

### NEED TO KNOW

Jews believe God is going to send a saviour – the Messiah, to make the world as it should be. However, Orthodox and Reform Jews interpret this differently.


### UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

#### Messiah

#### Messianic Age


Compare and contrast **Orthodox** and **Reform** interpretations about the **Messiah**



| THE MESSIAH   |                          | Judaism<br>Beliefs and Teachings  |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| Messiah   | Messianic age            |  |
| The Messiah will be a descendent of _____   |                          |   |
| The Orthodox view   | The Reformed view        |   |
| Covenant  |                          | ABRAHAM   |
| Abraham's belief about God  | God's promise to Abraham | God's requirement of Abraham  |
| <p>"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><small>Genesis 12:2-3</small></p> |                          |   |

# The Messiah

Judaism  
Beliefs and Teachings



**Messiah:** “the anointed one”; a leader of the Jews who is expected to live on earth at some time in the future

**Messianic age:** a future time of global peace when everyone will want to become closer to God, possibly through the intervention of the Messiah

## The nature of the Messiah

- Sent by God
- Born of human parents
- A descendent of King David
- Fully understand and observe the Mitzvot
- A charismatic leader
- A judge
- One whom world leaders will go to for advice
- Will bring in the **Messianic Age**



## The Messianic Age

- Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem

‘I will put my sanctuary among  
them forever.’

*Ezekiel 37: 26*



## The Messianic Age

- Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
- Gather all of Israel together

Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back.

Deuteronomy 30:3-4



## The Messianic Age

- Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
- Gather all of Israel together
- Bring about world peace

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.

*Isaiah 2:4*



## The Messianic Age

- Rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem
- Gather all of Israel together
- Bring about world peace
- Everyone will worship God

The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.

*Zechariah 14:9*



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**Reform Jews:** metaphorical



**The sound of the shofar**



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**How will we know the Messiah has come?**

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