



## The Escape to Egypt

Matthew 2:12-23

<sup>12</sup> And being **warned in a dream** not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by another route. <sup>13</sup> After they were gone, **an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream**, saying, "Get up! Take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. For Herod is about 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 **escaped to Egypt**. <sup>15</sup> He stayed there until Herod's death, so that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled: **Out of Egypt I called my Son**. <sup>16</sup> Then Herod, when he realized that he had been outwitted by the wise men, flew into a rage. He gave orders to massacre all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, in keeping with the time he had learned from the wise men.

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<sup>17</sup> Then what was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled: <sup>18</sup> **A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.**

<sup>19</sup> After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared **in a dream to Joseph** in Egypt, <sup>20</sup> saying, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, because those who intended to kill the child are dead." <sup>21</sup> So he got up, took the child and his mother, and entered the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being **warned in a dream**, he withdrew to the region of Galilee. <sup>23</sup> Then he went and settled in a town called Nazareth to fulfill what was spoken through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.

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### Satan Opposes God's Plan

Matthew 2:12-18

Revelation 12

Exodus 1

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### God Still Speaks Today

Matthew Chapters 1 and 2

An Angel Spoke to Joseph in a Dream to Take Mary as His Wife  
God Warned the Magi in a Dream Not to Go Back to See Herod

God Guided Joseph in a Dream to Leave Bethlehem

God Guided Joseph in a Dream Leave Egypt

God Guided Joseph in a Dream to Avoid Judea and Head to Galilee

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Jeremiah 23:25-29

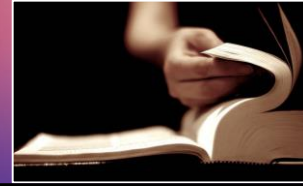
<sup>25</sup> "I have heard what the prophets who prophesy a lie in my name have said: 'I had a dream! I had a dream!'" <sup>26</sup> How long will this continue in the minds of the prophets prophesying lies, prophets of the deceit of their own minds? <sup>27</sup> Through their dreams that they tell one another, they plan to cause my people to forget my name as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. <sup>28</sup> The prophet who has only a dream should recount the dream, but the one who has my word should speak my word truthfully, for **what is straw compared to grain?**—this is the LORD's declaration. <sup>29</sup> "Is not my word like fire?"—this is the LORD's declaration—"and like a hammer that pulverizes rock?"

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### OPEN YOUR BIBLE



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#### The Bottom Line On Dreams

Is every dream a message from God? **No**

Does God still speak through dreams? **Maybe**

Is there a better way to find God's message? **Yes**

**Read His Word! Trust His Spirit!**

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### God Often Uses Detours

Isaiah 55:8-9

<sup>8</sup> "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not my ways." This is the LORD's declaration. <sup>9</sup> "For as heaven is higher than earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

#### Lessons You Can Learn From Your Detour

When God Speaks, Obey Him Quickly

Learn the Value of Waiting

Isaiah 30:18

Therefore the LORD is waiting to show you mercy, and is rising up to show you compassion, for the LORD is a just God. All who wait patiently for him are happy.

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### God Protects You When You Follow His Plan

Isaiah 43:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Now this is what the LORD says—the one who created you, Jacob, and the one who formed you, Israel—"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and the rivers will not overwhelm you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, and the flame will not burn you."

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**IF FAITH**

**BUT IF NOT FAITH**

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