

MOVING ON FROM BETHLEHEM—2

“It Continued with an Interruption”

Matthew 2:1-23

Introduction _____

I. FIRST, NOTE THE EXPEDITION OF THE MAGI OR WISE MEN (Matthew 2:1-12).

- A. First, consider their pedigree (2:1).
- B. Secondly, see their problem (2:2a) “. . . *Where is he that is born King of the Jews?*”
- C. Thirdly, consider their pacemaker (2:2b). “. . . *for we have seen his star in the east . . .*”
- D. Fourthly, notice their purpose (2:2, 9-11). “. . . *and have come to worship him.*”
- E. Fifthly, think about their problem (2:12).

CONCLUSION: What is here for us in these 12 verses?

1. The response of incitement, hostility and pride—HEROD.
2. There is the response of indifference and religious activity—THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES.

3. There is the response of interest, worship and personal sacrifice —THE WISE MEN!

II. SECONDLY, NOTICE THE _____ TO EGYPT BY THE FAMILY OF JESUS (Matthew 2:13-15)

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE _____ BY HEROD TO DESTROY THE FAMILY (Matthew 2:16-18).

IV. FOURTHLY, SEE THE _____ FROM EGYPT BY THE MESSIAH’S FAMILY (Matthew 2:19-23).

- A. First, notice the _____ (2:19-20).
- B. Secondly, consider the _____ (2:21-23).
 1. This move involved a _____ (2:22).
 2. It included the fulfillment of _____ (2:23).

CONCLUSION: Note 3 thoughts to think through:

1. The will of God does not _____ the challenges of life.
2. The love of God does not _____ or eliminate attacks by the enemy.
3. The promises of God do not _____ or lessen the responsibilities of the believer.