

# Matthew 2:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

## Analysis

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The angel's command to 'flee into Egypt' shows God's providential care using Egypt (former place of bondage) as a place of refuge. The urgency 'by night' reflects imminent danger. God's foreknowledge of Herod's intention to 'destroy' the child demonstrates divine protection of the Messiah despite human opposition.

## Historical Context

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Egypt had a large Jewish population in cities like Alexandria. The journey was about 75 miles—manageable but dangerous. The timing of the Magi's gifts was providential, providing resources for this unexpected flight. Egypt remained safe until Herod's death.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How has God protected you from dangers you didn't fully recognize at the time?
2. What does this passage teach about trusting God's guidance even when it requires urgent action?

## Interlinear Text

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Ἀναχωρησάντων	δὲ	αὐτό	ἰδού,	ἄγγελος	Κυρίου				
were departed	And	him	behold	the angel	of the Lord				
G402	G1161	G846	G2400	G32	G2962				
φαίνεται	κατ'	ὄναρ	τῷ	Ἰωσήφ	λέγων,	Ἐγερθεὶς			
appeareth	in	a dream	G3588	to Joseph	saying	Arise			
G5316	G2596	G3677		G2501	G3004	G1453			
παράλαβε	τὸ	παιδίον	καὶ	τὴν	μητέρα	αὐτό	καὶ		
and take	G3588	the young child	and	G3588	mother	him	and		
G3880		G3813	G2532		G3384	G846	G2532		
φεῦγε	εἰς	Αἴγυπτον	καὶ	ἴσθι	ἐκεῖ	ἕως	ἂν	εἶπω	σοί·
flee	into	Egypt	and	be thou	there	until	I	bring	thee
G5343	G1519	G125	G2532	G2468	G1563	G2193	G302	G2036	G4671
μέλλει	γὰρ	Ἡρώδης	ζητεῖν	τὸ	παιδίον	τοῦ	ἀπολέσαι		
will	for	Herod	seek	G3588	the young child	G3588	to destroy		
G3195	G1063	G2264	G2212		G3813		G622		
αὐτό									
him									
G846									

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 1:20** (References Lord): But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of

David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

**Acts 10:7** (Parallel theme): And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

**Acts 5:19** (References Lord): But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

**Acts 12:11** (References Lord): And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.

**Job 33:15** (Parallel theme): In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed;

**Exodus 1:22** (Parallel theme): And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

**Matthew 2:16** (Parallel theme): Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

**Matthew 2:12** (Parallel theme): And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**Revelation 12:14** (Parallel theme): And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

**Revelation 12:6** (Parallel theme): And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.