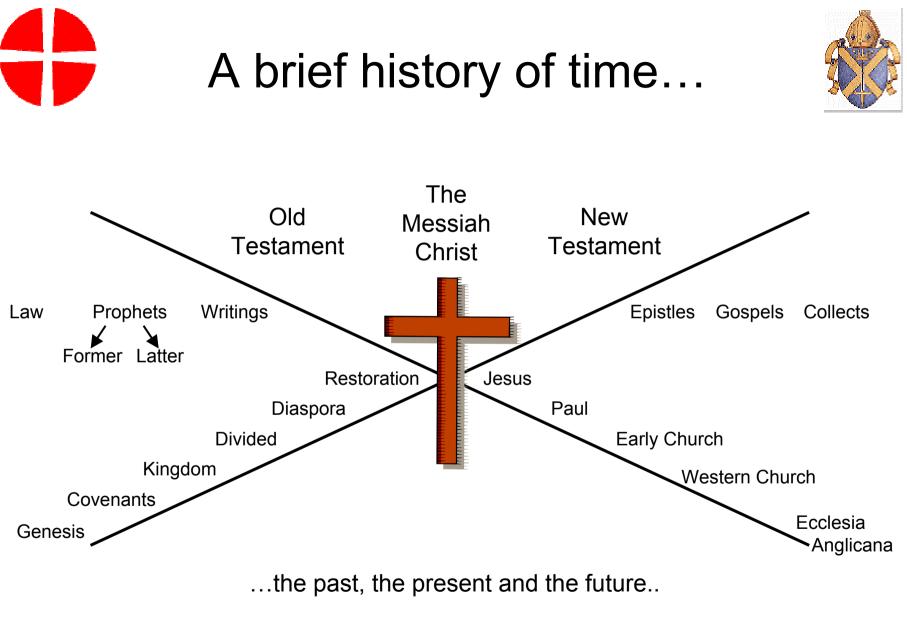




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Seeing the Messiah through the Old Testament 24 November 2003

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Where do we find information on the Jewish Messiah?

Written



Law = Pentateuch (Gen, Ex, Lev, Num, Deut)

Prophets = Former (Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings) + Latter (Is, Jer, Ezek and the 12 minor)

Writings = Psalms, Proverbs, Job + Festal scrolls (S of S, Ruth, Lam, Eccl, Esther) + Daniel, Ezra-Nehemiah, Chronicles

Law = <u>T</u>orah Prophets = <u>N</u>evi'im Writings = <u>K</u>etutvim

Tanakh

Midrash Teaching/ Clarity

Oral

Talmud = Mishnah + GemaraLearnRepeatConclusion(500 BC)





What do the Jews believe about the Jewish Messiah?

- He must be Jewish (Deut 17 v 15)
 "...one among your brethren..."
- He must be a member of the tribe of Judah (Gen 49 v 10)
 "...the staff shall not depart from Judah..."
- Male descendent from King David and King Solomon (2 Sam 7 v 12 13)
 "...I will set up your seed after you... ...and I will establish His kingdom..."
- 4. He must gather the Jews from exile and return them to Israel (Is 11 v 12)
 "...and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel..."





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- 5. He must rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem (Ezek 37 v 26 27)
 "...I will set my sanctuary in their midst forever..."
- 6. He will rule at a time of world peace (Micah 4 v 3)"...they shall beat their swords into ploughshares..."
- He will rule at a time when the Jews will observe God's commandments (Ezek 37 v 24)
 "...they shall follow my ordinances..."
- He will rule at a time when all people will acknowledge and serve one God (Is 66 v 23)
 "...shall all flesh come to worship before Me..."
- 9. A Priest forever (Ps 110)

"...royal dignity has been yours since the day of your birth...you are a priest forever..."



Mishnah Torah, Hilchot Melachim XI – XII

The King Messiah will in some future time come, restore the kingdom of David to its former power, build the Temple, bring together the scattered of Israel, and all the ancient laws will again be in force. Sacrifices will be offered, and years of release and Jubilees will be kept as prescribed in the Torah. Whoever does not believe in him, or does not hope for his coming, shows a lack of faith not only in the prophets, but also in the Torah. For the Torah testifies concerning him in the words: 'And the L-rd your God will again bring back your captivity, and show mercy unto you, and again gather you from all the nations...If your outcasts be at the ends of the heavens, from there will the L-rd gather you...and the L-rd will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed...'(Deut. 30 v 3 - 5)...

...Also, Jesus the Nazarene, who imagined that he would be messiah and was killed, is alluded to in the book of Daniel, as it is said, `And the sons of the transgressors among thy people will rise, in order to establish a vision, and will stumble' (Dan. 11:14). Can there be a greater stumbling then this? All the prophets said that messiah will be a redeemer and a saviour to the Israelites, will bring together their outcasts, and will strengthen their obedience to the Divine precepts, but he (Jesus) caused destruction by the sword to Israel, the dispersion of those left, and their humiliation. He changed the law, and misled many people to worship a being beside God.

To the Jews, Jesus is not the Messiah





And David my servant shall be king over them; and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall also follow my judgements and observe my statutes, and do them. And they shall dwell in the land I have given Jacob my servant, in which your fathers have dwelt and they shall dwell there, they and their children, and their children's children forever; and my servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover, I will make a covenant of peace with them, it shall be an everlasting covenant with them, which I will give them; and I will multiply them and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. And my tabernacle shall be with them: and I will be their God and they will be my people. Then the nations shall know that I am the Lord who sanctifies Israel, when my sanctuary will be in the midst of them forevermore.

Ezek 37 v 24 - 28)

To the Jews, no individual has ever met all of these conditions...

...hence the Messiah is still to come





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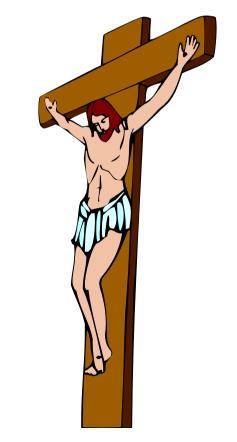


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The Jewish Messiah (Anointed One) and the Christian Christ (Anointed One

A Trinity of facets of a Messiah Christ

He will be a Prophet

He will be a Priest

He will be a King







A Prophet of the most High God

Old Testament Prophets mainly active during the time of the monarchy 'Royal officials' like the Archbishop of Canterbury? Many linked to a place (e.g. Isaiah in Jerusalem) Many different backgrounds (e.g Amos, a shepherd, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were priests)

A divine messenger who speaks out the word of God - hope, forgiveness, holiness, true knowledge of God, peace and joy

Jesus is the Divine Messenger in Person





A Priest of the order of Melchizedek

Who was Melchizedek? Gen 14 v 18 - 20 Melchizedek = (*melek* = king) + (*tsedeq* = righteousness)

Melchizedek is the King of Righteousness

- The image/spirit of the unseen God
- Without genealogy (physical Father)
- A Priest before the Levitical Aaronic Priesthood was established
- A Priest who will be eternal Ps 110 v $1 4^*$
- The role of the Priest was to give access to God (atoning for sins through offering sacrifice)

Jesus is a Priest of the Order of Melchizedek Heb $5 v 5 - 10^*$ The King and Son of Righteousness Through Him we have permanent access to God He is the sacrifice made once and for all to atone for our sins







A King as a channel of God's grace to the community

A ruler of God's ideal Kingdom – an earthly representative (Herod did not want competition, hence his directive to the three wise men!)

Jesus is a King from the House of David – A shepherd King He exercises His Royal functions

- care for his subjects
- judgement
- ruling with ultimate authority

Bringing salvation of all the redeemed (Jews and Gentiles)

Jesus is Christ the King His Kingdom was inaugurated by His incarnation His rule will be complete when He returns in Glory

The King of Heaven and Earth – the Crown through the Cross



So what does that mean for us today...

The God, who is the Messiah, the Christ came down to earth at Christmas

The God, who is Prophet, Priest and King came down to earth at Christmas

The God, who became incarnate came down to earth at Christmas

Some did not recognise Him when He came down to earth at Christmas



As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart...

