

MESSIANIC PROPHECIES



Matthew wrote to a primarily Jewish audience, so the messianic predictions of Old Testament prophets would have meant a lot to those reading his account of Jesus's life. Matthew, along with Luke, emphasized how Jesus's birth and life fulfilled prophecy. The fulfillment of these messianic prophecies would have supported his claim that Jesus really is the Messiah, the Son of God sent to become the Savior of the world.

MESSIANIC PROPHECY	OLD TESTAMENT REFERENCE	NEW TESTAMENT FULFILLMENT
Seed of Abraham	Genesis 22:18	Matthew 1:1
Promised through Isaac	Genesis 21:12	Luke 3:34
Star of Jacob	Numbers 24:17	Matthew 2:1-2
Tribe of Judah	Micah 5:2	Luke 3:33
From the line of Jesse	Isaiah 11:1	Luke 3:32
House of David	Jeremiah 23:5-6	Luke 3:31
Born in Bethlehem	Micah 5:2	Luke 2:4-7
Born of a virgin	Isaiah 7:14	Matthew 1:18
Worshiped by kings	Psalms 72:10	Matthew 2:11
Worshiped by shepherds	Psalms 72:9	Luke 2:9
Massacre of Innocents	Jeremiah 31:15	Matthew 2:16
Flight to Egypt	Hosea 11:1	Matthew 2:13-14
Elijah as a forerunner	Malachi 4:5	Matthew 17:11-13
Called "Lord"	Psalms 110:1	Luke 2:11