

Questions for Matthew 2:13-23

1. Why did “an angel of the Lord” instruct Joseph to take “the young Child and His mother” to Egypt? (verse 13)

2. What ancient Israelite scene is being echoed in these events? (verses 13-18)

3. How did Matthew use the Old Testament to explain Jesus and His family going in and out of Egypt? (verses 15, 18)

4. If Herod was the man trying to kill Jesus, why did the angel tell Joseph: “those (*plural*) who sought the young Child’s life are dead?” (verses 19-20)

5. Who was Archelaus and why would his rule in southern Judea cause Joseph and family to head north to Galilee? (verses 21-22)

6. What does the phrase, “He shall be called a Nazarene,” mean? (verse 23)