

the aftermath of Christmas... kind of Bitter Sweet, dead period b4 Bowl Wk!
...no more presents under the tree, last few FOOD Parties are dying down
...taking down all the lights, changing the décor back, hauling boxes to the
bak of attic

MESSAGE: Egypt...Again!?

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Matthew 2:13-15

(wise men left b4 the packing)

(we have to Load the

Car!)

13After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother; **15**and they stayed there until Herod's death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: "I called my Son out of Egypt."

#1 EGYPT IS INEVITABLE

(a look @ Joseph's RESPONSE)

supposed to be the earthly father of the PRINCE of PEACE

16Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance. **17**Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

18"A cry was heard in Ramah—weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead."

#2 EGYPT IS NOT ETERNAL

(life happens in Seasons & Circumstances)

have to be Careful not to raise a DISNEY Generation

-that only believes in Fairy Tales

-your sleeping beauty is in the tower; your prince in shining armor is on the way

-SECULAR Salvation- rise from the Ashes; Identity is tied to Accomplishment

-work hard & you can accomplish anything (Not always True)

Am I Living as a Child of GOD, or a Child of AMERICA?

Am I a SON of SALVATION, or a Slave of Society?

Am I Striving to be CHRISTIAN, or AMERICAN?

The Return to Nazareth

19When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. 20“Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother ***back to the land of Israel***, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.”

#3 EGYPT HAD A PURPOSE (Let's FAST & PRAY Church

21So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. 22But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. 23So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: “He will be called a Nazarene.”

Joseph had Dreams & the voice of angels

We have the Voice of God's Spirit

FROM What is God PROTECTING me? (Gabriel prayed b4 I left my car in gear)

FOR What is God PREPARING me?

When I OBEY, I can TRUST HIS PLAN!