

# THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS

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## WHEN HEROD HEARD THE NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST BIRTH HE BECAME A...

01: A \_\_\_\_\_ King.  
☞Matthew 2:1-3 ((New Living Translation))

JESUS CHRIST STILL **DISTURBS PEOPLE**  
**TODAY** - THOSE WHO WANT TO **PROTECT THEIR**  
**OWN LITTLE KINGDOMS** - THOSE WHO ARE...

- (01) \_\_\_\_\_
- (02) \_\_\_\_\_
- (03) \_\_\_\_\_
- (04) \_\_\_\_\_
- (05) \_\_\_\_\_

02: A \_\_\_\_\_ King.  
☞Matthew 2:7-8 ((Contemporary English Version))

03: A \_\_\_\_\_ King.  
☞Matthew 2:9-11 ((The Message))

☞Matthew 2:12 ((The Message))

04: A \_\_\_\_\_ King.  
☞Matthew 2:13-16 ((New Living Translation))

## MATTHEW 2:1-3 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))

### Visitors from the East

**1** Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, **2** “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him.” **3** King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

## MATTHEW 2:7-8 ((CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION))

**7** Herod secretly called in the wise men and asked them when they had first seen the star. **8** He told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, let me know. I want to go and worship him too.”

## MATTHEW 2:9-11 ((THE MESSAGE))

**9-10** Instructed by the king, they set off. Then the star appeared again, the same star they had seen in the eastern skies. It led them on until it hovered over the place of the child. They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time! **11** They entered the house and saw the child in the arms of Mary, his mother. Overcome, they kneeled and worshiped him. Then they opened their luggage and presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.

## MATTHEW 2:12 ((THE MESSAGE))

**12** In a dream, they were warned not to report back to Herod. So they worked out another route, left the territory without being seen, and returned to their own country.

## MATTHEW 2:13-16 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))

### The Escape to Egypt

**13** After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother,” the angel said. “Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” **14** That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, **15** and they stayed there until Herod’s death. This fulfilled what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: “I called my Son out of Egypt.” **16** Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men’s report of the star’s first appearance.

05: A \_\_\_\_\_ King.  
☞ Matthew 2:19-21 ((New Living Translation))

AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON THERE'S A  
FEW THINGS THAT SHOULD BLESS YOUR HEART...

(01) The birth of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
[CHRISTMAS IS FOR KIDS]

(02) The blessings of \_\_\_\_\_.  
[PEACE // JOY // GOOD HEALTH]

(03) The reality of \_\_\_\_\_.  
[HEAVEN AS ETERNAL HOME]

\*\*Note: You can look up the verses in the translation at [biblegateway.com](http://biblegateway.com).  
((EXTRA NOTES))

**MATTHEW 2:19-21 ((NEW LIVING TRANSLATION))**

**The Return to Nazareth**

**19** When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. **20** “Get up!” the angel said. “Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead.” **21** So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother.

**ZECHARIAH 8:15-17 ((PROPHETIC WORD))**

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**15** You no longer need to be afraid (*to live in dread*). I have decided (*purposed in my heart*) to treat (*bless to the point of success and happiness*) Jerusalem and Judah with kindness. **16** But you must be truthful (*establish trust and faithfulness*) with each other, and in court you must give fair decisions (*fair and correct verdicts*) that lead to peace (*health, happiness, prosperity*). **17** Do not plan ways of harming one another (*don't tell lies about others or cause misery for someone else*). Don't enjoy false testimony (*do not even imply deceitful implications*). I hate all these things (*you literally become God's enemy if you do them*), declares the Lord.