

The Relationship between the Old and New Testaments

Christians understand the Old Testament as preparing us for the coming of Jesus Christ. The authors of the New Testament incorporated Old Testament texts in their writings to demonstrate how this is seen. Below are some of the passages that are connected in the Old Testament and the New Testament. What other connections between the Old and New Testaments can you identify as you read through the Bible?

From the House of David



Old Testament

Isaiah 11:1-9
 "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, / and from his roots a bud shall blossom" (verse 1).

New Testament

Matthew 1:1-17
 "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham" (verse 1).

Born of a Virgin



Old Testament

Isaiah 7:14
 "The Lord himself will give you a sign; the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel."

New Testament

Luke 1:26-38
 "The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary" (verses 26-27).

Ruler of Israel to Come from Bethlehem



Old Testament

Micah 5:1-5
 "But you, Bethlehem . . . / From you shall come forth for me / one who is to be ruler in Israel" (verse 1).

New Testament

Luke 2:1-14
 "And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem" (verse 4).

Wise Men



Old Testament

Isaiah 60:1-6
 "The wealth of nations shall come to you . . . / bearing gold and frankincense, / and heralding the praises of the LORD" (verses 5-6).

New Testament

Matthew 2:1-12
 "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem" (verse 1).