**Matthew 2**

1. **Wise men from the East (v.1-12).**
   1. Joseph and Mary would have traveled to Bethlehem of Judea, for the Roman census **(Luke 2:1-5).**
   2. King Herod
      1. Background information.
      2. We are told that Herod came to know of their inquiry and that he along with all of Jerusalem was troubled.
      3. Herod meets privately with the wise men sending them to search for the young child “and bring back word” to him so that he too may worship Him.
   3. The star guides the wise men to Christ.
2. **Flee to Egypt, the massacre of young children, home in Nazareth.**
   1. God speaks to Joseph in a dream and tells him to depart into Egypt. The reasoning behind this is that Herod would seek to destroy the child. When he arose (at night), Joseph would take the child and His mother and depart **(v13-14).**
      1. Egypt was a place that many Jews found as a safe haven.
      2. (1 Kings 11:40; Jeremiah 26:21).
   2. They were there until the death of Herod. **(v15).**
      1. This is the 3rd time that an event in Jesus life fulfilled prophecy.
      2. **Hosea 11:1**
   3. Herod massacres all young male children under the age of 2 in Bethlehem and its districts **(v16-18).**
      1. This is consistent with Herod’s reputation
      2. Matthew quotes Jeremiah 31:15
   4. Herod dies **(v19-20).**
      1. Joseph receives another visit (in his dream) from an angel.
      2. Back to Israel.
   5. Joseph arises and takes the young child and mother and came into the land of Israel. Joseph being warned in a dream and seeing that Archelaus ruled in Judea after Herod’s death, instead goes to Galilee **(v21-22).**
      1. Where they had previously lived.
      2. Luke 1:26-27; 2:4.
   6. He shall be called a Nazarene **(v23).**