

“Out of Egypt”
Bible Stories Sermon Series, Pt. 39 - Matthew 2:1-15; Hosea 11:1-9
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***Micah 5:2** - “But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity.”*

I. The Magi, Herod, and the Flight to Egypt

- A. Following the visit of the Magi, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus flee to Egypt to avoid Herod’s wrath.
- B. Matthew 2:15 says Christ’s later return from Egypt was the fulfillment of Hosea 11:1.
- C. Yet Hosea 11:1 referred to Israel, God’s national son.

II. Hosea 11:1-9 and God’s Eternal Son

- A. This passage highlights how Israel repeatedly rejected her heavenly Father.
- B. Yet the Lord promised He would not destroy the nation entirely.
- C. Matthew’s point was that Jesus was sent to be the faithful Son in place of unfaithful Israel.

***Romans 1:3–4** - [The Gospel...] ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

- D. In this, Christ brought salvation to the elect within Israel.

III. God’s First son and the Second Adam

- A. Adam was also treated as a son of God...yet failed miserably.

***Luke 3:38c** - ...Adam, the son of God.*

- B. All humanity was condemned along with Adam.
- C. The true Son of God came to succeed where Adam failed, bringing salvation to believers from all nations.

***Romans 5:19** - For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were constituted sinners, so by the one Man’s obedience the many will be constituted righteous.*

IV. Application

- A. We all, like Adam and Israel, have failed to live up to the love and nurture of our heavenly Father.
- B. Christ came into to this world to rescue us by being our substitute, in terms of obedience and judgment (Is. 53).
- C. By faith, we are granted forgiveness, the Holy Spirit, and a share in His Sonship!
- D. Christ's righteous life still secures our place in God's family, despite our ongoing failures.

***Romans 5:10** - For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*

***1 John 2:1b** - ...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

- E. The Story of the Bible, of history, and of our lives is ultimately Christ's story.
- F. May He alone receive the glory.