

# OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES ABOUT THE MESSIAH - CRE FORM 2

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### [Introduction:](#)

Read 2 Samuel 7:13, Isaiah 7:10-16

### [Messiah](#)

Meaning: The word Messiah is from a Hebrew word meshiach, which means the anointed: thus a Messiah is one called, anointed and appointed by God to serve Him.

### [Prophecy:](#)

A prophecy refers to a prediction of what will happen in future.

Messianic Prophecies: These are those predictions that were made by the prophets to describe the coming of a righteous King who will rule Israel according to God's will. The origin of the Messianic prophecies in the Bible starts with prophet Nathan's prophecy to King David.

#### NOTE:

The Roman ruled the Israelites before the birth of Jesus. They hated the Roman leadership and longed for somebody of their own to lead them into victory over the Roman rule.

The prophet of Israel (the Old Testament) communicated a message that God would send a messiah to bring all people into a lasting relationship with Him. The prophets who were sent had different ideas about the Messiah.

Their ideas about the Messiah were different from the Jewish expectations – whereby they hoped for political King to lead them into victory over the Roman rule. But the prophets were talking about a religious one – to free them from sin.

### [Old Testament Prophecies about the Coming of the Messiah.](#)

#### [\(i\) NATHAN'S PROPHECY \(2 Samuel 7:3 – 17\) and \(Psalms 89: 20 – 38\).](#)

David proposed to build God a house. Nathan, the prophet was given a message (an oracle) for David. In this prophecy, God told Nathan to tell King David that:

- God would ensure that the Kingdom of David would last forever.

- An heir from David's lineage would rule
- David's heir shall build a house for God's name. God would establish the throne of his Kingdom forever.
- David heir shall be God's son and God shall be his father.
- David house and Kingdom shall be established forever.

David died. But God's mercy shall not depart from the heir of David. Hence the promise that the Kingdom of David, shall last forever referred to the messiah who was to come. David is an ancestor of Christ.

### [\(ii\) ISAIAH'S PROPHECY - Isaiah 7: 10 - 16; 9: 1- 7; 61:1 -2; and 63.](#)

In these readings, Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be:

- Born of a virgin
- A boy, born of a virgin and called 'Emmanuel' that is " God with us"
- A Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, The everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.
- The Spirit of God inside him
- Anointed of God
- Sent to preach the good news to the poor, to bring liberty to the captives, proclaim the year of favour from God.
- Isaiah also prophesied that the Messiah would be the suffering servant (Isaiah 53)

### **Characteristics of the Suffering Servant - Isaiah 53**

- He would bear the sins of human kind
- He was oppressed, afflicted, despised, rejected of men
- He bore suffering and disgrace submissively
- He was mocked and spat on and wounded
- He was innocent of sin and yet treated as a criminal.
- He was pierced and wounded in the sides
- He was crucified with thieves and made intercession for the sinners
- He was buried in a rich man's tomb.

### [iii. Jeremiah's Prophecy - Jeremiah 23: 5 - 6.](#)

God promised to rise up a (branch) who shall:

- Choose as King, a righteous descendant of David
- Prosper
- Rule wisely, do what is right, and just in the world
- Execute justice on the earth
- Ensure that Judah and Israel are safe and live in peace.
- Be called 'the God our righteousness' - "The Lord our salvation'

What does the term a 'righteous branch 'means?

### [iv. Micah's Prophecy, \(Micah 5: 1 - 5\).](#)

Micah prophesied that:

- The Messianic King shall come from Bethlehem
- He shall lead with authority
- He will bring peace