

**Old Testament Themes in prophecy** – Jews in Jesus' day were very aware of future prophecies written down in their Hebrew Bible ...

a. Daniel read Jeremiah's prophecies (Daniel 9:2-3)

b. Jews kept asking John and Jesus – are you Elijah? (Malachi 4:5)

c. Jesus began his ministry by reading a specific portion of Isaiah 61:1-2 (Luke 4:18).

So religious Jews, Jesus' disciples, and even John the Baptizer were all looking for the following events to occur in their near future (Matthew 3:11-12, 11:2-6): **That "Messiah would come to comfort the downtrodden and destroy the oppressors; they saw no separation between these two events.** But note that Jesus did make a careful separation of these events when defining his ministry (see c. above, see also Mark 13:3-13, Luke 17:20-37, John 18:36).

1. **The coming of a redeemer: The Messiah** (The Anointed One)

- a. Isaiah 7:1-17 virgin birth of Emmanuel
- b. Micah 5:2 born in Bethlehem of Ephrath
- c. Isaiah 9:1-7 child born – everlasting God
- d. Isaiah 40:1-10 Voice in wilderness heralding "the ARM of the LORD  
*See Luke 3:2-6 re: John the Baptizer*
- e. Isaiah 42:1-4 "my servant" will bring justice to nations
- f. Isaiah 52:13 – 53 "my servant" the Lord laid on him sins of all
  - i. 53:1 "arm of the Lord"
  - ii. 53:11 "my servant"
- g. Isaiah 61:1-2 the Lord has anointed me -- year of Lord's favor  
(quoted by Jesus in Luke 4:18)

2. **The Kingdom of God to appear in history**

- a. Isaiah 2:2-4 Jerusalem world capital -- beat swords to plowshares
- b. Isaiah 11:1-10 Root of Jesse shall rule Peaceable kingdom

3. **Eternal life and resurrection from the dead**

- a. Isaiah 26:19 your dead will live
- b. Job 19:25-27 I will stand before the Lord
- c. Daniel 12:2-4 dead will be resurrected to joy or contempt

4. **The Day of the Lord** – there will be a final judgment based on works

- a. Joel 1:15 Locust plague prophetic of DoL
- b. Joel 2:1-2, 9-10 prepare for war - "beat plowshares to swords"
- c. Joel 2:28-29 Sons and daughters prophecy -- signs in heaven  
(see Acts 2:17-20)
- d. Joel 3:9-14 final battle "multitudes in the valley of decision"

5. **The coming anti-christ** and unparalleled persecution (**Daniel**)

- a. Daniel 9:26 after "anointed" cut of Abomination of Desolation  
(see *handout*)

b. Daniel 12:1-2      time of unparalleled anguish

**6. The new Covenant replacing the old covenant (grace vs. Law)**

a. Jeremiah 31:31-35

**7. the restoration of Spiritual Israel to the land**

a. Jeremiah 31: 35-38ff      Israel will be a nation forever

b. Ezekiel 37:11-14      interpretation of "dry bones"

c. Ezekiel 37:21-28      forever in the land with David as king

**8. The outpouring of the Spirit**

a. Joel 2:28-29      Sons and daughters prophecy

b. Ezekiel 11:19      put in a new spirit and a new heart

c. Ezekiel 36:22-29 (vs.27)

**9. the universal fulfillment of the Abrahamic covenant (all nations blest).**

a. Psalm 22:27-28      ends of the earth turn to the Lord

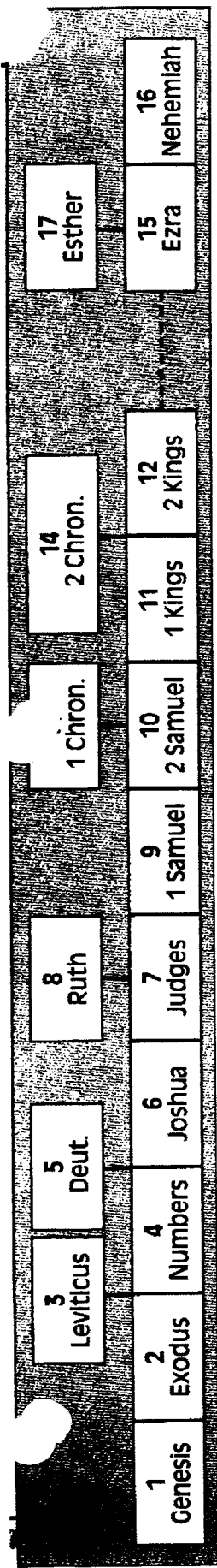
b. Isaiah 2:2      nations shall stream to House of Lord

**10. Elijah** coming before the day of the Lord.      Malachi 4:5

a. John 1.21      And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.

b. Matthew 11.14:      *"if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah"*

c. Matthew 17: 11- 13 He replied, 'Elijah is indeed coming and will restore all things; but I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but they did to him whatever they pleased. So also the Son of Man is about to suffer at their hands.' Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them about John the Baptist



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Abraham  
Saul  
David  
kingdom split  
Judah  
kingdom exiled

1000-835 BC  
PROPHETS

835 - 430 BC  
WRITING PROPHETS

EDOM  
*Obadiah (850 BC)*

JUDAH  
*Joel (835 BC)*  
*Micah (737 BC)*  
*Isaiah (700 BC)*  
*Zephaniah (640 BC)*  
*Habakkuk (609 BC)*  
*Jeremiah (590 BC)*  
*Lamentations (586 BC)*

ISRAEL  
*Amos (760 BC)*  
*Hosea (750 BC)*

ASSYRIA  
*Jonah (782)*  
*Nahum (650)*

EXILED JEWS  
*Ezekiel (580 BC)*  
*Daniel (530 BC)*

POST-EXILIC JEWS in JERUSALEM  
*Haggai (520 BC)*  
*Zechariah (510 BC)*  
*Malachi (430 BC)*

