

Who Will Rescue Me?

Oversimplified Historic Expectations of the Messiah

A New King!

New leader rising up and taking on a civic role as leader with an assumption of rising to power through military might.

A New High Priest!

New leader taking their place from within the clergy with authority from the religious community. Reform or rededication to past practices are a common expectation of such a leader.

A Combo!

One who will be both King and High Priest and lead to a new global reality where all nations recognize the God of Israel and there is peace on Earth.

Rescue Me from What?

Oversimplified Historic Rational for needing the Messiah

Rescue God's people from oppression and restore the nation of Israel

Establish the nation-state of Israel in its full and former size and strength.
Reunite the Jewish community after so many historic harms and separations.

Save us from our sins, or redeem us from our sinful nature

Whether we are born bad or get that way on our own, the Messiah is seen as the path to eternal life.

Save us from ourselves and our societal hurts

Teachings of the Messiah call the community to accountability and love that is transformative.
Growth and change in the community brings about a fulfillment of God's creation.

What Else?

- The practice of God rising up a leader is common in scripture.
- The hope of God restoring the people is a major theme.
- There were lots of would-be Messiahs who turned out to be false.
- All these images and expectations are combined from multiple scripture rather than one unified vision in the Bible.

When have you looked to God to pull you out of a bad situation?

Self-Diagnosis

Circle words that describe you on a regular basis. Underline those you have felt in the past.

Draw a line between selected words in the left column and a word on the right that best describes the new reality you have found or are hoping for in the future.

In the space between write or draw things that helped or could help create such change.

Lonely

Lost

Broken

Unlovable

Afraid

Worthless

Angry

Mean

Sad

Helpless

Toxic

Cursed

Heartless

Misunderstood

Invisible

Trapped

Loved

Known

Understood

Whole

Hopeful

Compassionate

Joyful

Thankful

Blessed

Supported

Gifted

Capable

Affirmed

Talented

Empowered

Free