

Matthew 2:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Analysis

The phrase 'Out of Egypt have I called my son' quotes Hosea 11:1, originally about Israel's exodus. Matthew sees a typological fulfillment—as Israel was God's 'son' called from Egypt, so Jesus (the true Israel) recapitulates Israel's experience but succeeds where they failed. Jesus' stay 'until the death of Herod' protected God's redemptive plan.

Historical Context

Hosea 11:1 (written around 750 BC) reflected on the Exodus (c. 1446 BC). Matthew's 'fulfilled' shows how Christ consummates Old Testament patterns. Jesus embodies Israel's calling, perfectly obeying where Israel rebelled. This is typological prophecy, not mere prediction.

Related Passages

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. How does Jesus' identification with Israel encourage you when you face trials?
2. In what ways does Jesus fulfill what you could never accomplish?

Interlinear Text

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And was there until which the death of Herod that
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πληρωθῇ τὸν ῥηθὲν ὑπὸ τὸν Κυρίου διὰ τὸν
it might be fulfilled which was spoken of which the Lord by which
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προφήτου λέγοντος Ἐξ Αἰγύπτου ἐκάλεσα τὸν υἱόν
the prophet saying Out of Egypt have I called which son
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Additional Cross-References

Hosea 11:1 (References Egypt): When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

Exodus 4:22 (References Lord): And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:

Numbers 24:8 (References Egypt): God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

Luke 24:44 (Prophecy): And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which

were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

Matthew 1:22 (Prophecy): Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Matthew 26:54 (Parallel theme): But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?

Matthew 2:17 (Prophecy): Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying,

Matthew 2:19 (References Lord): But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt,

Matthew 2:23 (Prophecy): 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.

Matthew 26:56 (Prophecy): But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.