

Providence Reformed Baptist Church

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Sermon Series: The Gospel of the Kingdom – Matthew

Message 7. Jesus of Nazareth (Part 2) – Matthew 2:13-23

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- I. Out of Egypt – vs. 13-15
 - A. Fleeing to Egypt
 1. Egypt – a well ordered, Roman province
 - a. Outside Herod's jurisdiction
 - b. About 70 miles from Bethlehem (Burnet to Fredericksburg is 68 miles)
 - c. Community of around 1 million Jews there at that time
 2. Like Joseph of Old – Gen. 37:1-5, 28, 32-36; 45:1-8; 50:19-20
 - a. Dreams of Greatness
 - b. Deprivations of Freedom
 - c. Deceptions and Death
 - d. Deliverance
 - 1) For Egypt from famine
 - 2) For Jacob and his family
 - e. Declarations of God's Goodness and Sovereignty
 - B. Waiting for Word to Return – CHS quote 1
 - C. Fulfilling the Prophet – Hos. 11:1
 1. Just like His people, Jesus was taken to Egypt
 2. Just like His people, Jesus waited to return to Israel
 3. Just like His people, Jesus was brought out of Egypt
 4. Unlike His people, Jesus was an obedient Son, whereas Israel disobeyed
- II. Comfort for the Uncomforted – vs. 16-18
 - A. Herod's Deadly Rampage (vs. 16)
 1. Not recorded outside of Scripture
 - a. Herod murdered his wife Mariamne
 - b. Herod had her 2 sons strangled
 - c. Herod had another son, Antipater, executed
 - d. Herod executed all of the Hasmonean heirs to end the Maccabean line
 2. Like Pharaoh at the birth of Moses – Exodus 1:15-22 – CHS quote 2
 3. Blaming Jesus for Herod's murderous hatred – CHS quote 3
 - B. Fulfilling the Prophet (vs. 17-18) – Jeremiah 31:15
 1. Jeremiah prophesied to those taken into Babylonian captivity
 2. The result of the weeping was the hope of return and restoration
 - a. Refrain from weeping – Jer. 31:16-17
 - b. Grace found in the wilderness – Jer. 31:2
 - c. Everlasting love – Jer. 31:3
 - d. Return to the Land – Jer. 31:7-8
 - e. A New Covenant – Jer. 31:31-34
 3. True Comfort found in the Child who escaped – CHS quote 4
 4. Exile from David to Christ – DA Carson quote 5
- III. Jesus of Nazareth – vs. 19-23
 - A. Herod Died (vs. 19-20)
 1. Herod died at Jericho in 4 BC between a lunar eclipse (Mar 13) and Passover (April 11)
 2. He died from an excruciatingly painful, putrefying sickness that came to be known as "Herod's Evil"

3. Wanting people to grieve at his death, he ordered a large group of notable men to be brought to Jericho and executed when he died – his orders were not obeyed
- B. Return to Israel (vs. 21-23)
 1. To Galilee – the rustic, Podunk place where country folk lived – dull and insignificant
 2. To Nazareth – fulfilling the prophet – Isa. 4:2; 11:1; 53:2; Zech. 3:8; 6:12
 - a. Hebrew root word for Nazareth is nedzar, meaning “sprout, shoot, or branch”
 - b. The Branch, from the root of Jesse
 - c. Nazarene? Meaning “from Nazareth,” not to be confused with Nazarite
 - d. But the Messiah was not coming from Nazareth – John 1:46
 - e. But He did – Luke 4:14-22
- C. When the Nations Rage against the Sovereign Savior – Psa. 2

Quotes

1. CH Spurgeon – “Wait for the Lord’s Word before you make a move – to go, or to return.”
2. CH Spurgeon – “Men will do anything to be rid of Jesus!”
3. CH Spurgeon – “Men say that religion has been the cause of cruelty and bloodshed: honesty should compel them to admit, that not religion, but opposition to religion, has done this.”
4. CH Spurgeon – “Surely, if these women had but known, they might have been comforted by the fact, that though their little ones were slain, The Children’s Friend had escaped and still lived to be the Savior of all who die before committing actual transgression.”
5. DA Carson – “Matthew has already made the exile a turning point in his thought (1:11-12), for at that time the Davidic line was dethroned. The tears of the exile are now being ‘fulfilled’ – i.e., the tears begun in Jeremiah’s day are climaxed and ended by the tears of the mothers of Bethlehem. The heir to David’s throne has come, the exile is over, the true Son of Gpd has arrived, and he will introduce the new covenant (Matt. 26:28) promised by Jeremiah.”

Cross References

Genesis 37:1-5

37 Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. 2 This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the lad was with the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to his father. 3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. Also he made him a tunic of many colors. 4 But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him. 5 Now Joseph had a dream, and he told it to his brothers; and they hated him even more.

Genesis 37:28

28 Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Genesis 37:32-36

32 Then they sent the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father and said, "We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's tunic or not?" 33 And he recognized it and said, "It is my son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to pieces." 34 Then Jacob tore his clothes, put sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, "For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning." Thus his father wept for him. 36 Now the Midianites had sold him in Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh and captain of the guard.

Genesis 45:1-8

45 Then Joseph could not restrain himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Make everyone go out from me!" So no one stood with him while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. 2 And he wept aloud, and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard it. 3 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph; does my father still live?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. 4 And Joseph said to his brothers, "Please come near to me." So they came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you who sent me here, but God; and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

Genesis 50:19-20

19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive.

Hosea 11:1

11 "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.

Exodus 1:15-22

15 Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; 16 and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?” 19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.” 20 Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. 21 And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them. 22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

Jeremiah 31:15-17

15 Thus says the Lord: “A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted for her children, Because they are no more.” 16 Thus says the Lord: “Refrain your voice from weeping, And your eyes from tears; For your work shall be rewarded, says the Lord, And they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope in your future, says the Lord, That your children shall come back to their own border.

Jeremiah 31:2-3

2 Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness— Israel, when I went to give him rest.” 3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

Jeremiah 31:7-8

7 For thus says the Lord: “Sing with gladness for Jacob, And shout among the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O Lord, save Your people, The remnant of Israel!’ 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”

Isaiah 4:2

2 In that day the Branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious; And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and appealing for those of Israel who have escaped.

Isaiah 11:1

11 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Isaiah 53:2

2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Zechariah 3:8

8 'Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You and your companions who sit before you, For they are a wondrous sign; For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant the BRANCH.

Zechariah 6:12

12 Then speak to him, saying, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: "Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord;

John 1:46

46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

Luke 4:14-22

14 Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. 16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." 22 So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Psalm 2

1 Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us." 4 He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. 5 Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: 6 "Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion." 7 "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. 9 You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " 10 Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.