

# QUEST 52

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## Messianic Expectations

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### I. Restoration

1. Exiles to Palestine: Isa 14:2; 43:5–7; 49:8–18; Jer 30:3; 31:8–25; Eze 11:16–21; 28:24–26; 37:1–14; Hosea 1:10–11.
2. Temple and Worship: Isa 2:1–4 [Micah 4:1–4]; 56:3–8; Eze 20:39–44; 40–42; 43:13–44:31; Mal 3:1–4.
3. Jerusalem/Zion: Psa 48:1–3; 69:35–36; Isa 26:1–3; 33:20; 51:3; 54:11–12; 62:4–12; Eze 45–48.
4. Forgiveness of Sins/new covenant: Isa 33:24; 40:1; 54:9–10; Jer 3:14–18; 31:31–34; Eze 16:59–63; 36:25–27; Joel 3:21.

### II. Rule

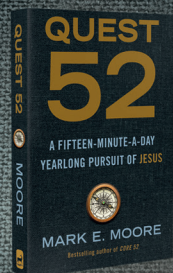
1. Enemies & false rulers punished: Isa 42:13; 45:17; 49:22–26; 52:7–12; 54:15–17; Jer 23:1–4; Eze 34:1–10; 38–39; Daniel 2:34, 44–45; Joel 3:2–16; Zech 12:1–9; 14:3–5; Psa 110.
2. God's Law & Justice reestablished: Isa 1:26–28; 32:1–8; 51:4–5; Micah 5:10–15; Zech 5:3–4.
3. Davidic King enthroned/God's vassal (son) rules: Psa 2; 89; 118:13–24; 132; Isa 9:2–7; 11:1–5; 42:1–4; Jer 23:5–6; 30:9; 33:15–18; Eze 22:25–27; 34:23–24; 37:15–28; 44:3; Daniel 7:13–14, 27; 9:25; Micah 5:2–5; Zech 3:8–10; 6:12–13.
4. God's Presence/Rule: Isa 35:4; 40:3–5, 9–11; 60:1–3; Jer 31:1; Eze 34:11–16, 43:1–7; Dan 7:21–22; Joel 3:17.
5. Gathering of the Nations: Isa 2:1–4; 60:4–22; 66:18.

### III. Prosperity

1. Peace: Isa 6:1–16; 32:17–19; 35:7–10; Eze 34:25–31
2. Fertile Land: Psa 126; Isa 4:2–6; 27:2, 6; 29:17; 30:23–26; 35:1–3; Joel 2:23–27; 3:18; Amos 9:11–15.
3. Wealth/Commerce: Isa 61:6–7; 65:17–25; Joel 3:1; Zech 1:17.
4. Healing & many children: Isa 29:19; 35:3–6; 44:1–5; 49:19–21; 54:1–3; 65:20; Jer 30:18–22; 33:6–8; Micah 4:6–8.
5. Compassion on the poor: Isa 61:1–3.
6. The coming of the H.S.: Isa 32:15; Joel 2:28–32.
7. Gentile inclusion: Isa 49:6; 56:3–8.

### IV. Suffering

1. Suffering Servant: Psa 22; 69; Isa 49:1–7; 52:13–53:12; Zech 13:7.
2. Land and People punished for disobedience: Jer 30:12–17.
3. Remnant: Isa 37:4, 31–32; Eze 5:3; Micah 5:7–9; Zech 13:8–9.



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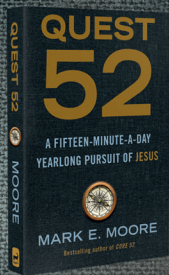
## Messianic Expectations Arranged by Source<sup>1</sup>

King = K; Priest = P; Prophet = φ; 'Angel' = A; Generic Ruler = G  
 (Capitals indicate specific predictions of a future Messiah)

	Source	Date	Davidic	Militant	Suffering	Corporate	Eschat.	Mercy	Justice	Law	Messiah	Spirit	Nations
Pseudepigrapha, etc.	<b>Psalms of Solomon</b> 17; 18:5	63–50 B.C.E.	K	K			K	K	K		K	K	K
	<b>Pseudo Philo</b> 21:4–6	30–50 C.E.	K				K				K		
	<b>1 Enoch</b> 45–46; 48; 51–52; 62	50–80 C.E.		A			A		A		A	A	A
	<b>2 Baruch</b> 30; 40; 72	80–117 C.E.		G			G		G		G		G
	<b>Sibylline Oracles</b> 3:55–59, 352–53; 5:346–50; 8:335–40	85–135 C.E.	K		K		K		K		K		K
	<b>2 Esdras</b> 7:26–44; 12:31–34; 13:3–14:9	85–100 C.E.	K	K	K		K	K	K		K		
	<b>Shemoneh Esreh</b> 14	100 B.C.E.–100 C.E.	k										
	<b>Testament of Simeon</b> <sup>2</sup> 7:1–2	140–250 C.E.	K				k p	k p		P			k p
	<b>Testament of Levi</b> 2:11; 8:11–15; 18:1–14	140–250 C.E.	K				k p	k P	P	P	P	p	k p
	<b>Testament of Judah</b> 24	140–250 C.E.	K				K	K	K	K	K	K	K
<b>Pseudo Jonathan</b> Gen 49:8–13	600–700 C.E.	K	K							K			
<b>Hel</b>	<b>Philo, Praem.</b> 16 §91–97; <i>Vita Mosis</i> 1 §289–91	20–50 C.E.		K			K						K

<sup>1</sup> Several columns of this chart bear clarification: 'Mercy' indicates a Messiah who blesses his people with healing, wealth, or forgiveness. 'Justice' suggests a Messiah who punishes the wicked or reverses the misfortune of the righteous poor through judgment. 'Law' concerns a Messiah who interprets, proclaims, and/or enforces Torah. Finally, the column 'Messiah' includes texts that use the words 'Messiah' or 'Christ' as well as any of their synonymous metaphors: branch, shoot, root, anointed, prince, elect, son of God, son of man, or star. The dates suggested are mere approximations of the relevant texts cited (not of the whole corpus). Furthermore, the intention is not for precise dating but general chronological arrangement. Two works in particular were consulted for dating the Jewish materials: Michael E. Stone, ed., *Jewish Writings of the Second Temple Period* (Philadelphia, PA: Fortress, 1984), and Geza Vermes, *The Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English* (London: Penguin Books, 1997 [1962]).

<sup>2</sup> These Christian interpolations of the Testaments of Simeon, Levi, and Judah are based upon material much older, perhaps 109–106 B.C.E.



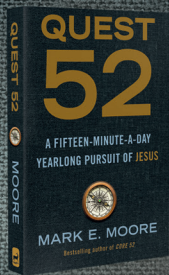
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	<b>Josephus</b> , <sup>3</sup> <i>War</i> 3.399–408; 6.310–315	75–79 C.E.		K									K
Qumran Texts	<b>4Q381</b> , 15:7–9	250 B.C.E.								g		g	
	<b>1QM</b> , War Scroll 5:1–2; 11:5–10	150 B.C.E.	K	K			K				K		
	<b>4Q161</b> , Isaiah	150 B.C.E.	K	K			K	K	K		K	K	K
	<b>4Q541</b> , Testament of Patriarch	120 B.C.E.			g			g		g			
	<b>1QS</b> , Community 9:11–12	100 B.C.E.	k							P	φ		
	<b>CD</b> , Damascus 7:20; 12:23–13:1; 14:19; 19:9–11; 19:19–20:1	100 B.C.E.	k	k						P			
	<b>1QSa</b> ( <b>1Q28b</b> ), Blessing 5:20–24	100 B.C.E.		K				K	K	K	K	K	
	<b>11Q13</b> , Melchizedek	50–30 B.C.E.		P			P	P			P	P	
	<b>4Q174</b> , Florilegium 1:10–13	90–75 B.C.E.	K								K		
	<b>4Q252</b> , Blessing of Jacob 6	90–66 B.C.E.	K				K				K		
	<b>4Q175</b>	75 B.C.E.		Φ						φ	φ		
	<b>4Q521</b>	75 B.C.E.					g	g		g	g	g	
	<b>1QSa</b> , Messianic Rule 2:12–20	60–50 B.C.E.	k				P		P		P		
	<b>4Q376</b>	50 B.C.E.		G									
	<b>4Q246</b>	25–4 B.C.E.		K	K	K	K		K		K		
<b>4Q285</b> , fr. 1, 4, 5	37 B.C.E.–70 C.E.	K	K			k		k				K	
Pre-Kings	<b>Gen</b> 3:15; 49:10	1400 B.C.E.			g								g
	<b>Exodus</b> 20:19–22	1400 B.C.E.											
	<b>Num</b> 24:7–9a, 17–19	1400 B.C.E.		k G							G		k
	<b>Deut</b> 18:15–18	1400 B.C.E.								P			

<sup>3</sup> He applies the Messianic promise to Vespasian likely on the pattern of Cyrus (Isa 45:1).



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	<b>1 Sam 2:10</b>	970 B.C.E.		K									
Kings	<b>2 Sam 7:11–17; 23:1–7</b>	970 B.C.E.	K							k		k	
	<b>Psa 2; 89; 110; 132</b>	1400–586 B.C.E.	K	k p	k				p	k	k		k
	<b>Amos 9:10–12</b>	760 B.C.E.	K	K				K	K				K
	<b>Hosea 3:5</b>	755–715 B.C.E.	k				k			k			
	<b>Micah 4:1–4; 5:1–5</b>	750–720 B.C.E.	K					p					
	<b>Isaiah 9; 11; 32</b>	740–700 B.C.E.	K	K			K	K	K			K	K
	<b>Jeremiah 22; 23; 30; 33</b>	640–586 B.C.E.	K					K	K				
Exile	<b>Ezekiel 17; 34; 37</b>	593–73 B.C.E.	K				K	K		K			
	<b>Deutero–Isaiah 42; 49</b>	550 B.C.E.											g
	<b>Haggai 1:12–14; 2:20–23</b>	520 B.C.E.										g p	
	<b>Zechariah 3, 6, 9, 12</b>	520–18 B.C.E.	k		k			K	P				
	<b>Malachi 4:5</b>	490–50 B.C.E.							P				
	<b>Daniel 7:13–15; 9:25–26</b>	165 B.C.E.					G				G		G