



The Christmas Confrontation

Matthew 2:13-23

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Big Idea: Expect evil to attack God's good plan, even through religion, but be assured that God will prevail.

Matthew 2:13-18 ESV

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." 14 And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt 15 and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, "Out of Egypt I called my son."

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah:

18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more."

You can expect evil to attack God's good plan.

Rev. 12:4 The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born.

You can expect that those attacking will appear as religious.

You can expect God's plan to prevail.

Rev 11:15 "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."