**"OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON" 12-25-20**

**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.

**Matt. 2:13 - "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. 'Get up,' he said, 'take the Child and His mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him."**

Joseph was a man of OBEDIENCE!

**Vs 13 = Get Up! Vs. 14 = So He Got Up!**

**NOTE:** The Escape to Egypt
- it was a 40 mile walk to the Border of Egypt.
- it was another 100 miles to get to any population.

**Matt. 2:15 - "And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the PROPHET: 'Out of Egypt I called My Son.'**

- Some believe Joseph/Family stayed 3 years in Egypt!

**Hosea 11:1-3 - "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called My son."**

**Why Hosea?**

a) He preaches Judgement against Israel & their Idolatry!

b) He marries a woman named Gomer, who turns out to be a Prostitute. (Unfaithful - the same way Israel was acting towards God.)

c) Hosea goes to the 'Black Market’ to buy her back!

d) God sent His Son into this world, into the 'slave market' of Sin, to buy us back! (I Cor. 6:20)

**THAT IS THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS!**

**(Rom. 5:8 & II Cor. 5:21)**