

SCRIPTURE SLEUTH



Prophecies are statements about things that will happen in the future. The Bible contains many prophecies. We know that Jesus is the promised Savior because the New Testament tells us how his birth fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Read Matthew 1:18-2:23 and find each of the Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Jesus' birth.

1a

1b

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2b

2c

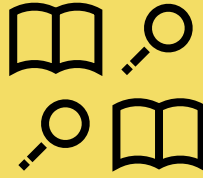
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2a

**Word
Cross
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Can you solve this crossword with the clues on the right?

God tells us to search for wisdom and understanding (Proverbs 2:3–6). The best place to look is in the Bible! So grab your detective gear and let's investigate Scripture, inspect clues, and discover all that God's Word has to teach us.



BIG QUESTIONS

Why did God put the tree in the garden of Eden?

Verses to Read

Genesis 2:17; John 3:16;
Romans 3:23–24;
Romans 5:12; Romans 8:22

WHEN GOD CREATED Adam and Eve, he wanted them to truly love him. Instead of forcing them to obey him, he gave Adam and Eve a choice. God commanded them not to eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He wanted to give them a real choice with real consequences.

Adam and Eve chose to disobey and sin against God. When they ate the fruit, God punished them by cursing all of creation with sin and death. Now all of us are born with sinful natures—but we also have a choice. We can choose our sin and be separated from God, or we can choose salvation through Jesus Christ and live forever with him.

LOOK FOR the word “fulfill” or the phrase “written/spoken by the prophets.” For each verse listed, write a summary of the prophecy found in that verse (a verse might have more than one prophecy). Then use words from those verses to fill in the crossword puzzle. If you have trouble, count the letters in each word.

Matthew 1:23

1a (six letters)

1b (eight letters)

Matthew 2:6

2a (five letters)

2b (eight letters)

2c (nine letters)

Matthew 2:15

3 (five letters)

Matthew 2:18

4 (seven letters)

Matthew 2:23

5 (eight letters)

This puzzle will work with many Bible versions including ESV, NASB, and NKJV.

