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The Messiah

### **The Messiah (Anointed)**

The Messiah is referred to by more than just one name and meaning. The Messiah in Hebrew means “The Anointed One and the chosen one” and in Arabic, it means “the guided leader.” The Messiah is known to be the promised prophesied deliverer from the Hebrew Bible. The Messiah is known as the leader and savior who would lead and teach groups of people about the good word of God. The figure given the name “Messiah” is known as Jesus. The name Jesus is familiar among the Catholic, Christian, and Hebrew studies. Although more information is read about Jesus in the New Testament, the Old Testament foreshadows the Messiah’s coming and what he will do for the people.

Although the Messiah is well known in the Bible, the meaning of Messiah has different contexts and meanings in Historical texts. In the Bible, the Messiah is the hope for Judaism, but in historical texts, the Messiah is read as a divine and theological figure. In Historical texts, The Messiah being titled the “Anointed one” is set as a “ceremonial” role given by God’s grace. Although the Messiah is a historical figure, his mission is to enter the land of Israel to bring restoration to the land and the people (the Israelites) and rule over them as King. In the Biblical

context, the Messiah is also known as the “Yahweh’s (God’s) anointed.” As “Yahweh’s anointed” his mission is to become the earthly king of Yahweh’s people (Israelites). Old Testament scriptures such as 1 Samuel 15:1 and Daniel 9:24 foreshadow the Messiah and his ruling and teachings. 1 Samuel 15:1 (NIV) states, “It was the Lord who told me to anoint you as king of his people, Israel. Now listen to this message from the lord. Daniel 9:24 (NIV) states, “A period of seventy sets of seven has been decreed for your people and your holy city to finish their rebellion, to put an end to their sin, to atone for their guilt, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to confirm the prophetic vision, and to anoint the Most Holy Place.”