

Messianic Prophecies

1. Define *messiah* in your own words:

2. Page C5 in *The Catholic Youth Bible*® describes Israel's liberation from exile, Greek domination, revolt, freedom, Roman domination, and Israel's hope for a new king. What ideal characteristics do you think Israel's messiah would have?

3. Look up the following passages, and list the characteristics of the messiah that they present:

<u>Isaiah 9:5–6</u>	<u>Jeremiah 23:1–8</u>
<u>Isaiah 11:1–5</u>	<u>Jeremiah 30:8–9</u>
<u>Isaiah 42:1,6–7</u>	<u>Micah 5:1–4</u>
<u>Isaiah 53:4–5</u>	<u>Zechariah 9:9</u>

4. Read 2 Samuel 7:16–17 and Matthew 1:1–16 and then Isaiah 7:14 and Matthew 1:21–23. Explain how they are related and what these passages tell us about the messianic prophecies.

