

## Reading – Matching Texts

### 10 Prophecies about Jesus in the Old Testament

*Bible scholars believe that there are more than 300 different **prophecies about Jesus** in the Old Testament. These prophecies help us to put our faith in the truth of Jesus being the Messiah, and in the Word of God in general. It has been calculated that the probability of one individual fulfilling only **eight** of them in their lifetime is 1 in 10<sup>17</sup> or 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000<sup>1</sup>. Therefore the probability of one person fulfilling all of them is practically incalculable!*

*A. Read the Bible verses from the Old Testament (on the left) and match each one to a New Testament verse where the prophecy is fulfilled (on the right).*

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| 1. I will make of you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great. You will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who treats you with contempt. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.<br>- <b>Genesis 12:2-3</b> | Matthew 1:20-23    |
| 2. But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, being small among the clans of Judah, out of you one will come out to me that is to be ruler in Israel.<br>- <b>Micah 5:2</b>   | Acts 13:47-48      |
| 3. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. - <b>Isaiah 7:14</b>  | Matthew 11:5       |
| 4. Then the eyes of the blind will be opened, and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then the lame man will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing. - <b>Isaiah 35:5-6</b>   | Matthew 21:42-43   |
| 5. Rejoice greatly, daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King comes to you! He is righteous, and having salvation; lowly, and riding on a donkey, even on a colt, the foal of a donkey. - <b>Zechariah 9:9</b>   | Matthew 27:35      |
| 6. But he was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought our peace was on him; and by his wounds we are healed. - <b>Isaiah 53:5</b>   | Matthew 27:57-60   |
| 7. They divide my garments among them. They cast lots for my clothing.<br>- <b>Psalms 22:18</b>  | Luke 19:35-38      |
| 8. They made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. - <b>Isaiah 53:9</b>  | 2 Corinthians 5:21 |
| 9. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is Yahweh's doing. It is marvelous in our eyes.<br>- <b>Psalms 118:22-23</b>   | Matthew 21:6       |
| 10. Indeed, he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel. I will also give you as a light to the nations, that you may be my salvation to the end of the earth.' - <b>Isaiah 49:6</b>                 | Galatians 3:8      |

<sup>1</sup> <http://christinprophecy.org/articles/applying-the-science-of-probability-to-the-scriptures/>