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*into the* **Old Testament**

# *Expectation of the Messiah in the OT*

► As we come to the Advent Season, we talk about the people, at the time of Jesus' birth, waiting for the Messiah

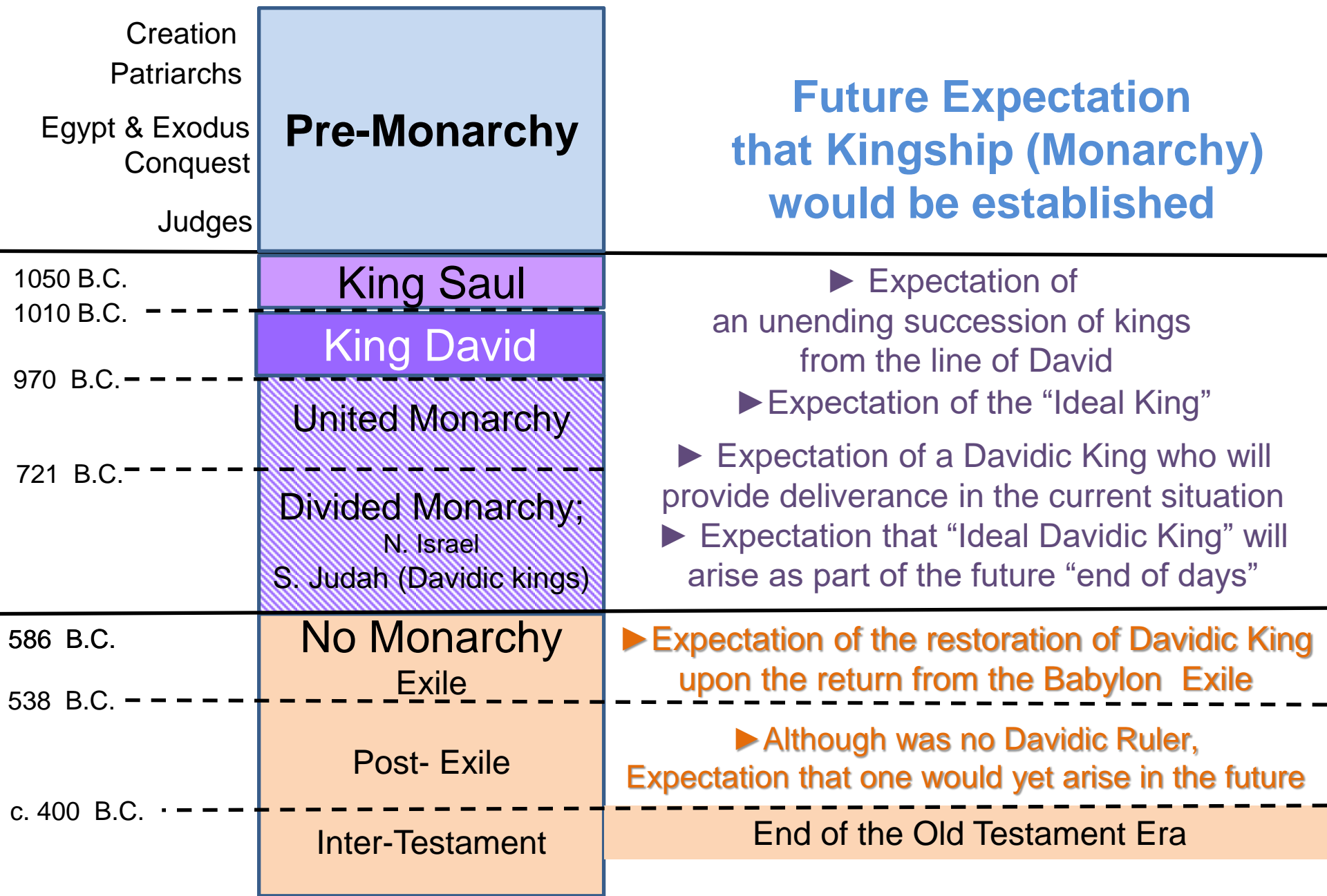


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- Who & What were they expecting the Messiah to be & do?
- What does the Old Testament tell us about the Messiah?
  - How come some couldn't see Jesus as the expected Messiah?

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**Future Expectation that Kingship (Monarchy) would be established**

▶ Expectation of an unending succession of kings from the line of David

▶ Expectation of the "Ideal King"

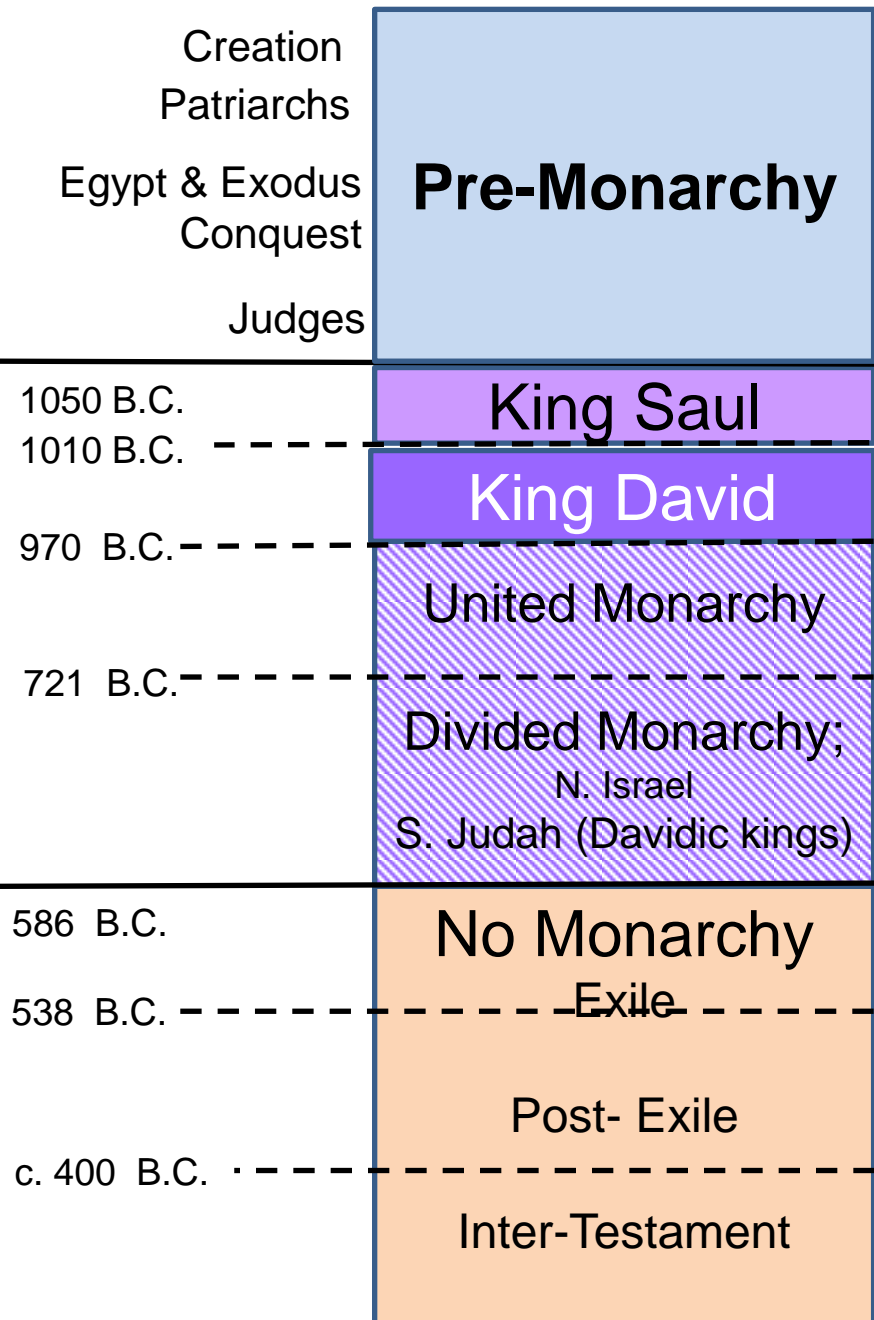
▶ Expectation of a Davidic King who will provide deliverance in the current situation

▶ Expectation that "Ideal Davidic King" will arise as part of the future "end of days"

▶ **Expectation of the restoration of Davidic King upon the return from the Babylon Exile**

▶ **Although was no Davidic Ruler, Expectation that one would yet arise in the future**

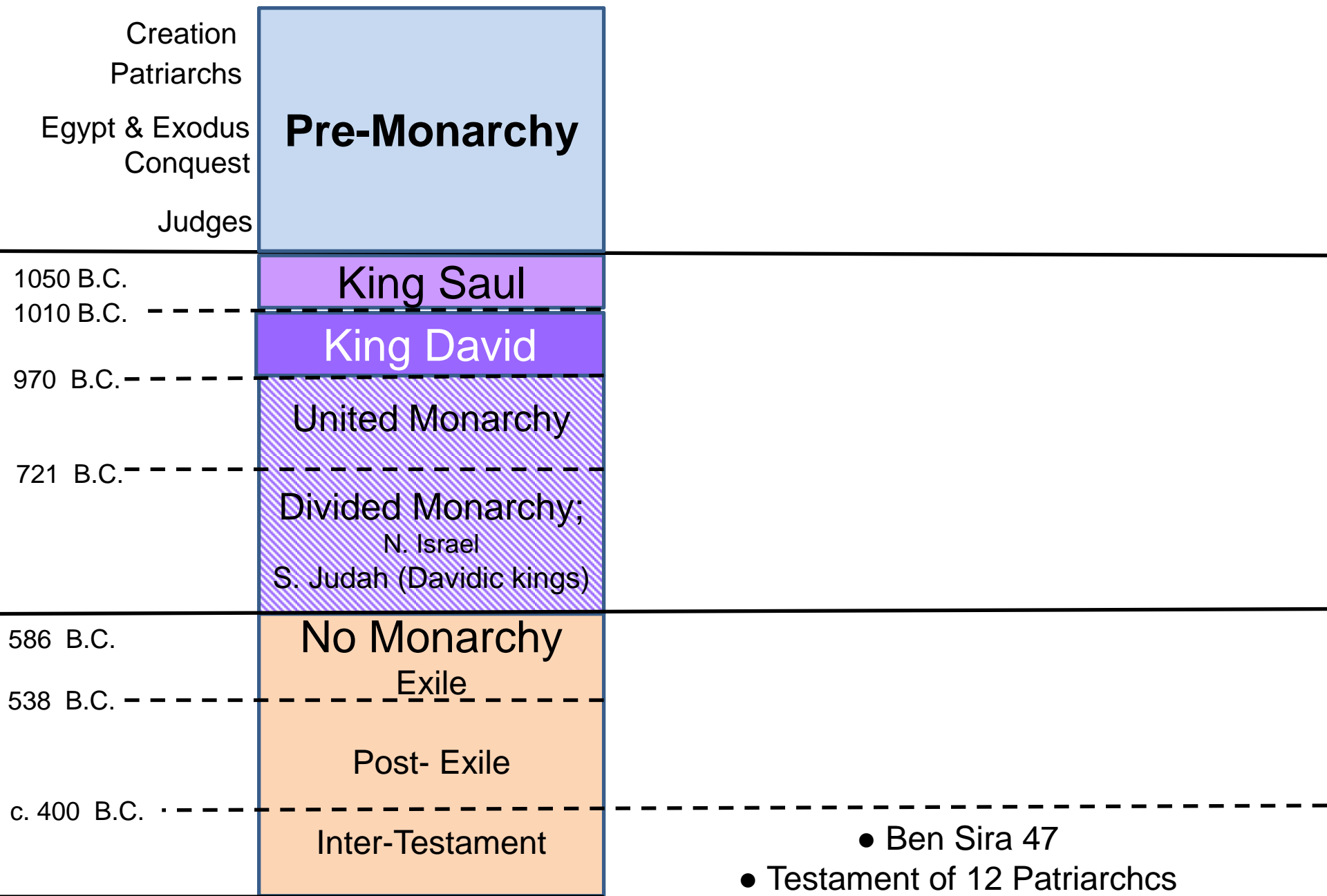
**End of the Old Testament Era**



► Must not assume that in the Inter-Testamental period that there was a “single” view regarding the Expected Messiah.

◆ The diversity of various groups in 1<sup>st</sup> Century B.C. Judaism undoubtedly meant divergent views on the roles in which the Messiah would function

In the late Inter-Testamental Period there is a fully developed expectation of the coming of an End Times Davidic King Messiah



- Ben Sira 47
- Testament of 12 Patriarchs
- Psalms of Solomon chs. 17-18
- various Dead Sea Scrolls

# Inter-Testamental Expectation of Messiah

- Wisdom of *Ben Sira* (*Ecclesiasticus*) 47 (c. 200-175 B.C.)  
[\* part of the Catholic canon of Scripture]

► Recounts Past History, with reference to the Permanence of the Covenant Promise to David



11th century Cairo Geniza (T-S 12.864; Cambridge Un)

(New Catholic Bible)

47:2 Just as the fat of the sacred offerings is set apart,  
so David was chosen out of all Israel. . . .

22 But the LORD never ceases his mercy  
or allows any of his works to perish.

He will never wipe out the posterity of his chosen one  
or destroy the line of the one who loved him.

And so he gave a remnant to Jacob

and let one root of David [= Southern Kingdom of Judah] survive.

# Inter-Testamental Expectation of Messiah

## The Psalms of Solomon

- 18 psalms composed & compiled c. 50 B.C.
- part of the Inter-Testamental Pseudepigrapha
  - books written under a pseudonym (not author's real name)
  - but written in the spirit of the assumed pen-name
- thus, *Psalms of Solomon*, were not written by Solomon
- although not considered sacred scripture (the canon), the *Pss of Solomon* was held in very high regard in the early Church

## ► Expectation of an “End Times” Davidic Messiah

### **Psalm of Solomon 18** (NETS translation)

- 5 May God cleanse Israel for the day of pity with blessing,  
for the day of election when he brings up his **anointed one**.
- 6 Happy are those who shall live in those days,  
to see the good things of the Lord,  
which he will perform for the coming generation,
- 7 under the rod of discipline of the **anointed** in fear of his God,  
in wisdom of spirit and of righteousness and strength,
- 8 to direct a person in works of righteousness in the fear of God,  
to establish them all before the Lord—  
a good generation in fear of God in the days of pity.

## ► Expectation of an “End Times” Davidic Messiah

### Psalm of Solomon 17 (NETS translation)

- 1 O Lord, you are our king forever and ever,  
for in you, O God, shall our soul boast.
- 3 But we will hope in God our savior;  
for the might of our God is forever with pity,  
and the kingdom of our God is forever over the nations in judgment.
- 4 You, O Lord, you chose **David king** over Israel, 2 Samuel 7  
**and you swore to him concerning his offspring forever,**  
**that his palace would never fail before you.**
- 21 See, O Lord, and raise up for them **their king, the son of David,**  
at the time which you chose, O God, to rule over Israel your servant.
- 22 And gird him with strength to shatter in pieces unrighteous rulers,  
to purify Jerusalem from nations that trample her down in destruction;
- 23 in wisdom of righteousness, to drive out sinners from the inheritance;  
to smash the arrogance of the sinner like a potter's vessel; Psalm 2:9
- 24 to shatter all their substance with an iron rod;  
to destroy the lawless nations by the word of his mouth; Isaiah 11:4
- 25 that, by his threat, nations flee from his presence;  
and to reprove sinners with the thought of their hearts.



## Psalm of Solomon 17 (continued) (NETS translation)

Jeremiah 23:3-6

26 And he shall gather a holy people whom he shall lead in righteousness, and he shall judge the tribes of the people that has been sanctified by the Lord, his God.

27 And he shall not allow injustice to lodge in their midst any longer, nor shall there dwell with them any person who knows evil; for he shall know them, that all are God's sons.

28 And he shall distribute them according to their tribes upon the land, and no resident alien and alien shall sojourn among them any longer.

Isaiah 11:3-4

29 He shall judge peoples and nations in the wisdom of his righteousness.

Psalm 72:2

30 And he shall have the peoples of the nations to be subject to him under his yoke, and he shall glorify the Lord in the [sight] of all the earth, and he shall purify Jerusalem in holiness as it was at the beginning,

31 so that nations may come from the end of the earth to see his glory, bringing as gifts her sons who are exhausted, and to see the glory of the Lord with which God has glorified her.

Psalm 72:10-11

Isaiah 55:5

32 And he shall be a righteous **king**, taught by God, over them, and there shall be no injustice in his days in their midst, for all shall be holy, and **their king the anointed of the Lord**.

## Psalm of Solomon 17 (continued) (NETS translation)

- 33 For he shall not put his hope in horse and rider and bow,  
nor shall he multiply for himself gold and silver for war,  
nor shall he gather hopes from a multitude of people for the day of war. Deuteronomy 17:16-17
- 34 The Lord himself is his king, the hope of him who is strong through hope in God,  
and he shall have pity on all the nations before him in fear.
- 35 For he shall strike the earth with the word of his mouth forever;  
he shall bless the people of the Lord in wisdom with joy. Isaiah 11:4
- 36 And he himself shall be pure from sin so that he may rule a great people,  
that he may rebuke rulers and remove sinners by the strength of his word.
- 37 And he shall not weaken in his days, relying on his God;  
for God has made him strong in the Holy Spirit,  
and wise in the counsel of understanding with strength and righteousness. Isaiah 11:2
- 38 And the blessing of the Lord shall be with him in strength,  
and he shall not weaken.
- 39 His hope shall be in the Lord,  
and who can prevail against him?
- 40 He shall be strong in his works and mighty in the fear of God,  
shepherding the flock of the Lord faithfully and righteously,  
and he shall not let any among them become weak in their pasture. Ezekiel 34:23  
Jeremiah 23:4
- 41 And he shall lead all of them in equity,  
and there shall be no arrogance among them,  
that any one of them should be oppressed.

## Psalm of Solomon 17 (continued) (NETS translation)

- 42 This is the majesty of **the king of Israel**, which God knew,  
to raise him up over the house of Israel to discipline it.
- 43 His words will be more refined than costly gold, the finest.  
In the congregations he will discerningly judge the tribes of a sanctified people;  
his words are as words of the holy (ones) in the midst of sanctified peoples.
- 44 Happy are those who shall live in those days,  
to see the good things of Israel  
that God shall accomplish in the congregation of the tribes.
- 45 May God hasten his pity upon Israel;  
may he deliver us from the uncleanness of profane enemies.
- 46 The Lord himself is our king forever and ever.

## Psalm of Solomon 17- 18 -- Messianic Expectation

- ▶ Composite picture in pulling together numerous preceding OT passages in which the “Messiah” expectation was expressed in an embryonic fashion
- ▶ It is the “Messiah” (Davidic King) who will come at the “End of Times”, as Deliverer-Warrior
  - to shatter the unrighteous,
  - to gather the righteous
  - to rule over them with justice, righteousness, & holiness
  - & to exercise universal kingship over all peoples
- ◆ thus, he fulfills the OT “Ideal King”

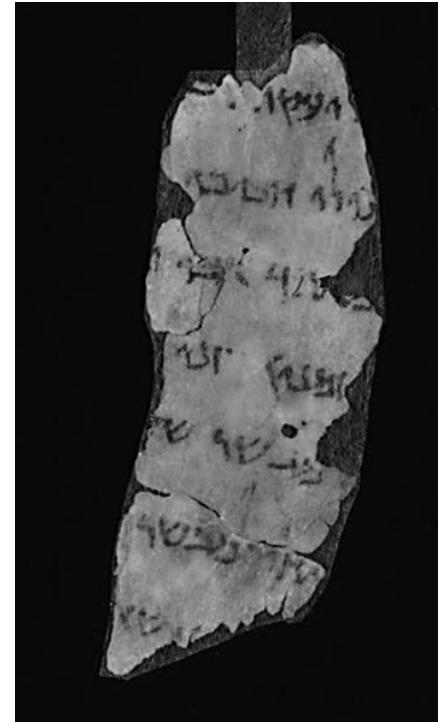


# Inter-Testamental Expectation of Messiah



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- ▶ written c. 150 B.
- ▶ part of the Inter-Testamental Pseudepigrapha
- ▶ Literary Form:
  - written as the final utterances of the 12 sons of Jacob
    - just prior to each's death,
      - his offspring are gathered around the patriarch;
      - he gives his final words ("Testament") to them,
      - with the speech concluding with
        - predictions about the Israel's restoration
        - in the eschatological future



4Q539 (4Q Test Joseph)

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# ► Expectation of an “End Times” Davidic Messiah

## Testament of 12 Patriarchs

### Testament of Judah 22 (Charlesworth trans)

- <sup>2</sup> My rule shall be terminated by men of alien race,  
until the salvation of Israel comes, until the coming of the God of righteousness,  
so that Jacob may enjoy tranquility and peace, as well as all the nations.
- <sup>3</sup> He will preserve the power of my kingdom forever. 2 Samuel 7  
With an oath the Lord swore to me that the rule would not cease for my posterity.

### Testament of Judah 24

- <sup>1</sup> And after this there shall arise for you a **Star from Jacob** in peace, Numbers 24:17  
and a man shall arise from my posterity like the **Sun of righteousness**, Malachi 3:20  
walking with the sons of men in gentleness and righteousness,  
**and in him will be found no sin.**
- <sup>2</sup> And the heavens will be opened upon him to pour out the spirit Isaiah 11:2  
as a blessing of the Holy Father.
- <sup>3</sup> And he will pour the spirit of grace on you.  
And you shall be sons in truth, and you will walk in his first and final decrees.
- <sup>4</sup> This is the **Shoot of God Most High**; Isaiah 11:1  
this is the fountain for the life of all humanity.
- <sup>5</sup> Then he will illumine **the scepter** of my kingdom,
- <sup>6</sup> and from your root will arise the **Shoot**,  
and through it will arise the rod of righteousness for the nations,  
to judge and to save all that call on the Lord.

## ► Expectation of an “End Times” Davidic Messiah

### Testament of 12 Patriarchs

#### Testament of Levi 8 (Charlesworth trans)

- 14b . . . because from Judah a king will arise  
and shall found a new priesthood  
in accord with the gentile model and for all nations.
- 15 His presence is beloved, as a prophet of the Most High,  
a descendant of Abraham, our father.

#### Testament of Naphtali 8 (Charlesworth trans)

- 1 Behold my children, I have shown you the last times,  
all things that will happen in Israel.
- 2 Command your children that they be in unity with Levi and Judah,  
for through Judah will salvation arise for Israel,  
and in him will Jacob be blessed.
- 3 Through his kingly power God will appear . . . to save the race of Israel,  
and to assemble the righteous from among the nation.

# Inter-Testamental Expectation of Messiah



- ▶ Qumran Community on northwest shore of the Dead Sea was a sectarian Jewish community, occupied from c. 130 B.C. to 67 A.D.

- ▶ Numerous scrolls & scroll fragments (the Dead Sea Scrolls) have, over the years, been found in the caves surrounding the archaeological remains of the Qumran community

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► The 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. non-biblical Dead Sea Scrolls are often too fragmentary to gain a comprehensive understanding of their perception of the Messiah Davidic King, as to his role, function, & actions in the “last days”

- But they clearly supply the Old Testament passages that shaped the Messianic & Last Days Expectations



► Clearly expected a Davidic Messiah + other “End Times” Persons

CD<sup>A</sup> [Cairo Damascus Document ] (dated c. 100 B.C.) (Martínez, pp. 43-44)

Col 12:22 – Col 13:1a

<sup>22a</sup> And this is the rule of the assembly <sup>23</sup> [of the ca]mps. Those who walk in them, in the time of wickedness **until there arises the Anointed of Aaron <sup>1</sup> and Israel** . . .

Col 14:18b-19

<sup>18b</sup> And this is the exact interpretation of the regulations by which [they shall be ruled] <sup>19</sup> [**until there arises the Anointed**] **of Aaron and Israel**. He shall atone for their sins [... pardon, and guilt] . . .

= 4Q266 (4QD<sup>a</sup>) [formerly 4Q267 [4QD<sup>b</sup>] (c. 75-50 B.C.) (Martínez, p. 56)  
Col 3:11b-13 (Frag 18)

<sup>11b</sup> This is the exact interpretation <sup>12</sup> [of the regulations by which] they shall be ruled **until there arises the Anointed of Aaron and Israel**. <sup>13</sup> [He shall atone for their sins . . . par]don, and guilt [...]

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## CD<sup>B</sup> [Cairo Damascus Document] (c. 100 B.C.) (Martínez, pp. 45-46)

Col 19:5b-14

<sup>5b</sup> But (over) all those who despise the precepts <sup>6</sup> and the ordinances, may be emptied over them the punishment of the wicked when God visits the earth, <sup>7</sup> when there comes the word which is written by the hand of Zechariah, the prophet

Wake up, sword, <sup>8</sup> against my shepherd  
and against the male who is my companion –oracle of God--;  
wound the shepherd and scatter the flock

Zechariah 13:7

<sup>9</sup> and I shall return my hand upon the little ones.

Those who are faithful to him are the poor ones of the flock,

<sup>10</sup> those shall escape in the age of the visitation; but those that remain shall be delivered up to the sword when **come the Anointed <sup>11</sup> of Aaron and Israel**. As happened in the age of the visitation of the first one, as said <sup>12</sup> by the hand of Ezekiel

To mark with a tau the foreheads of those who sigh and groan.

Ezekiel 9:7

<sup>13</sup> But those who remained were delivered up to the sword, which carries out the vengeance of the covenant. Thus will be the judgement of all who entered <sup>14</sup> his covenant, but did not remain steadfast in these precepts; they shall be visited for destruction at the hand of Belial {Satan}.

Col 19:33b- 20:1a

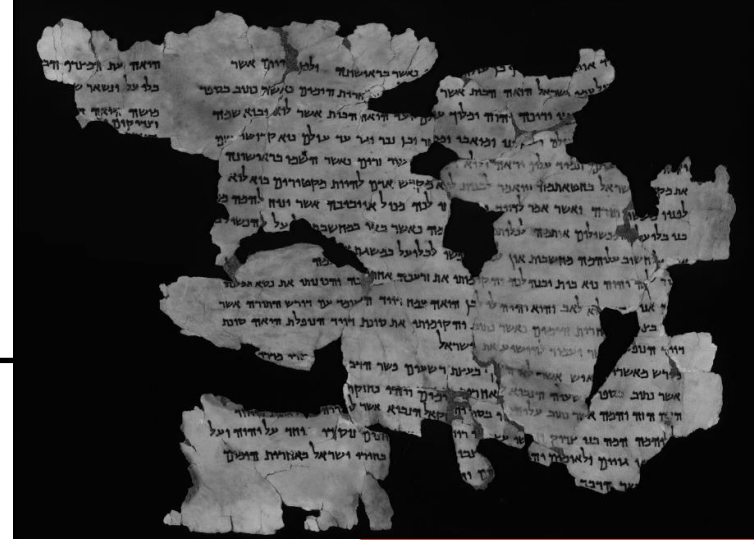
<sup>33b</sup> And thus, all the me who entered the new <sup>34</sup> covenant in the land of Damascus and turned and betrayed and departed from the well of living waters, <sup>33</sup> shall not be counted in the assembly of the people and shall not be inscribed in their [lis]ts from the day of the session

<sup>1a</sup> of the unique Teacher **until there arises the Anointed from Aaron and from Israel**

# 4Q174 [4QFlorilegium]

(c. 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C.) (Martínez, p. 136)

Col. 1 (Frag 1-3)



**10 And Yahweh de[clares] to you  
that he will build you a house.  
I will raise up your seed after you  
and establish the throne of his kingdom<sup>11</sup> [forev]er.  
I will be a father to him and he will be a son to me.**

2 Samuel 7:12-14

This (refers to the)

**branch of David,**

Isa 11:1; Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 3:8; 6:12

who will arise with **the Interpreter of the Law**

who <sup>12</sup> [will rise up] in Zi[on in] the last days, as it is written:

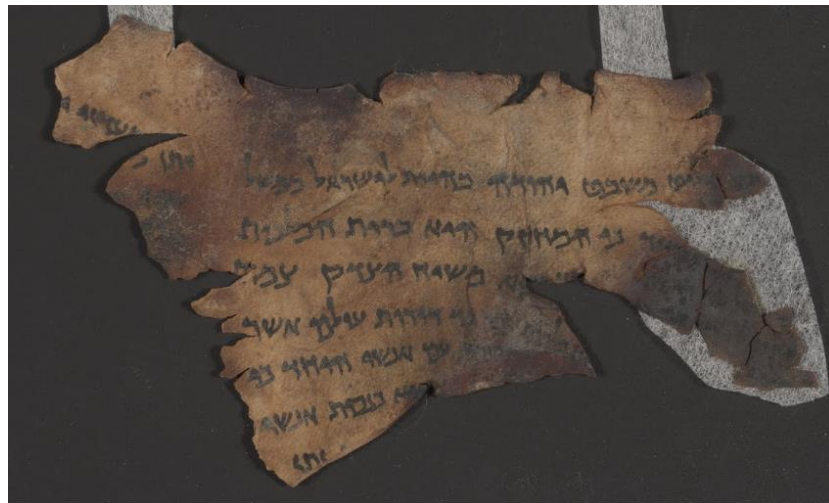
**I will raise up the hut of David which has fallen**

Amos 9:11

This (refers to) the **hut of** <sup>13</sup> **David** which has fallen,  
who will arise to save Israel.

## 4Q252 [4QGenesis Peshera<sup>a</sup>]

(c. latter half of 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C.) (Martínez, p. 215) [  
Col. 5:1-4



<sup>1</sup> A sovereign shall [not] be removed from the tribe of Judah.

Genesis 49:10

While Israel has the dominion,

<sup>2</sup> there will [not] lack someone

2 Samuel 7:12-14

who sits on the throne of David.

For the **staff** is the covenant of royalty,

<sup>3</sup> [the thou]sands of Israel are the **feet**.

Until **the anointed of justice** comes,

the branch <sup>4</sup> of David,

Isa 11:1; Jer 23:5; 33:15; Zech 3:8; 6:12

For to him and to his descendants has been given

2 Samuel 7:12-14

the covenant of royalty over his people for everlasting generations, ...

<sup>11</sup> [A shoot will issue from the stu]mp of Jesse and [a branch] will sprout from its ro[ot.] Over him [will be placed] the spi[rit] <sup>12</sup> [of the Lord; a spirit] of discretion and wisdom, a spirit of ad[vice and courage,] a spirit of knowledge <sup>13</sup> [and of respect for the Lord, and his delight will be in respecting the] Lord. [He will not judge]by appearances <sup>14</sup> [or give verdicts on hearsay alone'] he will judge [the poor with justice and decide] <sup>15</sup> [with honesty for the humble of the earth. He will destroy the land with the rod of his mouth and with the breath of his lips]<sup>16</sup> [he will execute the evil. Justice will be the belt of] his loins and lo[yalty the belt of his hips]

Isaiah 11:1-5

<sup>17</sup> [...] *Blank* [...]

<sup>18</sup> [The interpretation of the word concerns **the shoot**] of David which will sprout [in the final days, since]

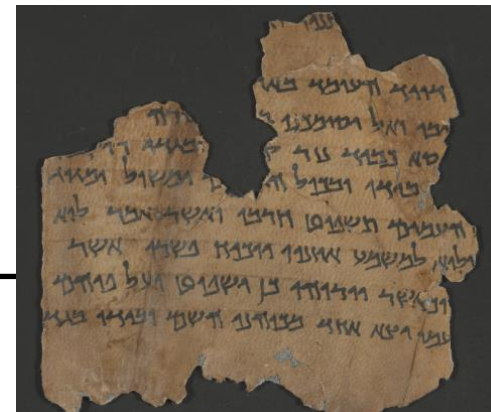
<sup>19</sup> [with the breath of his lips he will execute] his enemies and **God will support him with [the spirit of] courage [...]**

<sup>20</sup> [...] throne of glory, [holy] crown and hemmed vestments

<sup>21</sup> [...] in his hand. He will rule over all the people and Magog

<sup>22a</sup> [.....] his sword will judge all the people.

Isaiah 11:2,4



# Expectation of Messiah in the Dead Sea Scrolls

- ▶ The role of the Messiah Davidic King within the “End Times” is primarily spoken of (at least in the later Dead Sea Scrolls) as that of a military King who establishes his universal kingdom through victoriously conquering & subduing Israel’s enemies

# 1Q28<sup>b</sup> (1QRule of the Blessings) (c. 100 B.C.) (Martínez, p. 433)

Col 5:20-29

<sup>20</sup> *Blank* Of the Instructor. To bless the **Prince of the Congregation** who [...] <sup>21</sup> [...] And he will renew the covenant of the Community for him, to establish the kingdom of his people for ever, [to judge the poor with justice] <sup>22</sup> to reproach the humble of the earth with uprightness, to walk in perfection before him on all his paths, [...] <sup>23</sup> to establish the [holy] covenant [during] the anguish of those seeking it. May the Lord raise you to an everlasting height like a fortified tower upon the raised rampart.

<sup>24</sup> May [you strike the peoples] with the power of your mouth.

With your sceptre may you lay waste *Blank* the earth.

With the breath of your lips <sup>25</sup> may you kill the wicked.

[May he send upon you a spirit of ] counsel

and of everlasting fortitude,

a spirit *Blank* of knowledge and of fear of God.

May <sup>26</sup> your justice be the belt of [your loins,

and loyalty] the belt of your hips.

May he place upon you horns of iron and horseshoes of bronze. You will gore like a bull [...] you will trample the peoples like mud of wheels. For God has established you as **a sceptre**. <sup>28</sup> Those who rule [...] all the nations will serve you.. He will make you strong by his holy Name. <sup>29</sup> He will be like a li[on ...] the prey from you with no-one to hunt it. Your steeds will scatter over

Isaiah 11:4-5



4Q285 [4Q War Scroll<sup>9</sup>] (Martínez, p. 124)  
Col 1:1-6 (Frag. 5)

► The “War Scroll” recounts the great culminating “End Time” battle

<sup>1</sup> [... as] the Prophet Isaiah [said]

Isaiah 10:34-11:1

[The most massive of the] <sup>2</sup> [forest] shall be cut [with iron and Lebanon, with its magnificence,] will fall.

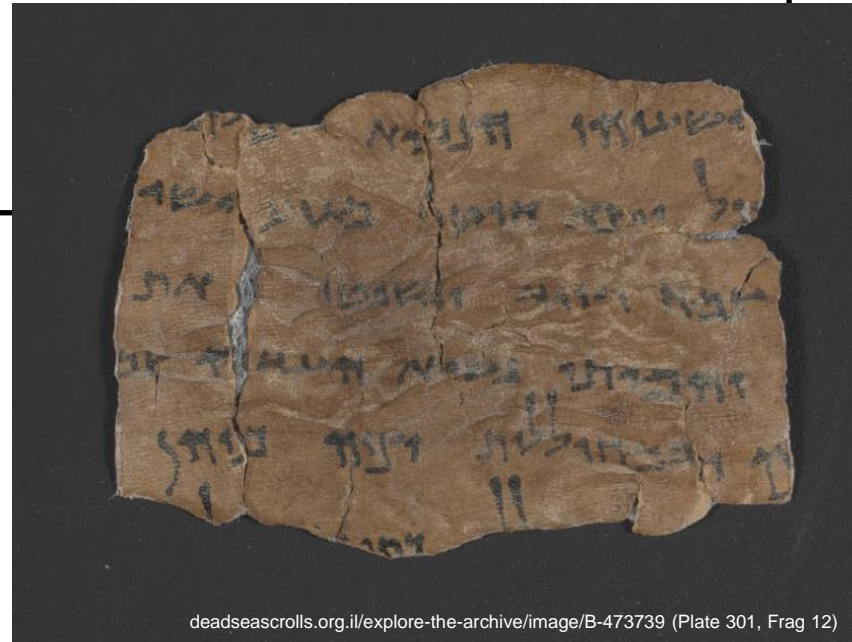
A shoot will emerge from the stump of Jesse [...]

<sup>3</sup> [...] the Branch of David will go into battle with [...]

<sup>4</sup> [...] and the Prince of the Congregation, the Br[anch of David . . .] will kill him, <sup>5</sup> [...] and with wounds.

And a priest will command [...]

<sup>6</sup> [...] the destruction of the Kittim [...]



# 1QM [War Scroll] (c. 65-4 B.C.) (Martinez, p. 104)

Col 11:4b-14

4b For the battle is yours [= Yahweh]!  
And it is from you that power comes,  
5 and not from our own being.  
It is not our might nor the power of our own hands  
which performs these marvels,  
except by your great strength  
and by your mighty deed.  
6 Thus you taught us from ancient times:  
**A star will depart from Jacob;  
a sceptre will be raised in Israel.  
It will smash the temples of Moab;  
it will destroy all the sons of Seth.**  
7 **It will come down from Jacob;  
it will exterminate the remnant of the city;  
the enemy will be its possession,  
and Israel will perform feats.**  
By the hand of your anointed one,<sup>8</sup> seers of decrees  
you taught us the times of the wars of your hands,  
to cover you with glory with our enemies,  
to fell the hordes of Belial [Satan]

► Recounts the  
“End Time” battle,  
in which Yahweh  
delivers his people  
● the emphasis is  
on Yahweh giving  
the victory,  
even though there  
is a king who leads  
the “human”  
armies

Numbers 24:17-19

# 1QM [War Scroll] (continued)

Col 11:4b-14

9 . . . by the hand of the poor, those you [= Yahweh] saved,  
with the strength and the peace of your wonderful power.  
The melting heart you open to hope.

You shall treat them like pharaoh,  
10 like the officers and their chariots in the Red Sea.

Like a torch of fire in straw  
you will burn the fallen spirits  
devouring wickedness, without ceasing,  
11 until the sin has been consumed.

From of old you foretold the moment  
of the power of your hand against the Kittim [= Romans]

12 **Ashur will fall by the sword of no-one,  
the sword of a nobody will devour it.** *Blank*

13 For you will deliver into the hands of the poor ,  
enemies of all the countries,  
and by the hand of those prone in the dust  
you shall fell the powerful one of the people;  
you shall give the wicked their reward,

14 on the head of [...]  
you shall carry out justice by your truthful judgment on every son of man,  
gaining everlasting renown for yourself among the people.

Isaiah 31:8

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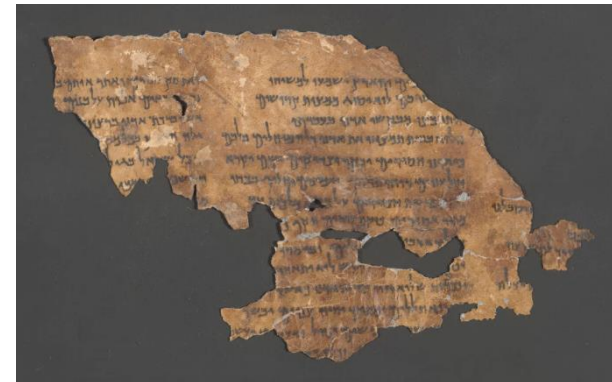
▶ But there are also pictures of the glorious future divine work of restoration of peace & healing that God will do for his people during the time of the Messiah/Anointed

# 4Q521 [4QMessianic Apocalypse] (c. 100-75 B.C.) (Martinez, p. 394)

Frag 2 Col 2:1- Col 3:6

- 1 [For the hea]vens and the earth will listen to his **Anointed/Messiah**,
- 2 [and all] that is in them will not turn away from the holy precepts.
- 3 Be encouraged, you who are seeking the Lord in his service! *Blank*
- 4 Will you not, perhaps, encounter the Lord in it, all those who hope in their heart?
- 5 For the Lord will observe the devout and call the just by name,
- 6 and upon the poor he will place his spirit,  
and the faithful he will renew with his strength.
- 7 For he will honour the devout upon the throne of eternal royalty,
- 8 **freeing prisoners, giving sight to the blind, straightening out the twisted.**
- 9 Ever shall I cling to those who hope. In his mercy he will jud[ge,]
- 10 and from no-one shall the fruit [of] good [deeds] be delayed,
- 11 **and the Lord will perform marvelous acts such as have not existed, just as he sa[id]**
- 12 **for he will heal the badly wounded and will make the dead live,  
he will proclaim good news to the meek,**
- 13 **give lavishly [to the need]y, lead the exiled and enrich the hungry,**
- 14 [...] and all [...]
- 1 and the law of your favour. And I will free them with [...]
- 2 [...] the fathers towards the sons [...]
- 3 who blesses the Lord in his approval [...]
- 4 May the earth rejoice in all the places [...]
- 5 for all Israel in the rejoicing of [...]
- 6 and his **sceptre** ... [...]

Psalm 146:8



## Luke 7 (NASB)

[vv. 2-10: healing of Centurion's slave]

[vv. 11-15: raising of widow's son from death]

<sup>16</sup> Fear gripped them all, and they *began* glorifying God, saying,  
“A great prophet has arisen among us!”

and, “God has visited His people!”

<sup>17</sup> This report concerning him went out all over Judea  
and in all the surrounding district.

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported to him about all these things.

<sup>19</sup> Summoning two of his disciples, John sent them to the Lord, saying,  
“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for someone else?”

<sup>20</sup> When the men came to him, they said,  
“John the Baptist has sent us to You, to ask,  
‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for someone else?’”

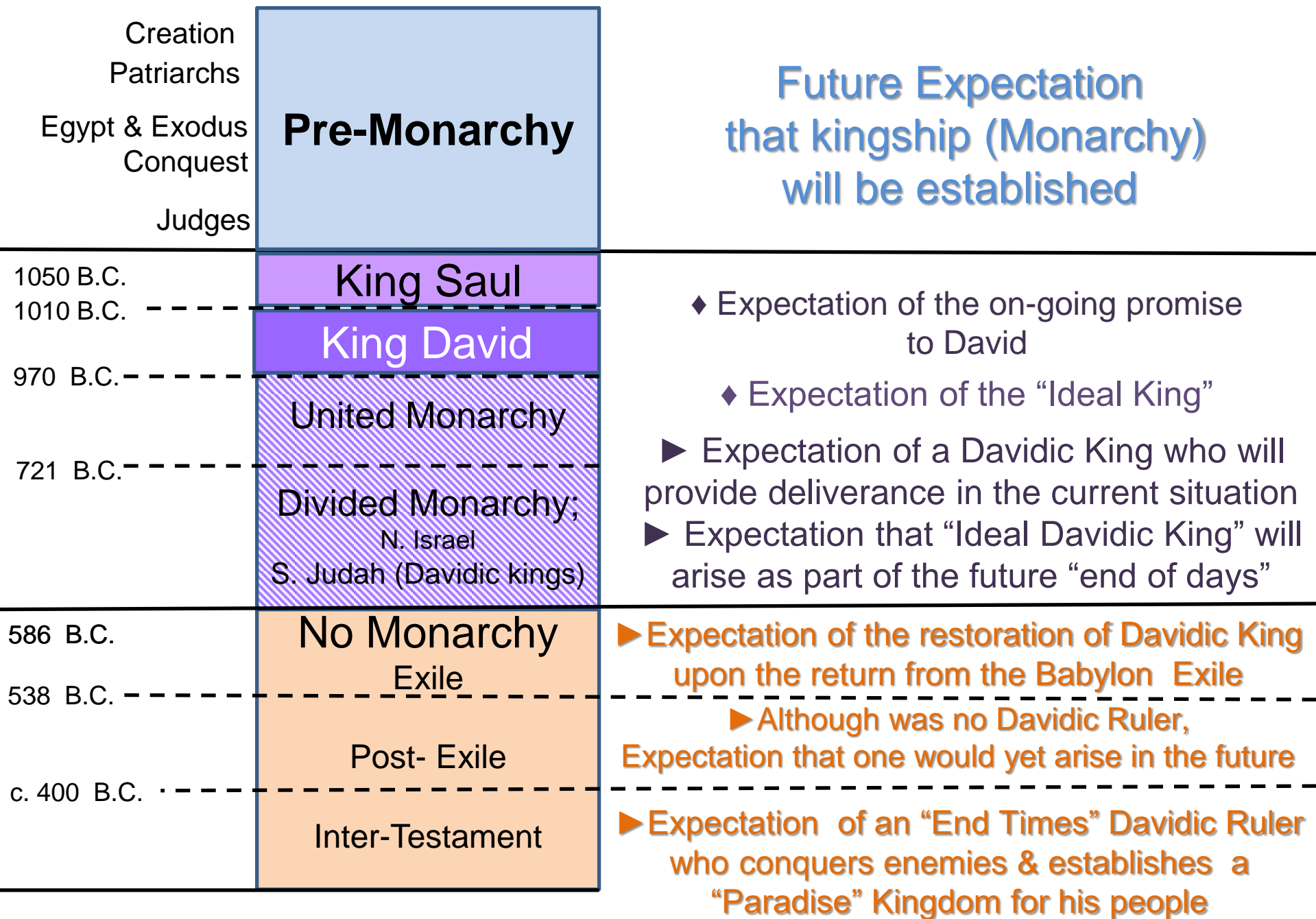
<sup>21</sup> At that very time he cured many of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits;  
and he gave sight to many *who were* blind.

<sup>22</sup> And he answered and said to them,  
“Go and report to John what you have seen and heard:

blind receive sight, lame walk,  
lepers are cleansed, and deaf hear;  
dead are raised up,  
poor have the Gospel preached to them.

Isaiah 28:18-19; 35:5-6

<sup>23</sup> Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me.”



► Clearly the Dead Sea Scrolls reflect a 1<sup>st</sup> century B.C. expectation of an “End Times” Davidic King Messiah

- But they also reflect the expectation of other “End Times” Persons, including an “End Times” Prophet & an “End Times” High Priest (“anointed of Aaron”)

1QSereq [Rule of the Community] (c. 100-75 B.C.) (Martínez, p. 13)

Col 9:11

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

4Q266 [formerly 4Q267] (4Q Damascus Document<sup>a</sup>) (Martínez, p. 51)

Col 4 (= CD<sup>A</sup> 7:18-21) Fag 3

<sup>7</sup> [... And **the star**] is **the Interp[reter of the] Law**, = anointed of Aaron, High Priest

<sup>8</sup> [who will come] to Damascus, as is written:

[**A star**] moves out [of Jacob <sup>9</sup> and a sceptre arises out of Israel. **Numbers 24:13**

The **sceptre** is **the Prince [of the whole Congregation]**, = anointed of Israel, Davidic Messiah

<sup>10</sup> and when he rises he will demolish] all the sons of Seth.



► The Davidic Messiah (Anointed of Israel) & High Priest  
have distinctive spheres over which they “rule”

1Q28<sup>a</sup> (1QS<sup>a</sup> [Rule of the Congregation] (c. 100 -75 B.C.) (Martínez, pp. 126-127)

Col 1:1

<sup>1</sup> And this is the rule of the congregation of Israel in the final days . . .

Col 2:11-21

<sup>11</sup> This is the assembly of famous men, [those summoned to] the gathering of the community council, when [God] begets <sup>12</sup> the Anointed with them. [The] chief [priest] of all the congregation of Israel shall enter, and all <sup>13</sup> [his brothers, the sons] of Aaron, . . . and they shall sit <sup>14</sup> befo[re him, each one] according to his dignity. After, [the An]ointed of Israel shall ent[er] and before him shall sit the chiefs <sup>15</sup> [of the clans of Israel, each] one according to his dignity...<sup>17</sup> ... And [when] they gather at the table of community [or to drink] the new wine . . . [no-one should stretch out] his hand to the first-fruit of the bread <sup>19</sup> and of the [new wine] before the priest, for [he is the one who bl]esses the first-fruit of bread <sup>20</sup> and of the new wine, [and stretches out] his hand towards the bread before them, Afterwards the Anointed of Israel shall stretch out his hand <sup>21</sup> towards the bread.