.....

They stayed in Egypt "until the death of Herod." Many believe this could have been as long as 7 years.

We know little of their stay in Egypt. Most likely they stayed in Alexandria

where there was a large Jewish settlement.

It is likely that **the expensive gifts of the magi provided their needs during this time.**

**The provision of God is always present to the one who obeys Him.**  
The disciples go out at the direction of Jesus **without “cloak or purse”** and were provided for.

Israel went out at the command of Moses and they **walked out of Egypt with wealth, health, and the covering of God’s presence** in the cloud. They had food, and clothing for the entire journey.

He can send the **ravens to feed Elijah.**

He can **give you a house you didn’t build** like Israel entering the Promise Land.

He can use a wicked **king like Artaxerxes to furnish money for the rebuilding of the temple.** We are going to make it!

### **III. Prophecy in Egypt**

15. And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was **spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.**

It is no new thing for God’s sons to be in Egypt, in a strange land, in a house of bondage; but they shall be fetched out. **They may be hid in Egypt, but they shall not be left there.**

**God will give us a “prophetic word” concerning our Egypt.**

**III. Alton Garrison** carries a prophecy spoken over him as a child when he is discouraged.

God will give us a word to help us fulfill our destiny in life.

He will give us a timely word from the Word of God.

His leading is sure.

Jesus, why did you come out of Egypt?

I was there for protection, provision, and to fulfill the words of the prophet concerning me.