

The King Fulfills Prophecy, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Matthew 2.

B. The theme of Old Testament prophecy is that God is sending a king. That king is Jesus. (1 Peter 1:9)

C. Prophecy tells us that Jesus is the king.

II. The birth at Bethlehem.

III. The exodus to Egypt.

IV. The ravaging of Rhema.

A. Herod determined to kill children under two years old because he heard that the Messiah was born.

B. This was done to fulfill prophecy. (Jeremiah 31:15)

C. There was weeping for the rejection of Messiah and for the slaughter.

D. There is a connection made between Rhema and Rachel.

1. Rhema was a city five miles north of Jerusalem where the border between the Southern and Northern kingdom sat.

2. It was a place of weeping because it was a place where deportation occurred.

3. Portions of the Northern and Southern kingdoms came from Rachel. They were ultimately divided and sent into captivity.

E. Matthew shows us that the Spirit intended this imagery to predict the coming of Messiah.

V. The name of Nazareth.

A. Joseph went to Joseph fulfilling the prophecy that Jesus would be called a Nazarene.

B. It is unclear where this prophecy is located. Some say Isaiah 11:1, but there were some prophecies that were not written down. (Jude 14)

C. A Nazarene became a term of derision.

Application Questions:

1. What is the connection between Jeremiah 31:15 and Matthew 2?

2. What is typology? Why is it important to understand for Bible reading?

3. Why might the prophesy of the Nazarene mentioned in Matthew 2 be absent from the Old Testament?
