

THREE THINGS TO EXPECT IN 2022

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Matthew 2:13-23

Three things from the life of Mary & Joseph we can expect in 2009 if we choose to live for Jesus Christ:

1. You can expect the Lord to _____ you, but also expect you to use your _____.

Two common errors when it comes to the Lord's guidance:

- 1) Being ___receptive to God's guidance (spiritually deaf & blind).

This is common when the Lord tells us to something we _____ want.

As you go into 2009, are you willing to listen to God's guidance even if it's what you don't want to hear?

- 2) Thinking that the Lord is supposed to give us _____ revelation for every single step.

Much of the guidance we need and God gives is found in God's _____.

2. You can expect the _____ to _____.

Some Christians think that if they trust and obey the Lord, that He will shield them and their loved ones from all harm.

It's _____ been that way, not in Bethlehem in Jesus' infancy and not now.

The "Slaughter of the Innocents." - _____ people get hurt and die in this war.

Warnings from Scripture:

2 Timothy 3:12 (NLT)

Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

John 16:33b (NLT)

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows.

1 Peter 4:12 (NLT)

Dear friends, **don't be surprised** at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you.

3. You can expect the Lord to show Himself to be _____ and _____ than the enemy.

Matt. 2:13-15

Later:

Matthew 27:42-43 (NASB)

⁴² "He saved others; He cannot save Himself. He is the King of Israel; let Him now come down from the cross, and we will believe in Him. ⁴³ "He trusts in God; let God rescue Him now, if He delights in Him; for He said, 'I am the Son of God.' "

But...

Isaiah 53:3-6 (NLT)

³ He was despised and rejected— a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

⁴ Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins!

⁵ But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. **Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.**