

Notes for Matthew 2:10-16

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Invite a guest to GCC!

Whether they are a Follower of Christ or an unbeliever, if you can get them in the door, the Holy Spirit can work on their hearts!

Philippians 4:4 - **Rejoice** in the Lord always; again I will say, **rejoice**.

Romans 15:13 - *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*

The more we spend time in prayer and in God's Word, the more joy we have. It's a challenge. Our flesh - and the enemy - would rather us spend time at pretty much anything but abiding. But the more we do abide, the more joy we will have.

The Greek word, οἰκία (*Oy-kia*) translates as house.

Isaiah 60:6 - *A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.*

John 19:39-40 - *Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. 40 So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.*

Job 33:14-16 - *For God speaks in one way, and in two, though man does not perceive it. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber on their beds, 16 then he opens the ears of men and terrifies them with warnings,*

In Genesis, God spoke to people in dreams, such as to Abimelech in Genesis 20, Jacob in Genesis 28 & 31 and Joseph in Genesis 37.

Hosea 11:1 - *When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.*

As Believers, do we, open our treasures and give gifts to Christ or do we toss him some coins like he's some beggar on the steps of the courthouse?

He gives us everything and too often we stint him with our time, our service, our money.

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