Northwest Bible Church – June 8, 2025 – Matthew – Alan Conner

**Matthew 2:16-23**

The Massacre in Bethlehem

Intro

**A. HEROD’S MASSACRE (Matthew 2:16).**

 1. Herod the serial killer.

 2. Victims: 2 years old and under.

**B. JEREMIAH IS FULFILLED (Matthew 2:17-18).**

 1. Jer. 31:15 and its context.

 a. Weeping

 b. Return

 c. New Covenant

 2. The fulfillment of another type.

**C. THE RETURN OF JESUS TO NAZARETH (Matthew 2:19-23).**

 1. Angel’s message to Joseph (Matthew 2:19-21).

 2. The reign of Archelaus caused Joseph to fear (Matthew 2:22a).

 3. Angel’s warning caused Joseph to settle in Nazareth (Matthew 2:22b-23).

**APPLICATIONS**:

 1. Great tragedies occur in a fallen world.

 2. Payday someday for the wicked.

 3. God is in control. Ps. 2:1-4.

 4. God protects His own.