

Messianic Hope in Scripture

1. **Christ is the key to understanding all Scripture** - Lk 24:25-27 (Two disciples on Emmaeus Road); 24:44-49 (disciples after the resurrection). Here are ten representative examples:
 - Christ is our Sabbath - Gen 2:2; Lev. 23:3; 25:2-4, 8-15; Heb 3:11; 4:1-10.
 - Christ is our Passover - Ex 12:1-28; 1 Cor 5:7.
 - Christ is our Tabernacle - Ex 25:1-31:18; Jn 1:14.
 - Christ is our Sacrifice - Lev 1-7; Heb 10:1-18.
 - Christ is our Feast Day - Lev 23:1-44; Sabbath, Passover, Unleavened Bread; Firstfruits; Weeks; Trumpets; Atonement.
 - Christ is our Kinsman Redeemer - (1) Land, Lev 25:13-15, 23-25 (2) Slavery, Lev 25:39-40, 48-49; (3) Name, Dt 25:5-10; Ruth 4:5-7, 17; (4) Blood avenger, Num 35:19.
 - Christ is the Seed of the Woman - Gen 3:15; 49:10; Lk 1:30-35.
 - Christ is the Angel of the Lord - Josh 5:13-15; Judges 13:6-21.
 - Christ is the Manna from Heaven - Ex 6:4, 15; Jn 6:32.
 - Christ is the Brazen Serpent - Num 21:8-9; Jn 3:14.All these things were examples, types of Christ - see 1 Cor 10:1-13.
2. **Christ is the Alpha and Omega** - Rev 1:8 - He is the first Gospel hope in Scripture - Gen 3:15, 49:10, and He is the final thought in Scripture Rev 22:20-21. He is the grand subject of everything in between Gen 1:1 and Rev 22:21.
 - Jesus' own words are that the Scripture is all about Him - Jn 5:39.
 - Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (Jn 14:6), and He is revealed to us in the Scripture, Jn 8:31-32.
3. **Christ is a Major focus of the Psalms** - Psalms 2, 16, 22, 45, 72, 110 clearly are Messianic. The great Old Testament Scholar Franz Delitzsch identified five categories of Messianic Psalms: (a) Purely prophetic which refer only to Christ and no one else (Ps. 110); (b) Typically messianic where the psalmist speaks of himself but is a type of Christ (Ps. 69:4, 21, 25); (c) Typico-prophetically messianic which is a combination of (a) and (b) where the experience of the psalmist is

ultimately fulfilled in Christ (Ps. 16:8-10; 22:11-18); (d) Indirectly messianic which would be a direct reference to David or his descendants in a way that would finally be completely fulfilled in Christ (Ps. 2, 45, 72); and (e) Eschatologically Yahwistic which pictures the future kingdom of the Lord (Ps. 96).

In addition, A. F. Kirkpatrick in his commentary on Psalms in the old Cambridge Bible Series follows the development of the messianic hope under the following headings: (a) The Royal Messiah; (b) The Suffering Messiah; (c) The Son of Man; (d) The coming God; and (e) The Lord of the nations.

4. **Christ is the Center of the Book of Isaiah** - This is the most Messianic prophetic book in the Old Testament.
 - Christ is Immanuel - "God with us" - Isa 7:14; Mt 1:23.
 - Christ is the Miracle Working Counselor - Isa 9:6; Heb 1:1-4; 2:1-4.
 - Christ is the Mighty God - Isa 9:6 literally our "hero God."
 - Christ is the Father of Eternity - Isa 9:6; Jn 8:58; 11:25.
 - Christ is the Prince of Peace - Isa 9:6; cf. Isa 2:1-4; Jn 14:27-31.

5. **Christ is the Righteous Branch** - Isa 11:1(*tsemach*) see also Isa 4:2; 53:2; 60:21
 - Jer 23:5-8 - He is the righteous Branch.
 - Isa 4:2-6 - He is the beautiful glorious Branch.
 - Isa 11:1-5 - He is the Branch of the root of Jesse.
 - Zech 3:8-10 - He is my servant the Branch.
 - Zech 6:12-13 - He is the "man" called the "Branch."

6. **Christ is the Five-Fold Fulfillment of the Branch Revelations**
 - He is our righteousness - Rom 3:22; 10:3-4; 1 Cor 1:30; Phil 3:9; 2 Pet 1:1.
 - He is our Redeemer, Restorer, Protector, Defender - Gal 1:4; 4:4-5; Eph 1:7, 13-17; 6:10ff; Col 1:14.
 - He is our Wisdom and Discernment - Lk 2:52; 1 Cor 1:24; Rev 5:12.
 - He is our Servant - Mt 12:18; 20:26-27; Phil 2:6.
 - He is our Prophet/Priest/King - 1 Tim 2:5; Heb 7:25-28; 10:10-12.

7. **Christ is the Priest-King of Salem** - Gen 14:18-24
- Melchizedek was a type of Christ. He was the king of Salem and a priest of God Most High - see Heb 7:1-10.
 - Jesus is the only representative of God who is allowed to be both Priest and King - see Zech 6:9-15 (cf. Uzziah 2 Chr 26:16-21).
8. **Christ is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah** - Isa 52:13 - 53:12
- 42:1-4 - The Servant of the Lord, Messiah or Israel?
 - 49:1-7 - The Servant of the Lord, Messiah
 - 50:4-11 - The Suffering Servant
 - 52:13 - 53:12 - The Suffering Servant (see chart *Believer's Study Bible*, p. 989)
9. **Christ is the Anointed of God** (*moshiach*)- Isa 61:1-11 - The Sufferer is the Exalted Servant of the Lord.
- Anointing was a sign of commission to a task. Prophets, priests, and kings were anointed e.g. 1 Sam 16:12-13.
 - Jesus claimed to be God's anointed representative 61:1ff - cf. Lk 4:16ff.
 - All believers are anointed with the Holy Spirit 1 Jn 2:20, 27.
10. **Christ is the Center of all the Covenants of the Old Testament**
- Adamic Covenant - Gen 3:15
 - Noah's Covenant - Gen 9
 - Abrahamic Covenant - Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-16
 - Mosaic Covenant - Ex 19:1-8
 - Davidic Covenant - 2 Sam 7:1-17
 - New Covenant - Jer 31:31-40