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his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him.

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5. Concerning Jesus Christ: (1) Flight into Egypt

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a 10 reasons forgiveness not by WATER: 1 Gr. eis, a preposition trans. with baptism "unto" (Mt. 3:11), and "for" (because of, by reason of, on account of) in Mk. 1:4; Lk. 3:3; Acts 2:38. His is translated "for" (because of) 84 times; "on" 53 times; "upon" 23 times; "for this same purpose" (Rom. 9:17; Col. 4: 8); "for this cause" (Jn. 18:37; 1 Pet. 4:6); "for this purpose" (Acts 26:16; 1 Jn. 3:8); and "for that intent" (Acts 9:21) 2 On all occasions confession of sins was required and was made before baptism (Mt. 3:8, 11; Mk. 1:5; Lk. 3:8-14) 3 Only believers were baptized after repentance and faith in Christ (Mt. 28: 19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12-13, 37; 16:14-15, 31-33; 18:8; 19:1-7), and, in some cases, after receiving the Holy Spirit (Acts 9:17-18; 10:44-48) 4 Christ who knew no sin was baptized: Christ submitted to baptism for

fire. ¶ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire. III Final preparation of Jesus for His ministry: 1 Water baptism (Mk. 1:9; Lk. 3: 21; Jn. 1:31).

thou wilt fall down and worship me. ¶ Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him. IV Ministry and teaching of Jesus (4:12-26; 35; Mk. 1:14; Lk. 4:14; Jn. 1:35). 1 Begins ministry in Galilee (Mk. 1:14; Lk. 4:14). 12 ¶ Now when Jesus had heard that John was cast into

a An expression of complete surrender, submission, and adoration b Quoted from Dt. 6:13 c Ending the temptations, which were: 1 Use Your miraculous powers to supply ordinary and personal needs at my command 2 Prove Your sonship by special demonstration of God's protection. Be reckless and make a side-show of Your power 3 Use my power, influence, worldly organizations and kingdoms and become great among men whom You seek to get power over d Mt. 11:1-14; 14:1-12, notes e Not mentioned in O. T. (note x, 11:23) f 7th O. T. prophecy fulfilled in Mt. (4:14-16; Isa. 9:1-2), Next, 8:17 g Gen. 49:21; Josh. 19:32 h Gr. phos, underived and absolute light - the opposite of all darkness. Therefore, used especially of God (1 Tim.

Massacre of the Innocents

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. 17 Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 18 "A voice was heard in Ramah, Lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, Refusing to be comforted, Because they are no more."

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(3) Return from Egypt (cp. Lk. 2:39; Hos. 11:1)

Sixth Dispensation: Grace First to Second Advent of Christ (Mt. 3:1—Rev. 19:10; see other dispensations, Gen. 3:1; 4:1; 8:15; 12:1; Ex. 12:37; Rev. 19:11)

II. Ministry of John the Baptist (Mt. 11:2; Mk. 1; Lk. 3; Jn. 1:6, 15, 19; 3:23) 1. Threefold message

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight."

2:13 a The second of 4 angelic dreams of Joseph (Mt. 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22).

b Third of 6 dreams in N.T. See Mt. 1:20, b. c 2nd N.T. prophecy in Mt. (2:13, fulfilled). Next, 3:10.

d Satan knew that this "Seed of the woman" was to crush his head and restore man's dominion (Gen. 3:15; 1 Jn. 3:8), so Satan tried many times to kill Jesus before He could get to the cross to defeat the devil (Mt. 26:3 refs.; Col. 2:14-17; 1 Pet. 2:24)

extended at least 10 mi. around Bethlehem, including Jerusalem.

2:19 a The third of 4 angelic dreams of Joseph (Mt. 1:20; 2:13, 19, 22).

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4 Water baptism (3:11; Jn. 1:31)

5 Restitution (3:8; Lk. 3:8)

6 Godliness (3:3-10; 14:4)

7 Wrath to come (3:7; Lk. 3)

8 Against pride (3:9; Lk. 3:7)

9 Miracles (3:9; Lk. 3:8)

10 Heaven and hell (3:10-12; Lk. 3)

11 Spirit baptism (3:11; Jn. 1:33)

12 First Advent (3:11; Jn. 1:29)

13 Second Advent (3:12; Lk. 3:17)