

# MATTHEW

July 4, 2021

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## READ

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## QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Describe the urgency for the young family to flee the country (v. 13).
2. How quickly does Joseph respond (v. 14)?
3. Why go to Egypt (v. 15)?
4. What is going on in Herod's twisted mind (v. 16)?
5. What does Bethlehem have to do with Rachel & Ramah (v. 18; c.f., Genesis 35:19)?
6. Where does it seem that Joseph is taking the family upon their return to Israel (v. 22)?

What changes his mind?

Where do they end up and what challenges will they (likely) face in this locale (vv. 22-23)?

8. What are the implications of the Messiah/King being called "a Nazarene" (v. 23)? You may want to consult a study Bible or commentary.

9. How does this prophecy differ from the previous two?

10. Why does prophecy play such an important role in this text? What is Matthew's intent?

11. Can you identify the original context of each prophecy? How does this contrast with Matthew's application of the prophecy? What does this tell us about the nature of prophecy?

Hosea 11:1

Jeremiah 31:15

(Isaiah 11:1)

(Jeremiah 23:5)

(Psalm 22:6)

(Isaiah 53:3)

### **PERSONAL RESPONSE**

I will cultivate a listening ear this week by . . .

I will cultivate a trusting attitude this week by . . .

I will cultivate humility this week by . . .