

The Christmas Story

Flight Into Egypt



♪ hallelujah!! ♪

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And when [the wise men] 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. Then Herod . . . slew all the children that were in Bethlehem . . . from two years old and under . . .

Matthew 2:13,14,16

The flight into Egypt is part of the Christmas story. The wise men had come from the east, because, though they were not Jews, yet they knew of the prophecies of Isaiah regarding the coming Messiah, most probably through Daniel and his fellows during the Babylonian captivity several hundred years beforehand. They rather naturally visited the court of Herod to make inquiry where this newborn King of the Jews might be, and were directed to Bethlehem by the Jewish scholars whom Herod had assembled.

Isaiah prophesied that this Messiah would be given as a ransom for many, that He would die to save His people from their sins. He further prophesied that the Gentiles also would come to trust in this Saviour. Jesus's death, and resurrection, on our behalf, was arranged even before the foundation of the world. He came for us, even to die for us. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* John 3:16

But there was a proper time for His sacrifice. *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.* Romans 5:6 It would not do for Him to perish as an infant, before time, by the hand of a jealous king.

So God communicated to Joseph, in a dream, (as He had similarly done to warn the wise men), to take his young family into Egypt for a time. And so yet another prophecy was fulfilled, one no man could have guessed or faked.

Matthew 2:15, referring to Hosea 11:1

Christmas is how Emmanuel, God with us, Jesus the Christ, came among us, so He could give His life to pay what we could not for our sins, and then to rise victorious over death – the Father accepted the Son's payment on our behalf.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift. 11 Corinthians 9:15

How to have this wonderful gift?

... Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:30,31

*We wish you all joy of
God's precious Gift!*



Merry Christmas!

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