

# MATTHEW

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CHAPTER  
ONE**



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**THE PROMISE OF  
CHRISTMAS**



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CHRISTMAS IS WHEN WE CELEBRATE GOD'S FULFILLMENT OF A PROMISE TO SEND US A SAVIOR.

THIS GIFT WASN'T A SURPRISE, BUT SOMETHING PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING MANY YEARS TO RECEIVE.

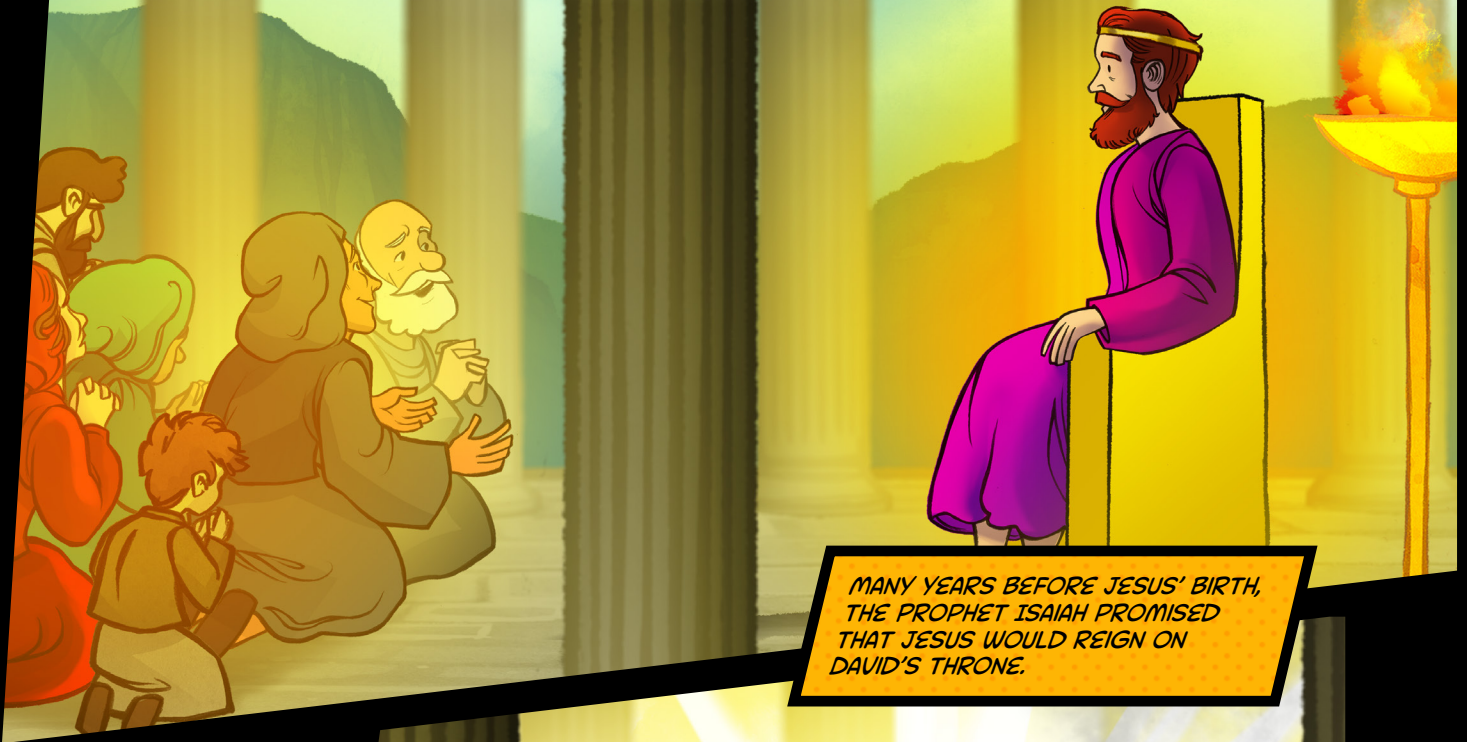
THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS BEGAN WITH A MAN NAMED ABRAHAM.

GOD PROMISED ABRAHAM THAT HE WOULD HAVE A DESCENDANT AND THAT THIS DESCENDANT WOULD BE A BLESSING TO ALL THE NATIONS.

WHEN THE APOSTLE MATTHEW WROTE THE STORY OF JESUS' LIFE, HE SAID THAT JESUS WAS THE SON OF ABRAHAM.

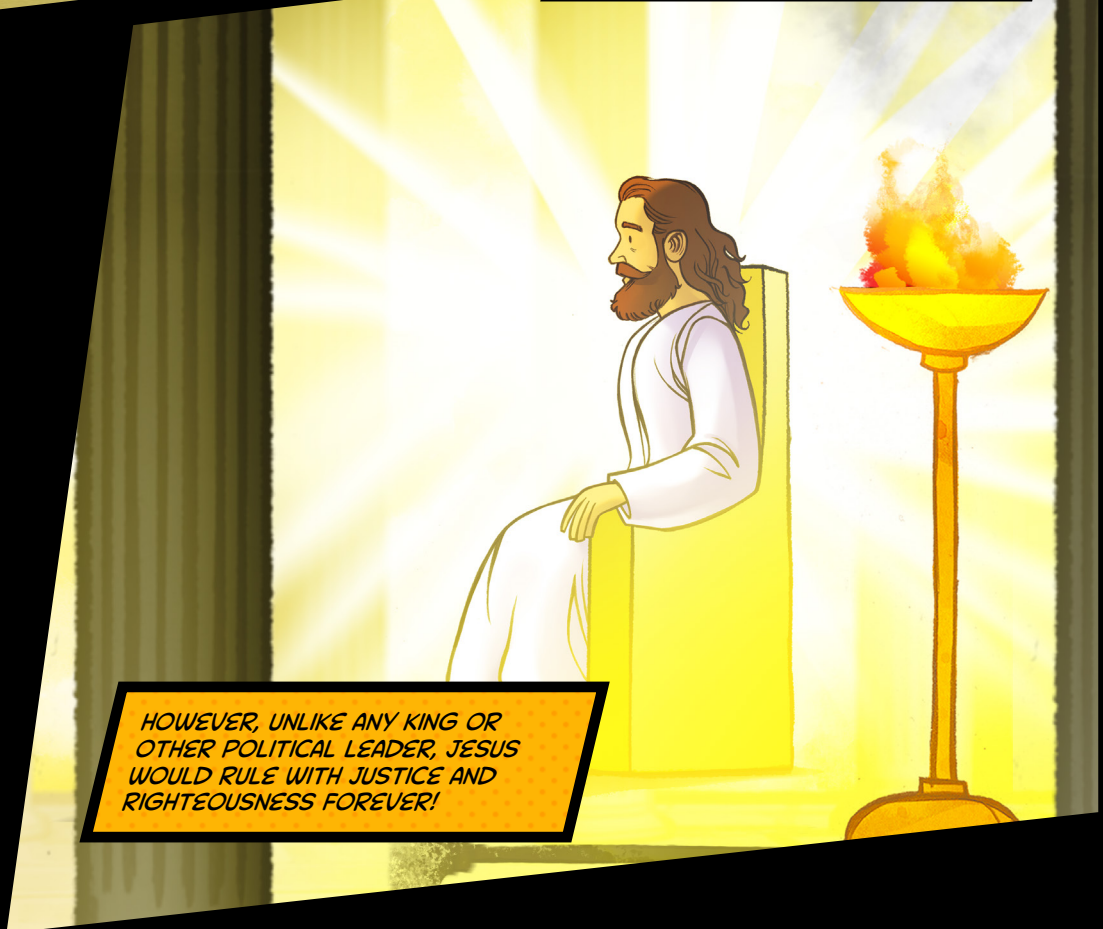


NOT ONLY DID MATTHEW SAY JESUS WAS A DESCENDANT OF ABRAHAM, HE ALSO SAID THAT HE WAS A DESCENDANT OF KING DAVID.



MANY YEARS BEFORE JESUS' BIRTH, THE PROPHET ISAIAH PROMISED THAT JESUS WOULD REIGN ON DAVID'S THRONE.

HOWEVER, UNLIKE ANY KING OR OTHER POLITICAL LEADER, JESUS WOULD RULE WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FOREVER!







THE PROPHET MICAH  
FORETOLD THAT JESUS WOULD  
BE BORN IN THE SMALL TOWN  
OF BETHLEHEM.

MICAH SAID THAT, EVEN THOUGH  
BETHLEHEM WAS SMALL, THE  
CHILD BORN THERE WOULD  
RULE OVER ALL OF ISRAEL.

THIS RULER, THOUGH NOT YET  
BORN, WOULD COME FROM  
ANCIENT ORIGINS.



THE PROPHET ISAIAH HAD A LOT  
TO SAY ABOUT JESUS' BIRTH.

GOD TOLD HIM THAT THE  
PROMISED MESSIAH WOULD  
BE BORN IN THE MOST  
MIRACULOUS WAY.



HE WOULD BE BORN TO A  
VIRGIN THROUGH THE POWER  
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ISAIAH SAID THAT JESUS  
WOULD BE CALLED IMMANUEL,  
WHICH MEANS "GOD WITH US."





ISAIAH WENT ON TO TELL US MORE ABOUT THIS IMMANUEL AND THE GREATNESS THAT WAS TO COME.



THE SAVIOR WOULD BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, THE SOURCE OF ALL WISDOM.



MIGHTY GOD, THE CREATOR OF ALL THINGS.

EVERLASTING FATHER, THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE.

PRINCE OF PEACE, THE ONE WHO WILL MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT.



UNFORTUNATELY, NOT ALL THE PROPHETS  
HAD GOOD NEWS ABOUT HOW THE  
SAVIOR'S LIFE WOULD PLAY OUT...

WE HAVE  
TO LEAVE  
TONIGHT.

...SOME PEOPLE  
WOULD REJECT HIM.



THE PROPHET JEREMIAH SAID THAT JESUS' LIFE  
WOULD BE IN DANGER WHEN HE WAS BORN, AND  
THE PROPHET HOSEA SAID THAT JESUS AND HIS  
FAMILY WOULD HAVE TO FLEE TO EGYPT FOR  
A TIME TO ESCAPE THE MURDEROUS PLOTS  
AGAINST HIM.



JESUS' BIRTH AND LIFE FULFILLED ALL OF THESE PROPHECIES AS WELL AS THE MOST INCREDIBLE ONE OF ALL.

THE PROPHET ISAIAH SAID THAT JESUS WOULD BE A SERVANT WHO WOULD SUFFER FOR THE SINS OF THE WORLD.

HE WOULD GIVE HIS LIFE SO THAT ANYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM COULD BE SAVED FROM SIN.

AT CHRISTMAS, WE CELEBRATE THE PROMISED GIFT OF SALVATION GIVEN TO US BY GOD THROUGH THE SACRIFICE OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST.

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