

## **Kinds of Prophetic Fulfillment**

Matthew 2

### **Predictive Prophecy (v. 6)**

- Definition – a word spoken by God whereby He declares the f\_\_\_\_\_ through a prophet.
- The circumstances
  1. Magi (or wisemen) came into Jerusalem asking where the newborn “King of the Jews” was for they had seen His \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. This disturbed all of J\_\_\_\_\_
      - 1) The magi were P\_\_\_\_\_ (non-Jewish)
        - a) They may have received this revelation from G\_\_\_\_\_
        - b) They may have received this revelation from D\_\_\_\_\_ by oral tradition since he was a chief of the magi.
      - 2) God had not given the Jews any revelation about a s\_\_\_\_\_ pointing to the birth of the Messiah (Num 24:15 is erroneously cited by some scholars, but Matthew would have quoted it since his early chapters are focused on the fulfillment of prophecy).
    - b. This disturbed H\_\_\_\_\_
      - 1) He was given the title “King of the Jews” by R\_\_\_\_\_.
      - 2) Herod was irrecoverably i\_\_\_\_\_ and had named his son Archelaus as heir to his throne.
      - 3) Herod wanted his d\_\_\_\_\_ to continue
  2. Herod gathered all the chief priests and scribes to ask for the b\_\_\_\_\_ of the Messiah.
    - a. They quoted Micah 5:2 which named B\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. Herod b\_\_\_\_\_ the Scriptures’ prediction.
- Predictive prophecy
  1. God declares the f\_\_\_\_\_ and makes it happen (think about all He had to do in order to fulfill Micah 5:2)
  2. The next great event that most Christians are waiting for God to fulfill is the v\_\_\_\_\_ return of Christ (God’s track record is p\_\_\_\_\_ and so He will make this happen).

### **Typological Prophecy (v. 15)**

- Definition – a parallel is made to something recorded in Scripture which God intended as a f\_\_\_\_\_ of something yet future.
- The circumstances
  1. Herod sent the magi to locate the Christ child and r\_\_\_\_\_ back to him their findings so he could worship Him.
  2. The magi follow the star which leads them to the e\_\_\_\_\_ location of Jesus.

- a. An astrological body outside the earth's atmosphere cannot be f\_\_\_\_\_ to specific locations. This was a supernatural manifestation God created that was low enough for them to follow.
  - b. They w\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus and give Him expensive gifts
  - c. They return home another route after being w\_\_\_\_\_ in a dream not to report to Herod.
3. Joseph is instructed in a dream to take Mary and Jesus to E\_\_\_\_\_ because Herod was seeking to kill Jesus.
- a. They only need to travel \_\_\_\_\_ miles to reach territory owned by Egypt.
  - b. We are not told where in Egypt they stayed.
- This fulfilled Hosea 11:1 – *Out of Egypt I called My Son*
1. In Hosea
    - a. God's son refers to the people of I\_\_\_\_\_
    - b. God is not declaring the future but remembering the p\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Matthew declares Jesus as a type of God's son
    - a. Israel and Jesus were driven out of the promised land to Egypt because of unlivable circumstances (f\_\_\_\_\_; killing of infants)
    - b. Israel and Jesus were c\_\_\_\_\_ back to the promised land
- Typological prophecy
1. Jesus is viewed as the L\_\_\_\_\_ of God (Jn 1:29)
    - a. The passover lamb had to be p\_\_\_\_\_; Jesus was sinless.
    - b. The passover lamb had to be k\_\_\_\_\_; Jesus was crucified.
    - c. The passover lamb could have no broken bones; not one bone of Jesus was b\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 19:36)
    - d. The passover lamb a\_\_\_\_\_ for sins; Jesus's death paid for our sins.
  2. Typology cannot be dreamed up by us but has to be r\_\_\_\_\_ by God (e.g. the things in the Law were a shadow of what was to come in Christ – Col 2:16,17)

### **Illustrative Prophecy (v. 18)**

- Definition – words from a prophet that merely serve to i\_\_\_\_\_ something well.
- The circumstances
1. Once Herod realized the magi weren't returning, he ordered the slaughter of infants \_\_\_\_\_ years of age and younger based on the time of the star's first appearance as told to him by the magi.
    - a. Herod did NOT assume that the star's appearance coincided with the time of Jesus's b\_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Herod DID assume that the birth occurred no e\_\_\_\_\_ than the star's appearance.
2. The order was carried out in Bethlehem and any s\_\_\_\_\_ settlements.
- The prophecy quoted - Jer 31:15
1. The Lord is speaking of the loss of the \_\_\_\_\_ tribes of Israel to the Assyrian powers.
    - a. Rachel – she was Jacob's c\_\_\_\_\_ wife and so was the matriarch of the family (the name of Jacobs sons are the names of the tribes of Israel)
    - b. The ten tribes (making up Northern Israel) rebelled against the throne of David and crowned their own kings. God punished them by s\_\_\_\_\_ them into pagan nations where they thinned out their bloodline.
    - c. God pictures this loss of the ten tribes as Rachel weeping so loudly for this loss that her cries could be heard in R\_\_\_\_\_ (5 miles north of Jerusalem)
  2. Matthew sees these words as illustrating the wailing of mothers over their lost children in Bethlehem (so loud and intense that it could be heard \_\_\_\_\_ miles away – an obvious hyperbole).
- Illustrative prophecy -We use it in our own conversations:
1. Ps 8:3 Greek translation - Out of the mouth of b\_\_\_\_\_ (when a child says something profound).
  2. Is 11:6 - little b\_\_\_\_\_ will lead them (4 ½ foot S.J. leading Michael Ohers team onto the football field in the movie, The Blind Side).
  3. Dan 5 – “he finally saw the handwriting on the w\_\_\_\_\_”

### **Summarizing Prophecy (v. 23)**

- Jesus was raised in Nazareth of Galilee
1. Jews who lived in Nazareth were looked d\_\_\_\_\_ upon by other Jews (Jn 1:46).
  2. To be called a Nazarene would be like being called a nigger in our culture.
- He shall be called a Nazarene
1. These words cannot be found in any prophecy; but Matthew was not quoting a prophet but summarizing what m\_\_\_\_\_ prophets said.
  2. Matthew is saying that **prophets** prophesied of the Messiah being looked down upon (David – Ps 118:22; Daniel – Dan 9:26; Isaiah – Is 53:3; Zechariah – Zech 13:7)