

According to Plan (Matthew 2:13-23)

Introduction: 1980's TV show – The 'A' Team: *"I love it when a plan comes together!"*

- I. WE LOVE IT, DON'T WE, WHEN A PLAN "COMES TOGETHER"
 - A. God's plan for mankind's salvation did work out **according to plan**
 - B. Matthew's Gospel tell us this plan was spoken of in Old Testament prophecy (Matt. 2:13-15)
 - C. Jesus and his parent's flight into Egypt was paralleled by the Old Testament's Joseph's trip to Egypt & also Moses leading Israel out of Egypt (Genesis & Exodus)
 - D. All of these events were **according to God's plan**

- II. NO ONE CAN ALTER GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION
 - A. However, many fight against **God's plan**... both in Biblical times & today
 - B. We must not just look around at how our unbelieving world rejects or resists **God's plan** but how we do as well...
 - C. Herod's evil plan to kill the baby Jesus did not alter **God's plan** (Matt. 2:16-20)
 - D. God will accomplish **His plan** for you in spite of anything this evil world does (Galatians 4:4)

Conclusion: Christmas & Easter are God's declaration: *"I love it when a plan comes together!"*