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THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY AND DIVINE PROTECTION THE SOVEREIGN KING JAMES BIBLE

Isaiah 28:9-10 | Psalm 119:4, 104 | Isaiah 34:16

Focus Verse: *Matthew 1:23*: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Introduction

This lesson explores the fulfillment of prophecy and JEHOVAH's divine protection over His chosen servant, as seen in the birth and early life of Yahawah's Salvation, known spiritually as "Salvation of JEHOVAH," or Yahawashi. This event serves as a profound example of JEHOVAH's covenant and promises to His people, showing the Father's guidance and intervention. The citations in Matthew 1:18-25 and 2:13-15 reveal how JEHOVAH's words spoken through prophets are sovereign and eternal. These events also demonstrate the Father's protective authority over His people, illustrating how He orchestrates events to fulfill His purpose and shield His people from threats.

Lesson Outline

Focus Point 1: The Fulfillment of Prophecy in the Birth of Emmanuel

- *Discussion of Prophecy*: JEHOVAH's promise of "Emmanuel" through the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14) is fulfilled, revealing JEHOVAH's presence with His people.
- *Spiritual Meaning*: The name Emmanuel, meaning "God with us," signifies JEHOVAH's commitment to be ever-present with those who follow His ways.
- Reflection on Faith: Joseph's acceptance and obedience reflect the faith required to align with JEHOVAH's commands, even in extraordinary circumstances.

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Focus Point 2: Obedience to Divine Instructions for Safety

- *Instructions from the Angel*: Joseph's immediate response to the angel's command to protect Yahawashi demonstrates JEHOVAH's guidance and the obedience expected of His people.
- Spiritual Protection: Joseph's actions reflect how obedience to JEHOVAH's instructions brings safety and deliverance.
- *Covenant Responsibility*: The role of guardianship as a responsibility to carry out JEHOVAH's instructions for His people.

Focus Point 3: The Journey to Egypt and the Preservation of Prophecy

- Symbolism of Egypt: Egypt serves as a place of refuge and a reminder of past deliverance, symbolizing both exile and preservation.
- Fulfillment of "Out of Egypt I called My Son": This event mirrors JEHOVAH's call of Israel from Egypt, showing the continuity of JEHOVAH's covenant.
- *Prophetic Fulfillment*: Hosea 11:1 illustrates the broader divine plan, where each act is a fulfillment of JEHOVAH's words, emphasizing JEHOVAH's faithfulness to His promises.

Questions

- 1. What is the significance of the name "Emmanuel" in the context of Matthew 1:23?
- 2. How does Joseph's response to the angel in Matthew 1:24 demonstrate faith and obedience?
- 3. What can we learn about JEHOVAH's guidance from the angel's instructions to Joseph?
- 4. In what way does Egypt symbolize both refuge and deliverance in Matthew 2:13-15?
- 5. How does the prophecy in Hosea 11:1 relate to the events of Matthew 2:15?
- 6. Why is it essential for followers of Christ to recognize divine intervention in times of adversity?
- 7. How does this lesson highlight the importance of obedience to JEHOVAH's instructions?
- 8. What role does faith play in fulfilling JEHOVAH's purpose, as seen in Joseph's actions?
- 9. How does JEHOVAH's protection over Yahawashi reflect His covenant with His people?
- 10. Why do you think JEHOVAH chose Egypt as the place of refuge for Yahawashi and his family?

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Aim, Principle, and Application

• **Aim**: To understand the fulfillment of prophecy through Yahawashi's birth and the importance of obedience to divine instructions for protection.

- **Principle**: JEHOVAH's prophecies and guidance serve as a foundation of faith, showing His commitment to fulfilling His Word.
- **Application**: Followers of Christ are called to trust in JEHOVAH's guidance and protection, recognizing His hand in life's events and responding with faith and obedience.

Practical Points, Research, and Discussion

1. **Practical Points**:

- O Prophecy demonstrates JEHOVAH's sovereign control and His promise to be with His people.
- Obedience to JEHOVAH's instructions leads to protection and blessings.
- Faith and trust in JEHOVAH's guidance are essential, especially when facing danger.

2. Research and Discussion:

- O Investigate other instances in the Bible where JEHOVAH provided guidance or protection through dreams or visions (e.g., Jacob in Genesis 28:10-15).
- O Discuss how understanding prophecy can strengthen one's faith and inspire confidence in JEHOVAH's Word.
- O Explore the significance of JEHOVAH's choice of Egypt as a place of refuge and its historical connection to the Israelites' deliverance.

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