

2:5 *Through the prophet*- The prophets wrote the words of God, not just their own words. Hence the significance of *through*. The Bible is the inspired word of God.

2:6 Jesus came forth “out of” Bethlehem- He didn’t come down from Heaven as a person. Note how Matthew so often shows that Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies.

2:8 The Magi didn’t obey the King, because God told them not to (:12). We shouldn’t always do what those in authority tell us, if it contradicts God’s word (Acts 4:19).

2:14 *He arose*- Joseph’s immediate obedience to God’s word is emphasized (as 1:24; 2:20)- an example to us.

2:15 *Out of Egypt*- As Israel were called out of Egypt. All God’s children are to leave ‘Egypt’- which is often a symbol of the world.

2:20-22 Joseph was told that it was safe to return. But he doubted. And so God made a concession to his weakness by telling him to go and live in Galilee.