

Does the Hebrew Bible Prophecy the Messiah?

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The Importance of Messianic Prophecy in the Hebrew Bible

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Why Messianic Prophecy Matters

Centrality to NT

Centrality to Judaism

Evangelistic Purpose

Faith Affirming

Luke 24:25-27

²⁵And He said to them, “O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!

²⁶“Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?”

²⁷Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

Luke 24:44-46

⁴⁴Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

Luke 24:44-46

⁴⁵Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,

⁴⁶and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day...

John 5:46-47

46“For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me.

47“But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Acts 2:29-31

²⁹“Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Acts 2:29-31

³⁰“And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,
³¹he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Acts 3:18

¹⁸“But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

Acts 3:22-24

²²“Moses said, ‘THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you.

²³‘And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’

Acts 3:22-24

²⁴“And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days.

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹⁰As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to you made careful searches and inquiries,

¹¹seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

1 Peter 1:10-12

¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.

Acts 7:52

52“Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

Acts 8:35

³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 13:27

²⁷“For those who live in Jerusalem, and their rulers, recognizing neither Him nor the utterances of the prophets which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled these by condemning Him.

Acts 17:2-3

²And according to Paul's custom, he went to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

³explaining and giving evidence that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom I am proclaiming to you is the Christ."

Acts 18:27-28

²⁷And ... when he had arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace,
²⁸for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

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"I believe with perfect faith in the coming of the Messiah, and, though he tarries, I will wait daily for his coming."

Maimonides, Thirteen Principles of Faith

“Belief in the Messiah is more central to Judaism than even the observance of the sabbath or Yom Kippur ... the cardinal principal of Jewish faith.”

Shmuley Boteach, *The Wolf Shall Lie with the Lamb: Messiah in Hasidic Thought*

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Definition of Messiah

An idealized representative prophet/priest/king figure; an ultimate Moses, ultimate Aaron and principally, an ultimate David.

This redemptive figure developed within Israel's collective consciousness alongside an accompanying idealized age of peace and prosperity.

Facets of Messianic Prophecy

First Advent Exclusive

Second Advent Exclusive

First and Second Advent

Full Messianic Resume



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Types of Messianic Prophecy

Literal

Typological

Applicational

Analogical/Correspondence

Hermeneutics

Grammatical

Historical

Rhetorical

Common Sense

Acts 8:30-31

³⁰Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?”

³¹And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.