

► Expectation of Several "End Times Persons" is attested to in the New Testament

John 7 ^(NASB)
 40 Some of the people therefore, when they heard these words, were saying, "This certainly is **the Prophet**."
 41 Others were saying, "This is **the Christ/Messiah**."


Matthew 16 ^(NASB) (= Mark 8:27-29); Luke 9:18-21
 13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he was asking his disciples,
 "Who do people say that **the Son of Man** is?"
 14 And they said, "Some say **John the Baptist**; and others, **Elijah**; but still others, **Jeremiah, or one of the prophets**."
 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are **the Christ/Messiah, the Son of the living God**."

Inter-Testamental Expected “End Times Persons”

◆ Forerunner to the Messiah’s Coming

Elijah

- ▶ **Old Testament:**
Malachi 3:19-24
- ▶ **Inter-Testamental Period:**
Wisdom of *Ben Sira* 48
- ▶ **New Testament:**
Mark 6:15 / Matt 16:14
John 1:21-23
John the Baptist = Elijah
Luke 1:17
Matt 11:14; 17:9-13




Elijah

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▶ **Inter-Testamental Period:**

- *Wisdom of Ben Sira* (*Ecclesiasticus*) ch. 47 (c. 200-175 B.C.)
- *Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs* (c. 150 B.C.)
 - * Testament of Judah 22:2-3; 24:1-6
 - * Testament of Levi 8:14b-15
 - * Testament of Naphtali 8:1-3
- *Psalms of Solomon* chs. 17- 18 (c. 50 B.C.)
- Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls:
 - * 1QSereq [Community Rule] 9:11 (c. 100 B.C.)
 - * Cairo Document ^A cols 12:22-13:1a; 14:18b-19 (c. 100 B.C.)
 - * Cairo Document ^B cols. 19:5b-14; 19:33-20:1a (c. 100 B.C.)
 - * 4Q174 [4QFlorilegium] col 1:10-12 (c. 1st century B.C.)
 - * 4Q252 [4QGenesis Peshera] col. 5:1-4 (c. latter half 1st century B.C.)
 - * 4Q161 (4Q Isaiah Peshera) col 3 (Frgs 8-10) (c. 30 B.C. – 30 A.D.)



Messiah
Davidic
King

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▶ **New Testament:**
Matt 16:12-16

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”


¹⁶ Simon Peter answered,
“You are **the Christ/Messiah,**
the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ And Jesus said to him,
“Blessed are you, Simon BarJona,
because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you,
but my Father who is in heaven.

²⁰ Then he warned the disciples
that they should tell no one
that he was the Christ/Messiah.

Mark 8:27-29
Luke 9:18-20
John 20:31

³¹ but these have been written so that you may believe
that Jesus is **the Christ/Messiah, the Son of God;**
and that believing you may have life in His name.



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Inter-Testamental Expected “End Times Persons”


▶ **Old Testament:**
Deuteronomy 18:15-19

▶ **Inter-Testamental Period:**
Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls: 1QSereq 9:11

“until coming of the **Prophet**
and the **anointed/Anointed**s of **Aaron & Israel.**”

▶ **New Testament:**

- John 1:21, 25: (inquired of John the Baptist)
“Are you Elijah? Are you **the Prophet?**” (cf. Matt 21:26; Mark 6:15)
- John 6:14: “This is of a truth **the Prophet**
who is to come into the world.”
- John 7:40: “This certainly is **the Prophet**”
- Acts 3:19-26--quoting Deut 18:15--equating it with Jesus
(cf. Acts 7:37)
- Matt 21:11: “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth in Galilee”
- Luke 7:16, 39; 13:33; 24:19
- John 4:19; 9:17



The
Prophet


Inter-Testamental Expected “End Times Persons”

▶ **Old Testament:**
Daniel 7:13 14

▶ **Inter-Testamental Period:**

- 1 Enoch (c. 160 B.C.)
46:1-6; 48:2-7; 62:1-9; 69:26-29; 71:14-17
(see also 52:4 & 61)

▶ **New Testament:**
Matthew 25:31-33
Matthew 26:24
Matthew 26:63-64 (= Mark 14:61-64)
Mark 8:31
Acts 7:55-56
Revelation 1:12-17
Revelation 14:14-16



Son of Man

■ transcendent being who comes to earth from heaven, as judge at the End of Times

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▶ **Old Testament:**
1 Chronicles 23:13
Zechariah ch. 4
Jeremiah 33:14-18

▶ **Inter-Testamental Period:**

- *Wisdom of Ben Sira (Ecclesiasticus) ch. 45* (c. 200-175 B.C.)
- *Testament of Twelve Patriarchs* (c. 150 B.C.)
Testament of Simeon 7:1-2
Testament of Levi 18:1-11
- Qumran Dead Sea Scrolls
1QSereq [Rule of the Community] (c. 100-75 B.C.)
4Q174 [4QFlorilegium] (c. 1st century B.C.)

▶ **New Testament:**
Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God

6 . . . “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek [Ps 110].”...



High Priest

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16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ/Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

17 And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon BarJona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

20 Then he warned the disciples that they should tell no one that he was the Christ/Messiah.

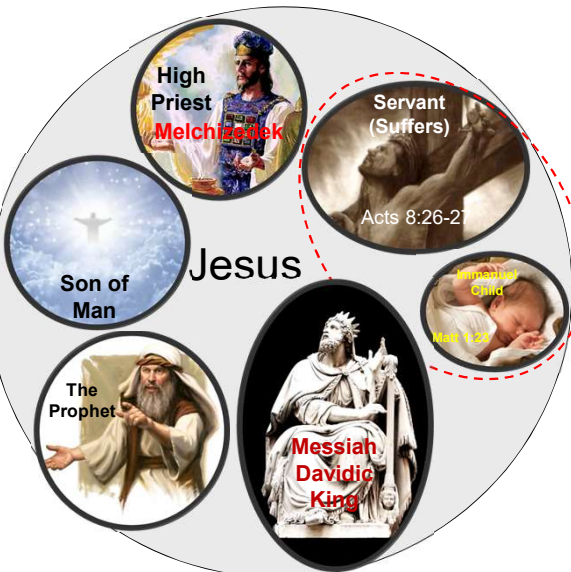
▶ **During Jesus’ lifetime, the disciples did not equate dying with the Messiah**

21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You.”

23 But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”

Luke 24:13-27 – Disciples on road to Emmaus



Jesus

▶ Uniqueness of Jesus is that he merges into himself all of these divergent “Expected End Times” Persons, fulfilling each in a unique way,

But also incorporates other Old Testament aspects which were not anticipated in the Inter-Testamental Period