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of the Messiah - Lesson #1

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OF THE
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**Matthew:
“The Messianic Hope”**

Matthew 1–2

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Five Dreams

- 1. Matt. 1:20 — to Joseph**
- 2. Matt. 2:12 — to the Magi**
- 3. Matt. 2:13 — to Joseph**
- 4. Matt. 2:19 — to Joseph**
- 5. Matt. 2:22 — to Joseph**

Five Fulfillments

- 1. Isa. 7:14 in Matt. 1:22–23**
- 2. Micah 5:2 in Matt. 2:6**
- 3. Hosea 11:1 in Matt. 2:15**
- 4. Jer. 31:15 in Matt. 2:18**
- 5. Summary in Matt. 2:23**

1. First dream: Matt. 1:20

Matt. 1:20, “But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 1:21, “ ‘And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS [*Yeshuah*], for He will save [*yasha*] His people from their sins.’ ”

2. First fulfillment

Matt. 1:22, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying:

Matt. 1:23, “ ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which is translated, ‘God with us.’ ”

First Fulfillment

Isa. 7:14, “Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.”

3. Second Fulfillment

Matt. 2:5, “So they said to him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet:

Matt. 2:6, “ ‘*But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are not the least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.*’ ”

Second Fulfillment

Mic. 5:2, “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.”

4. Second Dream

Matt. 2:12, “Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.”

5. The Third Dream

Matt. 2:13, “Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.’ ”

6. Third Fulfillment

Matt. 2:14, “When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt,

Matt. 2:15, “and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ‘*Out of Egypt I called My Son.*’ ”

Third Fulfillment

Hos. 11:1, “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son.”

Hos. 1:11, “Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and appoint for themselves one head; and they shall come up out of the land, for great will be the day of Jezreel!”

Hos. 3:5, “Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.”

7. Fourth Fulfillment

Matt. 2:17, “Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying:

Matt. 2:18, “ ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.’ ”

7. Fourth Fulfillment

Jer. 31:15, “Thus says the LORD: ‘A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.’ ”

8. Fourth Dream

Matt. 2:19, “Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

Matt. 2:20, “saying, ‘Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.’ ”

9. Fifth Dream

Matt. 2:22, “But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea instead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And being warned by God in a dream, he turned aside into the region of Galilee.”

10. Fifth Fulfillment

Matt. 2:23, “And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, ‘He shall be called a Nazarene.’ ”

Isa. 53:2, “For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.

Isa. 53:3, “He is despised and rejected by men, a Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.”

Isa. 53:4, “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”

Isa. 53:10, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.

Isa. 53:11, “He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities.”