

The Gospel of Matthew

“The Origins of Jesus Christ”
(part 4)

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Matthew 2:13-23

➤ **Overview**

1. Matthew shows the geographic origins of Jesus Christ – from Bethlehem to Nazareth
2. Matthew portrays Jesus as the new Moses and the true Israel (“typology”)

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Two “Fulfillments”

1. Sojourn in Egypt
 - Jesus’ movements re-enacted Israel’s sojourn in and exodus from Egypt
 - “Fulfilled” Hosea 11:1 – Jesus is the true son, the new Israel, the locus of God’s people; *He brings a new, greater exodus*

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Two “Fulfillments”

2. Massacre in Bethlehem
 - probably between 15-20 children were killed
 - foreboding of the intense hostility and opposition to Jesus

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Two “Fulfillments”

2. Massacre in Bethlehem
 - “Fulfillment” of Jeremiah 31:15
 - the weeping in Bethlehem corresponds to the weeping over the exile in Jeremiah’s day
 - setting of hope – the weeping of the exile is coming to an end (“fulfilled”) because the Deliverer has arrived

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Observation

➤ God took sovereign action to spare His son yet allowed Herod to slaughter the children of Bethlehem (?)

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Reflections

1. Evil is real and present and continues in this age; God permits it yet He reigns
2. God spared His son in this instance so He could bring an end to evil and ultimate weeping by not sparing His son from the cross

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Romans 8:32

“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”

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