

# Messiah

Judaism  
Beliefs & Teachings

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

## He will

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

## Need to know his nature (what he is like)

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

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

‘I will put my **sanctuary** among them forever.’ *In the Tanakh it says*

‘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.**’ *In the Tanakh it says*

‘He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. **They will beat their swords into ploughshares** and their spears into pruning hooks. **Nation will not take up sword against nation**, nor will they train for war anymore.’ *In the Tanakh it says*

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

*Jews believe God is going to send a Messiah, to make the world as it should be.*

Orthodox interpret this as....

Reform interpret this as...

## Past Exam Questions

- Spec** : Explain two Jewish teachings about the Messiah. (5)
- 2019:** Explain two views about the Messiah in Judaism. (5)
- 2021:** Explain two ways in which belief in the future Messiah influences Jews today. (4)
- 2022:** ‘For Jews, the most important role of the Messiah is to bring peace to the world.’ (12)

## Possible Questions

### The belief in the Messiah Influences...

- **influences** Jews to believe that the Messiah will be special and close to God.
- **influences** Jews to look forward to the coming of the Messiah as it will be a time of greatness when the dead will be resurrected and live in peace and harmony in a restored Israel.
- **influences** Jews to aim towards being worthy of redemption as individuals and collectively by obeying the Torah, repenting and living as God requires / some may move to Israel to live, work and study in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.
- **influences** Jews to keep their faith in times of hardship no matter how great e.g. the Holocaust.