

Old Testament References in the Magnificat

Old Testament Reference (LXX is Septuagint translation)	The Magnificat: Luke 1:46-55 (O.T. quotations and references are in bold)
1 Sam 2:1 ; Is 61:10 ; Hab 3:18 ; Ps 25:2 (LXX); 145:6 ; 28:7	Luke 1:46-47 : My soul proclaims [rejoiceth] the greatness of the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
1 Sa 1:11	Luke 1:48 : because he has looked upon the humiliation of his servant.
Gen 30:13 ; Ps 103:1 ; 105:3 ; 111:9 ; 145:21	Luke 1:49 : Yes, from now onwards all generations will call me blessed , for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name
Ps 103:17	Luke 1:50 : And his faithful love extends age after age to those who fear him.
Ps 89:10 Ps 113:7-8	Luke 1:51 : He has used the power of his arm; he has routed the arrogant of heart.
Job 5:11 ; 12:19 ; Ps 107:41 ; 113:7-8 ; 1 Sam 2:8 , 2:4 ; Is 40:29	Luke 1:52 : He has pulled down princes from their thrones and raised high the lowly.
Ps 107:9 ; 1 Sam 2:5	Luke 1:53 : He has filled the starving with good things, sent the rich away empty.
Is 41:8-9 Ps 98:3	Luke 1:54 : He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his faithful love—
Gen 12:3 ; 13:15 ; 22:16-18 ; 26:3-4 ; 28:13-14 ; Lev 26:42 ; Dt 1:8 ; 6:10 ; 9:5 , 25 , 27 ; Sir 44:19/20-23/26 ; Mi 7:20 ; Ps 105:8-10 ; etc.	Luke 1:55 : according to the promise he made to our ancestors—of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.

The poem can be divided into three parts:

1. Mary gives thanks to God for making her the mother of the promised Savior ([Luke 1:46-50](#)).
2. Mary speaks of God's love for the poor and humble and His acts of judgment against those who oppress them ([Luke 1:51-53](#))
3. Mary speaks of God's faithfulness to His covenant people and to His promises to the Abraham and the patriarchs ([Luke 1: 54-55](#)).

Old Testament References found in Zechariah's Canticle

Some Old Testament References Found in Zechariah's Canticle	The Benedictus [..] = literal translation. Bold = reference/quotation*
Ps 72:18 ; 106:48 Ps 111:9	68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel , for he has visited his people , he has set them free,
Ps 18:2 1 Sam 2:10 ; 2 Sam 22:3 2 Sam 7:26 ; 1 Ch 17:24	69 and he has established for us a saving power [a horn of salvation] in the House of his servant David
Dt 18:15-19	70 Just as he proclaimed , by the mouth of his holy prophets from ancient times,
Ps 18:18 ; 2 Sam 22:18 Ps 106:10	71 that he would save us from our enemies and from the hands of all those who hate us ,
Gen 24:12 ; Lev 26:42 ; Dt 7:12 ; Ps 105:8 ; Jer 11:5	72 And show faithful love [mercy]** to our ancestors [lit. = fathers], and so keep in mind [remember] his holy covenant.
Gen 22:16-18 ; 26:3 ; 28:13-15 ; Dt 7:12 ; Mi 7:20	73 This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham ,
Gen 22:18; Ps 31:15 ; 140:4 ; 144:7 , 11	74 That he would grant us, free from fear, to be delivered from the hands of our enemies ,
Dt 6:13 ; 11:13 ; Jos 22:5 ; 24:14 , 24 ; 1 Sam 12:14 , 20 , 24	75 To serve him in holiness and uprightness in his presence, all our days.
Is 40:3 ; Mal 3:1-3 , 23	76 And you, little child, you shall be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him ,
Is 33:6 Jer 31:34	77 To give his people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins ,
Num 24:17 ; Mal 3:20	78 Because of the faithful love [bowels of mercy] of our God in which the rising Sun [or "star that heralds the day"] has come from on high to visit us ,
Gen 1:3 ; Is 9:1 ; 42:7 ; 8:12 ; 60:1-6 ; Ws 7:26 Ps 107:10 ; Is 11:6 Is 59:8	79 To give light to those who live in darkness and the shadow dark as death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace .