



Redeeming Notes

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“The Great King vs. The King of Kings”

Matthew 2:13-23

What Was Herod’s Problem? – Misunderstanding!

... Herod was king by **human** appointment vs. Jesus who was King by **divine** appointment

...Jesus didn’t want Herod’s **throne**, he wanted to be **King of his life!**

Four Lessons from the KoK’s plight

1. God provides intervention

...a **warning** against imminent **danger**.

“After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. ‘Get up and 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 try to kill the child.’” vs. 13 (NLT)

...it is **possible** for God to intervene in each situation, but **not likely**
– Why?

2. God provides protection

...not always from **death**; (temporal perspective)

...more importantly, from **despair** (eternal perspective)

3. God provides direction

Their guide - **God’s angel**

Our guide - **God’s word**

4. God provides completion

“And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: ‘Out of Egypt I called my son.’” vs. 15 (NIV) – Matthew references Hosea 11:1

... God’s history of completing **promises** influences my present and future history of **obedience**.

...**Joseph’s** example

“That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary...” vs. 14

READING PLAN:

Monday – Matthew 1, 2

Tuesday – Hosea 11

Wednesday – Psalm 148

Thursday – Isaiah 63

Friday – Hebrews 2