

# PROPHECY IN MATTHEW

CONSIDERING PROPHETIC THEMES AND FULFILLMENT IN MATTHEW.  
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## EXPLICIT PROPHECY

MATTHEW, MORE THAN ANY OTHER GOSPEL WRITER, EMPHASIZES JESUS'S IDENTITY AS THE JEWISH MESSIAH, COME TO FULFILL GOD'S PLAN BEGUN IN THE ISRAELITE STORY IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. WHILE THERE ARE MANY OTHER IMPLICIT OR ALLUDED PROPHETIC FULFILLMENTS THROUGHOUT THE GOSPEL, LISTED ON THE RIGHT ARE THE EXPLICIT CITATIONS IN MATTHEW'S ACCOUNT.

## THEMATIC PROPHECY

IN ADDITION TO CITING A LOT OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECY, MATTHEW DRAWS SEVERAL THEMATIC PARALLELS TO OLD TESTAMENT STORIES AND IDEAS THROUGH HIS GOSPEL, EMPHASIZING JESUS AS THE FULFILLMENT AND CULMINATION OF ISRAEL'S STORY.



### 1. JESUS IS "GOD WITH US"

MATTHEW 1:23; 28:20

ISAIAH 7:14; 8:8-10

THE GOSPEL BEGINS AND ENDS WITH THE REMINDER THAT GOD IS WITH US IN JESUS.

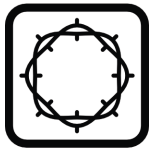


### 2. JESUS IS THE NEW MOSES

MATTHEW 2:13-18; 4:1-17; 5:1 - 7:29

EXODUS 1-4; DEUTERONOMY 18:15-22

THE LIFE OF JESUS PARALLELS THE EARLY LIFE OF MOSES: HEROD IS THE NEW PHARAOH; JESUS AND MOSES BOTH GO INTO THE WILDERNESS BEFORE THEIR MINISTRIES; JESUS GIVES THE LAW TO FULFILL THE ONE MOSES GAVE ON SINAI.



### 3. JESUS IS THE SUFFERING SERVANT

MATTHEW 8:17; 26:24, 53-56

PSALM 22; ISAIAH 53

JESUS SAID SEVERAL TIMES DURING HIS LAST FREE NIGHT THAT ALL THESE THINGS WERE HAPPENING TO FULFILL SCRIPTURE, BUT HE DID NOT CITE ANY VERSE IN PARTICULAR. MATTHEW DOES NOT CITE SPECIFICS IN HIS ACCOUNT OF THE CRUCIFIXION EITHER, BUT THE EVENTS VERY CLEARLY MIRROR AND FULFILL BOTH PSALM 22 AND ISAIAH 53 WITH PRECISION AND SPECIFICITY.



### 4. JESUS IS GREATER THAN THE JEWISH TEMPLE

MATTHEW 12:1-8; 21:12-17; 26:61; 27:39-40, 51

HAGGAI 2:6-9; ZECHARIAH 6:9-15;

MALACHI 3:1-4

THE TEMPLE WAS THE CENTER OF GOD'S PRESENCE ON EARTH. JESUS WAS GOD HIMSELF ON EARTH AND CAME TO INVITE ALL PEOPLE INTO GOD'S PRESENCE.

## 1. A MIRACULOUS BIRTH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 7:14

## 2. COMING FROM BETHLEHEM

MATTHEW 2:1-6

OT CITATION: MICAH 5:2

## 3. FLIGHT TO EGYPT

MATTHEW 2:13-15

OT CITATION: HOSEA 11:1

## 4. WEEPING OVER CHILDREN

MATTHEW 2:16-18

OT CITATION: JEREMIAH 31:15

## 5. A NAZARENE

MATTHEW 2:23

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 11:1 (NAZARETH WAS EXPLICITLY NAMED AFTER THE HEBREW WORD *NESER*, TRANSLATED AS "BRANCH.")

## 6. MINISTRY ON THE COAST

MATTHEW 4:12-17

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 9:1-2

## 7. HEALING THE SICK

MATTHEW 8:14-17

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 53:4-5

## 8. JOHN PREPARES THE WAY

MATTHEW 11:7-15

OT CITATION: MALACHI 3:1

## 9. GOD'S SERVANT

MATTHEW 12:15-21

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 42:1-4

## 10. TEACHING IN PARABLES

MATTHEW 13:10-17, 34

OT CITATION: ISAIAH 6:9-10; PSALM 78:2

## 11. THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

MATTHEW 21:1-6

OT CITATION: ZECHARIAH 9:9

## 12. SCATTERED DISCIPLES

MATTHEW 26:30-35

OT CITATION: ZECHARIAH 13:7

## 13. 30 PIECES OF SILVER

MATTHEW 27:3-10

OT CITATION: ZECHARIAH 11:13