

Biblical Passages Referring to the Moshiach or Messiah

What is the Messiah supposed to accomplish? The Bible says that he will:

- Build the Third Temple (Ezekiel 37:26-28).
- Gather all Jews back to the Land of Israel (Isaiah 43:5-6).
- Usher in an era of world peace, and end all hatred, oppression, suffering and disease. As it says: "Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall man learn war anymore." (Isaiah 2:4)
- Spread universal knowledge of the God of Israel, which will unite humanity as one. As it says: "God will be King over all the world -- on that day, God will be One and His Name will be One" (Zechariah 14:9).

According to traditional Jewish belief, passed down for centuries (and therefore would have been believed by both Jesus and his followers), if an individual fails to fulfill even one of these conditions, then he cannot be "The Messiah."

Because no one has ever fulfilled the Bible's description of this future King, Jews still await the coming of the Messiah. All past Messianic claimants, including Jesus of Nazareth, Bar Cochba and Shabbtai Tzvi have been rejected.

Christians counter that Jesus will fulfill these [in the Second Coming](#), but Jewish sources show that the Messiah will fulfill the prophecies outright; in the Bible no concept of a second coming exists.

•Ezekiel

37:26 Moreover I will make a [covenant](#) of peace with them; it shall be an [everlasting covenant](#) with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my [sanctuary](#) in the midst of them for evermore. 37:27 My [tabernacle](#) also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 37:28 And the [heathen](#) shall know that I the LORD do sanctify [Israel](#), when my [sanctuary](#) shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

•Isaiah

2:2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of [Jacob](#); and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of [Zion](#) shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from [Jerusalem](#). 2:4 And he shall [judge](#) among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their

spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up [sword](#) against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

11:1 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of [Jesse](#), and a [Branch](#) shall grow out of his roots: 11:2 And the [spirit](#) of the LORD shall rest upon him, the [spirit](#) of wisdom and understanding, the [spirit](#) of counsel and might, the [spirit](#) of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; 11:3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not [judge](#) after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: 11:4 But with [righteousness](#) shall he [judge](#) the [poor](#), and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth: with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

42:1 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my [spirit](#) upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the [Gentiles](#). 42:2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 42:3 A bruised [reed](#) shall he not break, and the smoking [flax](#) shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 42:4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law. 42:5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and [spirit](#) to them that walk therein: 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in [righteousness](#), and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a [covenant](#) of the people, for a light of the [Gentiles](#);

43:5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the [east](#), and gather thee from the west; 43:6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

59:20 And the [Redeemer](#) shall come to [Zion](#), and unto them that turn from transgression in [Jacob](#), saith the LORD.

•Jeremiah

23:3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 23:4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD. 23:5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto [David](#) a righteous [Branch](#), and a [King](#) shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and [justice](#) in the earth. 23:6 In his days [Judah](#) shall be saved, and [Israel](#) shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR [RIGHTEOUSNESS](#).

30:3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the [captivity](#) of my people [Israel](#) and [Judah](#), saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. 30:9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and [David](#) their [king](#), whom I will raise up unto them.

33:14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of [Israel](#) and to the house of [Judah](#). 33:15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the [Branch](#) of [righteousness](#) to grow up unto [David](#); and he shall execute judgment and [righteousness](#) in the land. 33:16 In those days shall [Judah](#) be saved, and [Jerusalem](#) shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our [righteousness](#). 33:25 Thus saith the LORD; If my [covenant](#) be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of [heaven](#) and earth; 33:26 Then will I cast away the seed of [Jacob](#) and [David](#) my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of [Abraham](#), [Isaac](#), and [Jacob](#): for I will cause their [captivity](#) to return, and have [mercy](#) on them.

•Hosea

3:4 For the children of [Israel](#) shall abide many days without a [king](#), and without a [prince](#), and without a [sacrifice](#), and without an image, and without an [ephod](#), and without [teraphim](#): 3:5 Afterward shall the children of [Israel](#) return, and seek the LORD their God, and [David](#) their [king](#); and shall fear the LORD and his [goodness](#) in the latter days.

•Micah

4:1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of [Jacob](#); and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of [Zion](#), and the word of the LORD from [Jerusalem](#). 4:3 And he shall [judge](#) among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a [sword](#) against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 4:4 But they shall sit every man under his [vine](#) and under his [fig](#) tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it. 4:5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

•Zephaniah

3:9 For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent. 3:19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. 3:20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your [captivity](#) before your eyes, saith the LORD.

•Zechariah

14:9 And the LORD shall be [king](#) over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.