**"FROM SORROW TO SALVATION" 12-27-20**

**Text: Matthew 2:13-18  
NOTE:** In Matt. 1&2 there are 5 Old Testament Prophecies that are fulfilled with the birth of Christ & His Infant years.

a) The Virgin Birth - Matt. 1 - prophet Isaiah  
b) Born in Bethlehem - Matt. 2:5,6 - prophet Micah  
c) Fleeing to Egypt - Matt. 2:15 - prophet Hosea

d) Great Weeping - Matt. 2:17 - prophet Jeremiah

e) Called a Nazarene - Many Prophets

**Matt. 2:16  
Outwitted:** To Mock someone by trickery.

**Furious:** A violent Rage.

**Jeremiah's Prophecy: Then, Now, Future**

**I. THEN:  
-** Jacob/Rachel lived approximately 1,835 B.C.  
- Rachel was Jacob's most cherished Wife. She is considered the Mother of all Israel.  
- Her two sons are Joseph and Benjamin.  
- Rachel is buried at a little village called Ramah, near Bethlehem, which is located just a few miles South of Jerusalem.

**II. NOW:  
-** In Jeremiah's Time - approximately 550 B.C.  
- This village of Ramah is about 5 miles North of Jerusalem, on border between Northern and Southern Kingdoms of Israel.  
- Rachel weeps for both sides of her Family as they are being deported in Exile.

**III. FUTURE:**

- At the Time of Christ's Birth. This village of Ramah is the one located near Bethlehem.  
- Rachel weeps figuratively because Herod has killed all the baby boys in Bethlehem and it's vicinity.

**NOTE:** Back to Jeremiah - even though Judah was in captivity, God promised that their Deliverance would eventually come.  
(Jer. 3:16,17 and Jer. 29:11,12)

**God Promises Restoration to Us Through Christ! The KING is Going to Come Back!**