

The Old Testament Prophets promise the Saviour

(Numbers 24:16-17, Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Micah 5:2,4; Isaiah 9:6)

Balaam (in the book of Numbers): The oracle of one who hears the words of God, who has knowledge from the Most High: I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. A star will come out of Jacob; a sceptre will rise out of Israel.

Isaiah: The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Emmanuel.

Jeremiah: 'The days are coming', declares the Lord, 'when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness.'

Micah: Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

Isaiah: To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.