

WORSHIP NOTES

EPIPHANY

THE END OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Matthew 2:16-18

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. Herod's brutal action fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A cry was heard in Ramah—weeping and great mourning. Rachel weeps for her children, refusing to be comforted, for they are dead."

I. A CHANGE IN SEASON

II. THE WISEMEN

A. THE ARRIVAL

B. THE DEPARTURE

C. THE RESULT

III. NOT ALL STORY'S HAVE HAPPY ENDINGS