



Escaping Our Current Situation

Everlasting Father

📖 Isaiah 9:6 (ESV) “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace.”

There is an **obvious** reason why things are happening.

- 📖 Matthew 2:13a (NIV84) “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.”
- 📖 Matthew 2:13b (NIV84) “Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill Him.”
- 📖 Matthew 2:7–8 (NIV84) “Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find Him, report to me so that I, too, may go and worship Him.”
- 📖 2 Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV84) “But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”
- 📖 Psalm 34:7 (NIV84) “The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.”

There is an **obscure** reason why things are happening.

- 📖 Matthew 2:13a (NIV84) “...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.”
- 📖 Hosea 11:1 (NIV84) “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.”
- 📖 Deuteronomy 29:29 (NIV84) “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.”
- 📖 Daniel 2:22 (NIV84) “He reveals deep and hidden things; He knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with Him.”

📖 1 Peter 1:10–12 (NIV84) “Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.”

📖 Matthew 2:10–11 (NLT) When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! ¹¹ They entered the house and saw the child with His mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped Him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- **Gold** acknowledged His **royalty**.
- **Frankincense** acknowledged His **divinity**.
- **Myrrh** acknowledged His **destiny**.

Reasons for Escape: What are some obvious reasons for escaping your current situation? What are some less apparent reasons for leaving? Do you see God working in noticeable ways? Do you think God is working in ways that you cannot see? Do you trust that there is a reason why things are happening? Do you trust that God is working everything for your good?

