

JESUS THE MESSIAH

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TITLE "MESSIAH" THROUGHOUT THE BIBLE.

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ISRAEL BEFORE THE EXILES

"MESSIAH" IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

AT THE CORE OF ALL OF THIS IS THE HEBREW WORD *MASAH*, WHICH SIMPLY MEANS *TO ANOINT*, OR MORE LITERALLY *TO SMEAR OR SPREAD WITH A LIQUID*. IN ISRAEL, THIS WAS A MEANS OF RECOGNIZING OR CONFIRMING AN OFFICIAL LEADER OF THE PEOPLE.



ANOINTED LEADERS IN ISRAEL

THERE WERE THREE PRIMARY GROUPS OF PEOPLE WHO WERE AUTHORIZED TO SERVE BY ANOINTING, AND THEREBY BECAME *MASIYAH*: AN ANOINTED ONE. THEY WERE USUALLY ANOINTED WITH OIL (EXODUS 29:7; 2 KINGS 9:3).



PROPHETS

1 KINGS 19:13-18
ISAIAH 61:1-2



PRIESTS

EXODUS 28:40-43
LEVITICUS 6:19-22



KINGS

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13
1 SAMUEL 24:1-7

EXILE & INTERTESTAMENTAL PERIOD

"THE" MESSIAH FORETOLD BY DANIEL

DURING THE EXILE, DANIEL WAS GIVEN A VISION OF THE FUTURE THAT INCLUDED A SPECIAL "ANOINTED ONE" (HEBREW - *MASIYAH*) IN DANIEL 9:24-27. AFTER THE RETURN, ISRAEL BEGAN TO LOOK FOR "THE" *MASIYAH* WHO WOULD RETURN ISRAEL TO GLORY AND FULFILL GOD'S PROMISE IN 2 SAMUEL 7.

"MESSIANIC" PROPHECY

- > JOHN 7:40-43 (REFERENCING PSALM 89:3-4 AND MICAH 5:2) IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THE POST-EXILIC ISRAELITES WRAPPED UP A BUNCH OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES INTO THE SINGULAR CONCEPT OF THE *MASIYAH* (IN GREEK, THE *CHRISTOS*, OR CHRIST).
- > ACTS 4:23-28 (REFERENCING PSALM 2:1-2) IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF HOW THE HOLY SPIRIT LED THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS TO INTERPRET A HOST OF OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES AS ALSO POINTING TO JESUS, IN ADDITION TO THEIR IMMEDIATE CONTEXTUAL MEANING.
- > IN THE SAME VEIN, MODERN CHRISTIANS TEND TO GROUP ALL PROPHECIES ABOUT JESUS INTO THE CATEGORY OF *MESSIANIC* PROPHECIES - PROPHECIES ABOUT THE ANOINTED ONE.

THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

"MESSIAH" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

THE GREEK WORD *MESSIAS* ONLY APPEARS TWICE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT (JOHN 1:41 AND 4:25) WHERE IT IS A *TRANSLITERATION* OF THE HEBREW WORD *MASIYAH*. THE *TRANSLATION* (THAT IS, THE GREEK WORD THAT ACTUALLY MEANS "ANOINTED ONE") IS ALSO IN EACH VERSE: *CHRISTOS*. WE HAVE KEPT THE HABIT OF TRANSLITERATION WITH *CHRIST* INSTEAD OF TRANSLATING JESUS *THE ANOINTED*.



JESUS THE ANOINTED LEADER

JESUS WAS NOT ANOINTED WITH OIL, BUT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, POWER, AND BY THE SIGN OF THE RESURRECTION (ACTS 10:34-43; ROMANS 1:1-4).



PROPHET

LUKE 4:16-19
ACTS 3:17-26



PRIEST

HEBREWS 5:5-6
HEBREWS 9:11-14



KING

HEBREWS 1:8-9
MATTHEW 22:41-46