

GOD PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE!

MATTHEW 2:13-23

Sept. 27, 2026

God's protection is not always the absence of danger. Sometimes God's protection is His presence and guidance in the middle of danger.

See Ps. 23, "God does not take us out of the valley, God guides us through the valley."

Some truths about God's Protection!

1) God _____ what Jospheh couldn't _____.

Matthew 2:13

2) God's _____ often requires our _____.

Matthew 2:14

- Joseph responds quickly.
- Jospheh did not say... Let's discuss this, let's plan this, this doesn't make sense. Egypt wasn't where I planned to live.

3) God specializes in _____, not _____.

- Joseph was not given the entire plan.
- We want a map, a GPS, God only gives us the next turn.

4) God's protection doesn't mean His people will never _____.

Matthew 2:16-18

- We want to know... If God protected Jesus, why not the other children?

5) God protects _____, even if people try to stop them.

- Herod said, "Find the child and kill him."
- God said, "Take the child and run."

6) God often protects by _____.

- Consider Joseph, consider Mary, consider Jesus, consider us!

7) Many times, God protects His people by using _____.

- Sometimes God answers our prayers to protect others by asking us to be a part of that protection.

8) God's protection does not mean we will _____ the journey.

STUDY NOTES – MATTHEW 2:13-23 – Sept. 27, 2026

God's protection is one of the great themes in the Bible. Think about some of the ways the Bible teaches us that God protects.

*God guides – Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 2:13-14

*God sees dangers we never see – Ex. 14:13-14, Ps.91:11

*In the middle of trouble, God protects – Daniel 3:16-27, 6:16-23, Ps.46:1

*God has a plan, and God protects to carry out his plan. – Gen. 50:20, Ester 4:14

***In our text this week, God protected Jesus so that His Plan could be fulfilled.**

God's protection does not mean nothing bad will never happen to us, it means that God is still God when bad things happen.

It means that God is still guiding us, warning us, delivering us, sustaining us, and protecting us through the difficult situation in our lives. It means that God can accomplish His purposes even when circumstances seem completely against us, and we are facing what seems to be impossible odds.

Think about the protection that God has provided for you this week. Ask yourself some questions.

- 1) Can you remember a time when God protected you from something you didn't realize was dangerous?
- 2) Have you ever experienced God's protection through a difficult situation rather than from that situation?
- 3) Is there a situation in your life right now where you need to trust God to protect and to guide?
- 4) What does Matthew 2:13-23 teach us about listening when God gives direction?

"The LORD keeps watch over you as you come and go, both now and forever."

Psalms 121:8 (NLT)

Rejoice this week in this truth – God's protection is not a promise that we will never face trouble. It is a promise that we will never face trouble alone."