

THE NEW HOPE:

What will the Messiah be like and where will he be born?

Here are some of the verses from the Old Testament that the People of God used to look forward to God sending them a rescuer – a Messiah. Christians believe that these prophecies apply to Jesus.

ISAIAH 7:14

But the Lord himself will give you a sign:
The virgin will be pregnant. She will have
a son, and she will name him Immanuel.

MICAH 5:2

"But you, Bethlehem, are one of the
smallest towns in Judah.

But from you will come one who will
rule Israel for me.

He comes from very old times, from days
long ago."

ISAIAH 9:6-7

6 A child will be born to us.
God will give a son to us.
He will be responsible for
leading the people.

His name will be Wonderful
Counsellor, Powerful God,
Father Who Lives Forever,
Prince of Peace.

7 Power and peace will be in
his kingdom.

It will continue to grow.
He will rule as king on David's
throne and over David's kingdom.

He will make it strong, by ruling
with goodness and fair judgment.

He will rule it forever and ever.

The Lord of heaven's armies will
do this because of his strong love
for his people.

ISAIAH 11:1-5

So a new king will come from the family
of Jesse [King David's father].

2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon
that king.

The Spirit gives him wisdom,
understanding, guidance
and power.

And the Spirit teaches him to
know and respect the Lord.

3 This king will be glad to obey
the Lord.

He will not judge by the way
things look.

He will not judge by what people say.

4 He will judge the poor honestly.

He will be fair in his decisions for the
poor people of the land.

At his command evil people will
be punished.

By his words the wicked will be put to death.

5 Goodness and fairness will give him strength.

They will be like a belt around his waist.