

## **No Room in King Herod's Kingdom**

Matthew 2:13-18

**Introduction:** Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year because it marks the most wonderful historical event of all time...The coming of the promised Messiah. But, let's never forget that the Christmas story has a dark side too. Today we will look at the dark side of the Christmas story through the eyes of Matthew.

**The royal visit of the Magi created a royal mess in Herod's palace (vs. 1-12)**

**Mary, Joseph and Jesus escape Herod's death plot  
(vs. 13-18)**

**Herod's genocidal response was predicted (vs. 17-18)**

**Christ's return from Egypt was prophesied (vs. 22-23)**

**Three certainties in an uncertain world:**

1. The evidence of fulfilled prophecy proves that Jesus is the Messiah and the only Savior of the world.

2. No matter how unstable the world looks, God's providential plans and prophetic predictions will never fail. (Isaiah 46:9-10)

3. on a personal level, God's love for you will never fail no matter what happens. (Romans 8:31)