

# Matthew 2:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.

## Analysis

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Joseph's obedient return to Israel demonstrates continued trust in God's guidance despite previous danger. The phrase 'land of Israel' emphasizes the covenantal significance of the promised land as the setting for Messiah's ministry. Joseph's faithful obedience shows that true faith perseveres in following God's leading, even when circumstances have been threatening.

## Historical Context

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The return occurred after Herod's death in 4 BC, when Jesus was likely 2-3 years old. The family's years in Egypt were formative, though Scripture is silent about this period, emphasizing instead God's providential protection and guidance.

## Related Passages

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**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does Joseph's continued obedience after facing persecution model persevering faith?

2. What does the return to Israel signify about God's covenant faithfulness to His promises?

## Interlinear Text

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Ὁ	δὲ	ἐγερθεὶς	παρέλαβεν	τὸ	παιδίον	καὶ	τὴν
G3588	<b>And</b>	<b>he arose</b>	<b>and took</b>	G3588	<b>the young child</b>	<b>and</b>	G3588
	G1161	G1453	G3880		G3813	G2532	
μητέρα	αὐτοῦ	καὶ	ἦλθεν	εἰς	γῆν	Ἰσραήλ	
<b>mother</b>	<b>his</b>	<b>and</b>	<b>came</b>	<b>into</b>	<b>the land</b>	<b>of Israel</b>	
G3384	G846	G2532	G2064	G1519	G1093	G2474	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Hebrews 11:8** (Parallel theme): By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

**Genesis 6:22** (Parallel theme): Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.