

Matt 2:13-15 – Flight into Egypt, *Out of Egypt*

Introduction: Structure, Recapitulation, & Typology

1. The structure of our text: Three Frames ending with a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy
 - a. Flight into Egypt fulfills Hosea 11:1
 - b. Herod's Treachery fulfills Jeremiah 31:15
 - c. Jesus the Nazarene fulfills the Prophets
2. *Recapitulation*: Idea where One event or One individual in the Old Testament foreshadows another future event in the New Testament, namely in Jesus (Ex: Adam → 2nd Adam)
 - a. Adam was the Son of God (**Luke 2:38**)
 - b. Adam failed – Another Adam was needed to reverse the curse (**Romans 5:15, 1 Corinthians 15:45**)
 - c. *Typology*: Adam is a *type* of Messianic figure foreshadowing the True Messiah, Jesus
3. The Nation of Israel is another Adam/Son, but Israel failed
4. The parallels between Moses, Israel, and Jesus in our text
 - a. Israel's Exodus, Exile, Return to the Promised Land
 - b. Parallels Between Moses and Jesus
 - i. Pharaoh & Herod kill male children two or below
 - ii. Moses & Jesus are kept safe by their parents
 - iii. Moses & Jesus flee for their lives are threatened
 - iv. Moses & Jesus return when the king is dead
 - c. The Grammar & Word Usage is almost Exact
 - i. *Seeking to kill, he fled/departed* (**Exodus 2:15**)
 - ii. King of Egypt *came to an end* – Same word used when King Herod dies (**Exodus 2:23**)
 - iii. God tells Moses to go back: **Ex 4:19 // Matt 2:20**
 - d. Israel's history is recapitulated in Jesus' Life
 - i. Israel is God's Son – but failed (**Exodus 4:22-23**)
 - ii. What Israel failed to do, Jesus Accomplishes!
 - iii. History is HIS Story: More than just a narrative of events, but God's redemptive purposes fulfilled
 - e. Summary: 1. The OT foreshadows the NT, 2. Redemptive History is Recapitulated in the life of Jesus

Main Idea: Jesus, as the Righteous Branch of David, fulfills God's Promises & Will as the Last Exodus, OUR Exodus, obediently leading us out of Exile into our Hope & Restoration as God's People.

Exodus: Flight into Egypt out of Egypt (vv 13-15; Hosea 11:1)

1. Historical Event: Joseph urgently, obediently flees to Egypt
2. Theological Intent: God thwarts Herod's plot; protects His Son
3. Prophetic Fulfillment: God moves Jesus to Egypt to fulfill the word of Hosea

Interpretive Issue #1: How can Matthew make History Prophetic?

1. Hosea 11:1-4 – Israel as a fledgling nation, God demonstrating covenant love to an unfaithful people – the passage is historical
2. Hosea 11:5-7 – God's Judgment; Hosea 11:8-9 – God's Mercy; Hosea 11:10-11 – God's Restoration
3. Hosea teaches a past Exodus under Moses foreshadows a future Exodus; An Exodus that Matthew says is fulfilled in Jesus
 - a. Israel's Past Exodus → Future Exodus
 - i. Hosea 2:15 → 16-20
 - ii. Hosea 12:13 → 9
 - iii. Future Exodus Described: Hosea 7:11, 16; 8:13; 9:3, 6
4. How is this Past Historical Exodus LINKED to Matthew 2?
 - a. Israel failed - Jesus succeeds as the True Israel, as the Second Exodus

Interpretive Issue #2: Why does Matthew say Jesus is coming out of Egypt, since He is going into Egypt?

1. Hosea 11:8 – Israel is compared to Sodom & Gomorrah
2. Revelation 11:7-8 – Jerusalem is compared to Sodom & Egypt
3. Jesus described Israel & Jerusalem as an adulterous generation
4. The Israel of Jesus' day was more like Egypt than Israel of David's day
5. Fleeing Herod and the Nation of Israel was like fleeing Pharaoh

Interpretive Issue #3: Why does Matthew Apply what is True of Israel as a Nation to an Individual?

1. Hosea 11:10-11 is an Allusion to Numbers 23:22, 24 & 24:7-9
 - a. The Lion = the People and God and His King
 - b. What happens to the People, happens to the King
 - c. Matthew does what Hosea does
2. Jesus is the Last Exodus – acting as Israel
3. Jesus is the Head who leads God's People out of the land of Egypt (**Hosea 1:11; See Exodus 1:10, Isaiah 11:16**)
4. Not an accident Matthew Uses Hosea 11:1 to refer to Jesus
 - a. Hosea 10:14-15 – children killed, mothers weep, the king (Herod) dies; And then the Son EXITS out of Egypt
5. Jesus is OUR Exodus from the Oppressor named SIN

Next Week: Exile & Return