

4 BC – JOSEPH AND MARY FLEE TO EGYPT

Songs 6:13

"Return, return, O Shulamite
 return, return, that we may look upon thee.
 What will ye see in the Shulamite?
 As it were the dance of two armies."

The Book of Matthew it is written:

'And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared 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. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son. **Then Herod**, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and **slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under**, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there **a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning**, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.' (Matt. 2:13-18)

That day Jesus was missing. Not long after many children were missing. Many mothers crying 'return, return, O Shulamite'. The word 'Shulamite' in Hebrew means 'a perfect one' or 'a peaceful one' – a young child who possesses his mother's heart would fit that description.

When Jacob fled Laban he found himself on the border of the land of Esau (Gen.32:2). Jacob then 'danced' his way between two armies advancing towards him with weapons. For Joseph and Mary to flee to Egypt was to go from one dangerous place to another dangerous place.

How did they know they must flee? How did they know where to flee?

This is the inheritance of those who fear the LORD – he saves his people from the destroyer.

And so in the short life of the infant Jesus we have already seen so many miracles of God: angels appearing bringing an announcement of two miraculous births: one an elderly lady, the other a young virgin – Magi appearing bearing gifts for a king – shepherds appearing bring glad tidings. God shows he has a strong side – he can defend his Son from any threat.

But the tinge of mourning is in the air. Jesus will lead a sad life – a man of sorrows familiar with suffering.

Songs 6:13 is the **17,628th** verse in the Bible.

If you have a mind for wisdom, learn how God packed information into the precise location of this verse please read on.

SPIRITUAL NUMBER ANALYSIS

$$17,628 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 13 \times 113$$

The meaning is:

$$[17628 = 12 \times 13 \times 113]$$

Government (12) (in) Rebellion (13) (so) Snatching Away of the Saints (113)

Here is a practical lesson for all time. A government is appointed by God to carry the sword of capital punishment to punish wrong-doers for capital crimes. When the Government, in this case Herod, rebels against God by using the sword to kill innocent people for their faith only – that is the time to flee to another land.

The meaning can also be written:

$$[17628 = 52 \times 339]$$

Gospel Worker (52) Line of Faith Survives (339)

Christ came with a purpose – to die for sins – but also to proclaim the Kingdom of God – to call men out of darkness into the light. With such men in God's hands – Satan can't touch them – the Word of Truth will go forth – there will be a harvest – Line of Faith Survives