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This Week's Sermon

"An Old Testament Christmas"

Matthew 2:13-23

Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

Matthew 2:1-12

⁵ “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ “ ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-12

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Reading Narrative

This ISN'T in Luke's gospel account!!

Why is Matthew writing the narrative this way?

How do we read the Old Testament quotations?

Matthew is using the Old Testament to
prove that Jesus is the Messiah

Why use OT Quotations?

To demonstrate that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's purposes and of the prophetic witness of the Old Testament Scriptures.

Reading the Old Testament for Christ



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What the Lord had said through the Prophet...

“When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and out of Egypt I called my son.” – Hosea 11:1

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Hosea 11:1= TYPOLOGY

“Hosea is talking about the Exodus of Israel and saying that Jesus actually FULFILLS it!”

Old Exodus vs. New Exodus

OLD

King Pharaoh

Egyptian Oppression

Moses preserved

God's Sovereignty

God in Judgment (plagues)

Called "Out of Egypt"

NEW

King Herod

Roman Oppression (Sin)

Jesus preserved

God's Sovereignty

God in Humiliation (flight)

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Umm...What?

How is this a fulfillment?

Taken Into Exile

15 This is what the Lord says:

“A voice is heard in Ramah,
mourning and great weeping,
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– Jeremiah 31:15

What is the exile?

“Exile, in theological terms, is the experience of pain and suffering that results from the knowledge that there is a home where one belongs, yet, for the present, one is unable to return there. This existential sense of deep loss may be compounded by a sense of guilt or remorse stemming from the knowledge that the cause of exile is sin.”

-New Dictionary of Biblical Theology, p. 475

What is the exile?

Exile means being OUT of God's presence,
because of sin.

Metalepsis – One Verse (Jeremiah 31:15)



Metalepsis – Whole Passage (Jeremiah 31)



What comes next! Jeremiah 31:16-17

16 This is what the Lord says:

“Restrain your voice from weeping
and your eyes from tears,
for your work will be rewarded,”
declares the Lord.

“They will return from the land of the enemy.
17 So there is hope for your descendants,”
declares the Lord.

“Your children will return to their own land.

What is Matthew saying?

Christ has come to end the exile and restore people to God's presence!

Metalepsis Continued: Jeremiah 31:31-32

31 “The days are coming,” declares the Lord,
“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

33 “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

34 No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the Lord.

“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

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Yes!

The story is all about Jesus.

Jesus ushers in a New Exodus

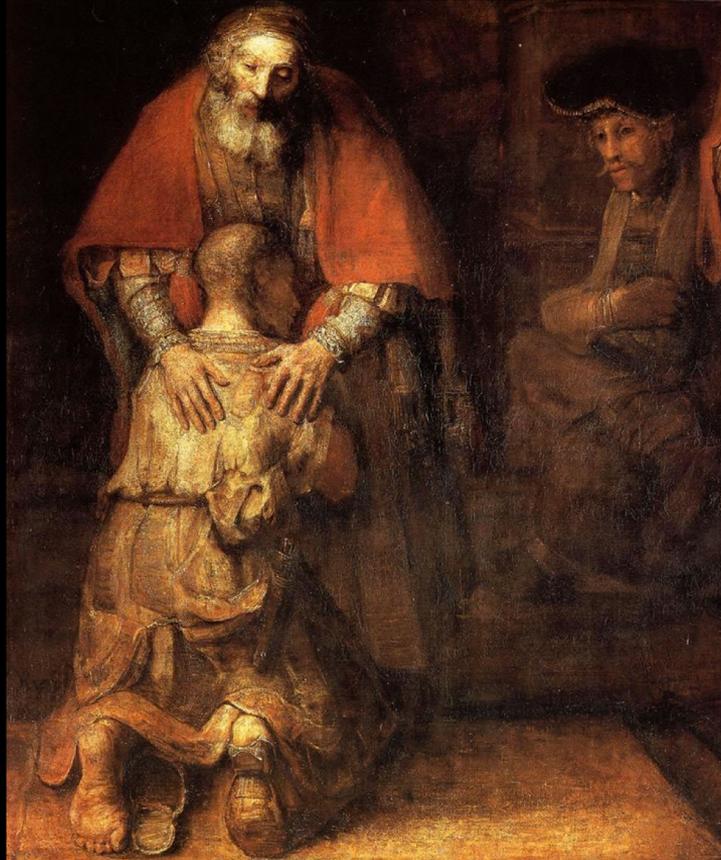


The New Covenant

26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

27 Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the [New] covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29 I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Jesus Came to End the Exile for Sinners





Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
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Gospel Application

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How will Christ be the center of your story in 2020?