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Messiah's coming would bring weeping to Israel (Jeremiah 31:15)	Herod murdered all the boys in Bethlehem two years old or younger (Matthew 2:16-18)
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