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." SO HE GOT UP, TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER DURING THE NIGHT AND LEFT FOR EGYPT, WHERE HE STAYED UNTIL THE DEATH OF

HEROD. AND SO WAS FULFILLED WHAT THE LORD HAD SAID THROUGH THE PROPHET: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON." WHEN HEROD REALIZED THAT HE HAD BEEN OUTWITTED BY THE MAGI, HE WAS FURIOUS, AND HE GAVE ORDERS TO KILL ALL THE BOYS IN BETHLEHEM AND ITS VICINITY WHO WERE TWO YEARS OLD AND UNDER, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIME HE HAD LEARNED

FROM THE MAGI. THEN WHAT WAS SAID THROUGH THE PROPHET JEREMIAH WAS FULFILLED: "A VOICE IS HEARD IN RAMAH, WEEPING AND GREAT MOURNING, RACHEL WEEPING FOR HER CHILDREN AND REFUSING TO BE COMFORTED, BECAUSE THEY ARE NO MORE." AFTER HEROD DIED, AN ANGEL OF THE LORD APPEARED IN A DREAM TO JOSEPH IN EGYPT AND SAID, "GET UP, TAKE THE CHILD AND

HIS MOTHER AND GO TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL, FOR THOSE WHO WERE TRYING TO TAKE THE CHILD'S LIFE ARE DEAD." SO HE GOT UP, TOOK THE CHILD AND HIS MOTHER AND WENT TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. BUT WHEN HE HEARD THAT ARCHELAUS WAS REIGNING IN JUDEA IN PLACE OF HIS FATHER HEROD, HE WAS AFRAID TO GO THERE. HAVING BEEN WARNED IN A DREAM, HE

WITHDREW TO THE DISTRICT OF GALILEE, AND HE WENT AND LIVED IN A TOWN CALLED NAZARETH. SO WAS FULFILLED WHAT WAS SAID THROUGH THE PROPHETS, THAT HE WOULD BE CALLED A NAZARENE.



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MATTHEW SEES STRIKING PARALLELS IN THE PATTERNS OF GOD'S ACTIVITIES IN HISTORY IN WAYS HE CANNOT ATTRIBUTE TO COINCIDENCE.

CRAIG BLOMBERG



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THIS IS WHAT THE LORD SAYS: "RESTRAIN YOUR VOICE FROM WEEPING AND YOUR EYES FROM TEARS, FOR YOUR WORK WILL BE REWARDED," DECLARES THE LORD. "THEY WILL RETURN FROM THE LAND OF THE ENEMY.

JEREMIAH 31:16





WHILST HEROD RAGES STILL FROM HIS DARK TOWER CHRIST CLINGS TO MARY, FINGERS TIGHTLY CURLED, THE LAMBS ARE SLAUGHTERED BY THE MEN OF POWER, AND DEATH SQUADS SPREAD THEIR CURSE ACROSS THE WORLD.

MALCOLM GUITE

BUT EVERY HEROD DIES,
AND COMES ALONE
TO STAND BEFORE THE LAMB
UPON THE THRONE.







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AND WE KNOW THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD OF THOSE WHO LOVE HIM, WHO HAVE BEEN CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE.

ROMANS 8:28





FOR I AM SURE THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR RULERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR POWERS, NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANYTHING ELSE IN ALL CREATION, WILL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

ROMANS 8:38-39



