

Twas the Age Before Christmas, Part I - Prophecies Fulfilled in the young Christ - Matthew 2

The Four Locations in which each of these prophecies is fulfilled are as follows and in this order:

I. The Birth at B_____ - Matt 2:3-6

- A. Herod hears about the t_____ of a new "King of the Jews".
- B. Micah - thundered many judgements
 1. especially about wicked r_____ in.. Mic 2:1-5
 2. And against false p_____ and hypocritical teachers in... Mic 2:6-11
 3. And against violent l_____ of the people in... Mic 3:1-4
 4. But, in Micah 4 God begins to speak of d_____ to the people of God
Mic 5:2 (_____ years before the birth of Christ)

Prophecy fulfilled: Luk 2:4-7

II. The Escape to E_____ - Matt 2:13-15

- A. In Matt 2:13, God speaks to Joseph in a d_____
- B. Why Egypt?
 1. Egypt had long represented s_____ and oppression for Israel. But...
 2. It has been speculated that the gold, frankincense and myrrh brought by the magi were a f_____ blessing
 3. Why Egypt? to fulfill prophecy written _____ years earlier by Hosea. Hos 11:1, Pro 16:9, Isa 46:9-10

Prophecy fulfilled: Mat 2:19-21

III. The Mournful Weeping of Rachel in R_____ - Matt 2:16-18

- A. Herod becomes furious, (the word literally means enraged, violent anger). He feels t_____. He is a_____. Herod seeks to d_____ the one even he may now fear is the rightful king.
- B. This manifestation of Herod's wrath unfolds fulfilling Jeremiah's prophecy 600 years earlier. Jer 31:15
 1. R_____ was located 5 miles north of Jerusalem.
 2. Ramah was a d_____ city at the time.
 3. Weeping Rachel symbolized the mothers of Israel / Ramah s_____ of families & loved ones.
- C. Matthew reaches back into history _____ years to apply this prophecy to the birth of C_____.

Prophecy fulfilled: Mat 2:16

IV. He Shall be Called a N_____ - Matt 2:19-23

- A. The Account v. 22 - Archelaus f_____ Joseph. Here are the reasons why:
- B. The Prophets mentioned in v. 23 are n_____ to be found in the Old Testament
- C. The Label "Nazarene" If you wanted to i_____ someone
 1. Act 24:1 ... the sect of the Nazarenes.
 2. The authoritative book of Jewish tradition called the Talmud
 3. In John 1:46, "Can a _____ good come out of Nazareth?"
 4. Being from Nazareth only increased the way that Jesus was d_____ by men, as Isaiah prophesied _____ years before Christ came.

Consider this: Act 17:24-27 Mat 1:23