**"HE WILL BE CALLED A NAZARENE" 1-3-21**

**Text: Matthew 2:19-23
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

**Herod the Great:** He died in April, 4 B.C. The Historian Josephus writes of his death.

**Matt. 2:21 - "So he got up, took the Child and His mother and went to the land of Israel."**

**NOTE:** The Journey back to the Border was 100 miles, and then easily another 100 miles up to Nazareth!

**Herod the Great:** He was born as an Arab but raised as a Jew. - He was a Master builder!
- He was Extremely jealous, always suspecting Conspiracy!
- He put to death 2 of his Wives; 3 of his Sons; and his

Mother- in- law!
- When Herod died, his territory was divided between 3 of his sons:

**Archelaus -** Judea, Samaria, Idumea (Southern Israel) **Herod Antipas -** Galilee, Perea (Northern Israel)
**Herod Philip II -** Trachonitis (District East of the Jordan )

**Archelaus:** He was worse than his father; a very violent man. He began his Reign by slaughtering 3,000 Jews.

**NOTE on Nazareth:**

- a village about 65 miles North of Jerusalem.
- people of this village had a reputation of being rude & violent . - 1st Example: John 1:43-49
- 2nd Example: Mark 6:1-6
- At time of Christ, the term NAZARENE meant one who was despised.

(O.T. Scriptures: Is. 53:3; Is. 49:7; Ps. 22:6)

**JESUS IS EXALTED TO THE HIGHEST PLACE!**

(Philippians 2:9)

**Early Church and Today, We See the Use of HIS NAME:
Acts 3:6 Acts 4:10 Acts 10:38 Acts 22:8**

**Even the Demons Acknowledge His Name!** Mark 1:24