

Matthew 1 Study Guide

ENRICHMENT: While reading through **Messiah: The Story of Jesus According to Matthew**, watch the film **The Visual Bible – The Gospel of Matthew**. The film can be seen on YouTube at [YouTube Gospel of Matthew](#). The film includes the entire gospel; every word is directly from the Bible (NIV). Jesus is beautifully played by Bruce Marchiano. As you view the film compare how Jesus is portrayed with how you see him in the Gospel of Matthew.

RESEARCH: The Gospel of Matthew is the bridge between the Old Testament and the New Testament. The author shows how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies that predicted and described the Messiah. There are as many as 300 of those in the Old Testament. Use your Bible now to look up some of those prophecies and record what you find in them about who the Messiah would be, what he would be like, and what he would do.

Genesis 12:1-3. _____

In the Bible what a man did affected his descendants down through the years, maybe through all of history. When Esau considered the blessing of his birthright as worthless, he not only lost the blessing but all his descendants lost the blessing. On the other hand, when a man receives a blessing from God, not only is he blessed but his family is blessed down through all the generations. In this prophecy Abraham receives a blessing, but so do the members of his family and especially the one most important member of his family, the Messiah. What does this prophecy say about that person?

Genesis 49:8-10. _____

Notice in the genealogy in Matthew 1 that the Messiah belonged to the tribe of Judah. Part of this prophecy has to do with Judah and his family (descendants), but part of it is specifically about one person. That person would be the Messiah. What did you find out about him?

Isaiah 11:1-5.

Verse 2 _____

Verse 3 _____

Verse 4 _____

Verse 5 _____

Notice in the genealogy in Matthew 1 that the Messiah would be from the family of Jesse. Isaiah describes what this son of Jesse, the Messiah, would be like, and what he would do. There is a lot in this prophecy, but collect at least four things, one from each of the second, third, fourth, and fifth verses.

Remember that this passage is poetry.

There will be metaphors and descriptive words used to describe the Messiah.

Micah 5:2. _____

The “ruler” in this verse is the Messiah. What else do you find about the Messiah here.

Isaiah 9:6,7. _____

The Messiah is the son who is born. Who is this Messiah and what will he do?

Isaiah 7:14. _____

Matthew identifies this verse as a prophecy about the Messiah. What do you learn about who the Messiah would be, what he would be like, or what he would do?

Vocabulary: Look up “blessing” in a dictionary and a thesaurus. Blessing is a word and an idea that we all think we understand but when it comes down to specific uses we aren’t sure. Using the tools of a good dictionary and a thesaurus find a definition that makes sense in the context of Genesis 12:2,3. Rewrite the verses using the word or phrase that captures the idea best.
